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Seneca Park Zoo to celebrate Hyena Day on October 5

Spotted hyena "Lou" turns 27, is oldest hyena in North America

October 3, 2019 – On Saturday, October 5, Seneca Park Zoo is celebrating spotted hyena Lou's 27th birthday. Born at the Buffalo Zoo on October 3, 1992, Lou is the oldest known hyena in human care and has far exceeded his median life expectancy of 21 years. Lou came to Seneca Park Zoo in 1999 and serves as an animal ambassador for his counterparts in nature.

Keepers chats and feeding demonstrations throughout the day will teach guests all about Lou, what it's like to care for him, and how Animal Health staff are addressing his age-related conditions. At 1 p.m., there will be a special cake cutting for his 27th birthday.

Guests can enter drawings to win prizes, including a one-of-a-kind painting made by Lou. There will also be a large birthday banner available for guests to sign. More information about Hyena Day is available at senecaparkzoo.org/conservationdays.

Seneca Park Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last entry at 4 p.m.

Internationally, and in our own backyard, Seneca Park Zoo plays a key role in species survival. Chartered as an educational institution in 1957 by New York State, the Seneca Park Zoo Society plays an integral role in supporting Monroe County, the owners and operators of the Zoo. Together, we are working to bring animals back from the brink of extinction.