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Happy 20th Birthday Boomer!

Toledo, Ohio—He's a great dad—and a great ape—and on Saturday The Toledo Zoo is going to celebrate his birthday in style! He's Boomer the orangutan, and he turns twenty years old on **September 12**. Stop by the Kingdom of the Apes and watch Boomer celebrate his birthday with special treats and enrichment items beginning at **10:30 a.m.**

Celebrating along with Boomer will be the rest of the orangutan family, which consists of 16-year-old female Kutai and their offspring, 5-year-old male Bajik and 3-year-old female Khali. Boomer was born at The Toledo Zoo in 1989. He has proven to demonstrate excellent parenting behaviors and often takes an active role in caring for the young orangutans; this is somewhat unusual in adult male orangutans.

While the Zoo's orangutans are thriving, the future for their wild counterparts is far less certain. As palm oil plantations wipe out the land that orangutans call home, there is a danger that the orangutan may become extinct in the wild. The orangutan is one of the species that you can help protect through the Zoo's Conservation Today program. Details about this program can be found at www.toledozoo.org. To help ensure a healthy and genetically diverse population in zoos across the country, The Toledo Zoo participates in a Species Survival Plan (SSP) in conjunction with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Through effective breeding and conservation, we can help ensure a future for these fascinating animals. Boomer's parents were both born in the wild, and he is a highly valued male in the AZA breeding population.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit www.toledozoo.org or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is building North America's largest wildlife conservation movement.

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