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Camels Now on Exhibit at Toledo Zoo

Toledo, Ohio—One sure sign that summer is officially here is the arrival of camels in The Toledo Zoo's African Savanna, and that day has arrived as two camels are now on exhibit! The Toledo Zoo welcomes Blu and Glory, two dromedary camels who have returned to spend the summer in the African Savanna exhibit. This is the second summer that these camels are spending at the Zoo. They'll only be on exhibit through the end of August, so don't miss these two as they spend their summer at The Toledo Zoo!

Blu and Glory are three-year-old half-sisters; Blu can be identified by a white stripe on her nose. Native to northern Africa and parts of western Asia, the dromedary camel was domesticated thousands of years ago. They are known for their single hump, which contrary to folklore, is not used to store water. Camels can go for long periods without water, though, and can drink as much as thirty gallons at a time. The two-humped camels are called Bactrian camels.

Dromedary camels are covered with short brown fur, with heavier fur along the back, neck, crown of the head and tip of the tail. This longer fur helps protect them from the hot sun in their native desert climate. Adult camels can weigh from 1,000 to 1,450 pounds and grow to heights of six to eight feet.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 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 committed to inspiring others to join in caring for animals and conserving the natural world. As part of that mission, The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation. AZA member institutions are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors and a better future for all living things.

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