

SCHOOL BUS



LEMUR CONSERVATION
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Lemur Backpacks



Ring-tailed lemurs live in groups of 6-24 individuals, males and females. These ring-tails belong to a group of nine, including a set of twins born in May 2016.

As ring-tailed lemur twins get older, they can become too much for mom to handle by herself. Zonker (yellow collar), who was a baby himself last year, can now often be found helping his mom, Sobe, carry one of her infants or entertaining them when she needs a break.



Giving Challenge 2016: Double or Triple Your Gift

Make a donation to LCF during this year's Giving Challenge, which runs from noon on Tuesday, September 20, through noon on Wednesday, September 21, and the Patterson Foundation will match your gift!

Donations of \$25-\$100 will be matched 1:1 for returning LCF Giving Challenge donors and 2:1 for those donating to LCF through the Giving Challenge for the first time. Your \$100 donation, for example, which covers the cost of one radio collar necessary for a lemur to roam our forest habitat, will allow two or three lemurs to enjoy an enriching forest life.

The 2016 Giving Challenge is presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by the Patterson Foundation, as well as support from the Manatee Community Foundation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, William G. and Marie Selby Foundation, and the Herald-Tribune Media Group.

To learn more about this important day of community giving or to make a donation during the Giving Challenge, go to <https://givingpartnerchallenge.org/>

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Learn about our work and see our new videos, photos, and sneak peeks of the Ako children's books.



Annual Open House on December 10

The Myakka City Reserve is usually closed to the public, so mark your calendars for this rare opportunity to meet lemurs that are part of a global conservation lemur breeding program, speak with keepers about lemur care, and learn about our conservation education and research programs in Madagascar.

The open house runs from 2-5pm on Saturday, December 10, at the reserve. There will be fun and interactive children's activities and the popular "parade"

of lemurs living in the large forest habitats.

Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Because space is limited, please RSVP and get directions by calling 941-322-8494, emailing us at LCFservice@lemurreserve.org, or sending us a message through the contact form on our website: www.lemurreserve.org.

Raising the Stakes in Madagascar

The LCF team is poised to conduct the first lemur survey in Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve (ASSR) in the past 15 years. After several months of

work, five new lengthy monitoring trails have recently been completed.

The survey walks will begin in October to determine the density of lemurs in ASSR. This information is necessary to develop long-term conservation strategies and ensure the survival of the lemurs living in this critical lemur habitat.



Survey team l. to r.: Jo, Marcel, Gerlain, Ntsala, Jao, and Dez.



Critically endangered indris (mother and son) in ASSR



Filling Up the Reserve

Fifty-five lemurs, including eight infants born in 2016, live on our 120-acre reserve. We anticipate more growth as we prepare for this year's breeding season, which peaks from October to February. With the introduction of a female collared lemur, LCF is adding an important new breeding pair to our conservation breeding program.

We also recently introduced two

mongoose lemur females into our forests. Luisa (right in photo) did not need any help adjusting to her new habitat from Lucas (left), a veteran forest enclosure 1 dweller. Once released, she bounded through the trees, challenging the lemur keepers and Lucas to keep up with her. Newcomer Clarissa is also settling happily into forest enclosure 2 with partner Juanito.

Introducing lemurs to their new and enriching forest habitat is one of the most rewarding aspects of our work on the reserve. With your help we can continue to increase forest space for even more lemur groups.

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