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A NEW ZOO RESIDENT - HONEY
One of Anchorage’s most popular family venues welcomes HONEY, a 13-year-old female black bear as our newest resident. Honey will be available for viewing in the zoo’s orphaned cub facility outdoor yard starting on Tuesday June 9, 2020

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska zoo has provided homes and care for Alaska’s orphaned and injured wildlife for more than 50 years and is excited to welcome Honey a female black bear as a permanent resident.

Honey was orphaned in December of 2007 as a cub of the year that wandered the Haines Highway and neighborhoods for many days approximately 30 miles north of Haines. Unable to survive on her own, she was placed at a facility in Haines, Alaska as a cub and is being relocated to the Alaska Zoo as a companion for the zoo’s resident black bear Zayk who has been alone since the passing of 22-year-old Mavis last May.

Honey is currently staying in the orphaned cub facility during a 30-day quarantine where she will be visible to the public in the outdoor yard beginning Tuesday June 9th, 2020 barring any unforeseen complications. After 30 days she will slowly be introduced to Zayk in preparation for her transition to the black bear habitat.

“Core pillars of our mission are education and conservation. Honey will become an ambassador for her species, teaching people how to make better decisions when it comes to wildlife in Alaska. Whether it is trash management, or throwing an apple core from a car window, our actions have consequences. Honey and all of the animals at the Alaska Zoo are here to help us learn and be better protectors of wild places and wild habitat,” Pat Lampi.

Please visit the zoo’s web site www.alaskazoo.org for a complete list of current hours, specific restrictions in response to Covid19, and to purchase all admissions tickets.

About the Alaska Zoo
The Alaska Zoo is a nonprofit organization that has provided a home for orphaned, injured and captive-born animals for 51 years. Open year-round, the zoo is dedicated to promoting conservation of Arctic and sub-Arctic species through education, research, and community enrichment. Additional information on admission rates, annual memberships, history, animals and more is available at www.alaskazoo.org.

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