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Press release

Showing more than solidarity

Zoo and Tierpark Berlin send supplies to Ukrainian zoos

Wherever they may be in the world, zoos are united by the common goal to raise awareness and enthusiasm about animals. Since war broke out in Ukraine, however, the primary concern of zoo staff there has simply been survival – their own and that of their animals. Zoo and Tierpark Berlin have been in close contact with their colleagues in Ukraine and are now supplying them with urgently needed aid.

Almost 20 tonnes of animal feed donated by Zoo and Tierpark Berlin is on its way to Ukraine. That includes 750 kg of zebra feed, 1,225 kg of giraffe feed, and 1,125 kg of rhino feed. The lorry stopped off in Warsaw, where staff from the zoos in Warsaw and Łódź reloaded the cargo into smaller vans. Ukrainian hauliers will now take the vans to their various destinations, which include Kyiv, Kharkiv and Odessa. “At first we were just stunned,” says Zoo and Tierpark Director Dr Andreas Knieriem. “But we quickly overcame that and began pulling out all the stops to provide quick and effective assistance. We have been overwhelmed by people’s generosity. Over the past few days, we have raised more than €80,000 in donations for zoos in Ukraine.” Another lorry is leaving Tierpark Berlin for Ukraine this evening, loaded with urgently needed bandages, food and other aid. “Our colleagues in Ukraine are with their animals around the clock and they are doing an incredible job, so it’s clear to us that we have to help them,” says Tierpark keeper Micha Horn, who will accompany the next transport on the first leg of its journey. The zoos in Ukraine also urgently need various medications for the animals in case of an emergency. Zoo and Tierpark Berlin are currently in contact with the relevant authorities in order to obtain a special permit for the timely export of the required medical supplies.

Donations are still being collected via the following account:

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www.zoo-berlin.de/en/donate/donations/support-for-ukraine