STRUTHIONIFORMES ENRICHMENT FEATURE

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FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S ZOO

Happy World Ostrich Day! (February 2nd) #WorldOstrichDay

This date was chosen to celebrate these unique birds because they only have two toes per foot

Penny is happy in cold weather as low as zero degrees. So when a chilly day comes along, you can find her playing in the snow with her keepers

Photo credit: Abi Murray, Keeper



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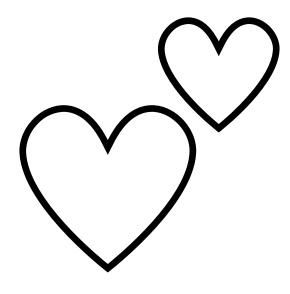
- FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA CAMPUS -



Brown Kiwi, "Pip," probing his beak in buried KONG toys for earthworms at the entrance to his burrow.

Photo credit: Erica Royer, Animal Keeper





GLADYS PORTER ZOO

Introducing 1.1 Southern cassowaries "Irwin" and "Clementine"





Looks like it was a successful introduction. Congratulations to Gladys Porter Zoo!

Photo credit: Toni Torres, Associate Curator of Birds

JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS

Meanwhile in Jacksonville, FL...







Photo credit: Larkin Johansen, Senior Bird Keeper



Photo credit: Beth, Keeper

WOODLAND PARK ZOO

Tribute to Kowia, who lived to the ripe old emu age of 29. Woodland Park keepers say she was the queen of the Australasia yard where she lived since arriving in 1992 along with a male named Windana.

Kowai loved taking showers in her yard where she would grab the best spot right under the water spray. You will be missed, sweet girl! The Struthioniformes TAG does not take responsibility for enrichment use

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