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Menominee Park Zoo's Oldest Gray Wolf Passes at the Remarkable Age of 17

OSHKOSH, Wis., May 15, 2020 – Menominee Park Zoo is sad to announce the passing of Thunder, a playful and outgoing 17 year old male gray wolf. Thunder was the oldest surviving



gray wolf that came to the zoo in 2014 from the Wildlife Science Center in Columbus, Minnesota. He was one of four gray wolves the zoo received and Thunder will always be remembered for his big-bold presence. Thunder's quality of life was closely monitored and the decision to say good bye to him was made in early spring. In the wild, wolves typically live 6 to 8 years.

Under the exceptional care of our zookeepers Thunder reached the remarkable age of 17. He will be dearly missed.

The Menominee Park Zoo will continue its commitment to conservation efforts with the arrival of a new pack of three wolves from a zoo in Michigan. There are two females and one male. The exhibit is here for the public to learn about the elusive and intelligent gray wolf – a true icon of the wilderness. Wolves are a natural part of the Wisconsin ecosystem and play an important role in maintaining biological diversity in the region. The wolf population has recovered in the state because of protections. The zoo is looking forward to taking care of these magnificent animals.



To learn more about the wolves at the zoo, please follow this link to the Oshkosh Zoological Society's page about gray wolves: www.oshkoshzoo.org/animals/wolves/. Find information about Menominee Park Zoo at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/Parks/. For any additional information, please contact Anne Schaefer, Marketing and Fund Development Coordinator, at (920) 232-5306 or aschaefer@ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

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