

There was a Valentine's Day virtual jog during 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. It took place in the whole Czech Republic and it was organized by "Rozběháme Česko,z.ú.". In 2021, there were over 3000 participants from all over the country. Unbelievable 201 750 CZK was collected, which was the second-best result of all organized jogs. Such contribution was valued even more in the hard Covid time.

\* Two rare cubs of the Chinese Leopard were born in Pilsen on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Our female Tika was brought from the Polish Krakow in April 2019 and Amadu came from the Austrian Haag in July. The pair was connected and soon it was clear that this was successful mating. Both cubs got on very well, the female's weight after birth was 1,2 kg and the male had 1,6 kg. The patronage over these rare cubs was taken over by Mgr. Roman Zarzycký, the first Deputy of the Pilsen town Mayor. The female was christened Chen and the male Chang.

\* After long waiting, we managed to gain a female for our male of the Siberian Tiger Tiber (\*9.7. 2012), which came to us from the Zoo Dvůr Králové. The female is called Milashki and it was brought in December 2020 from Zoo Woburn in England. She was born in 2015, so it fits our male well. Because of the Covid restriction and also revitalization of tigers' enclosure, we introduced Milashki as late as in June. The revitalization meant fixing the slope, building new resting terraces for tigers, enriched planting and a new gate to the enclosure. It was realised by Plzeňské Stavitelství and its cost was CZK 1,7 mil. The newly revitalized enclosure was opened by Mgr. Roman Zarzycký, 1<sup>st</sup> Pilsen town Mayor Deputy, who also became an honoured godfather of the tigress.

\* Our visitors may contribute the Help Nature project straight from the entrance fee and thus support to nature conservation and projects of the Pilsen Zoo from July 2021.

\* A new male of chimpanzee Siri came to our zoo on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021, to replace the old Bask.

\* 11<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrated the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pilsen Zoo foundation. We prepared many retro competitions, souvenirs, exhibits and a publication for our visitors. The year 2021 was also the year of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Botanical Garden.

\* On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, we welcomed a rare guest – Mr. Zdeněk Svěrák. He arrived to overtake the patronage over **Cimrman's Mouse** and unveiled its connection with Jára Cimrman (a famous fictional figure) with botany a zoology.

\* We started a major modernisation of our Barbary Lion enclosure built in November 2002. It will be adjusted in such a way to meet the new legislative and veterinary

requirements for keeping lions. The reconstruction will take about six months. Visitors will enjoy new info boards and a better view point to the newly modified exhibit. Our aim is to offer visitors objects in a Barbary style as well as information of influence of Barbary Lions on this culture. Further, we would like to inform our visitors about lions as a symbol in the Bohemian history and heraldry. Maximum two lionesses, one male lion and their cubs will be placed in this exhibit.

\* Two new info kiosks and boards, an application platform for counting visitors, a meteorological station and a loudspeaker system for the zoo were introduced in Autumn. Visitors may now have updated info about novelties, risks, weather or zoo opening time.

\* Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 was an important and historical day for the Pilsen Zoo as it was the arrival day of one of most remarkable ungulates in the world, the Takin. The male John Woo was born in Liberec in 2016, then he was moved to Zoo Wroclaw, where he fathered five calves. Our female Bathory was also born in Liberec in 2020. Takins were placed to a reconstructed enclosure coming from 1998. It used to be inhabited by yaks and Musk Oxes. The reconstruction of the enclosure was done by a Pilsen company Plzeňské stavitelství PSV plus s.r.o. along with the zoo operational department staff. Takins were welcomed in our zoo by Mgr. Roman Zarzycký, the fist Deputy of Pilsen town Mayor, Ing. Miroslav Zahout - the owner of the PSV building company and Ing. Jiří Trávníček the director of the Pilsen Zoo.