

## **Five Baby Lynx Call HPZS Home!** **June 2017**

We wanted to share with you very exciting news about new baby animals that are now calling Heritage Park Zoo their home! About eight weeks ago, on April 22, 2017, five baby Lynx were successfully birthed here at the sanctuary, and have remained in excellent health as they've continued to mature. Their parents, Memphis and Foxy, are both seven-years-old, have been with the sanctuary since 2013, and are here on loan from another animal organization. Of the five cubs, three of them are females and two of them are males.

All five will remain at the sanctuary until they are weaned from their parents; then they will be placed in homes with other sanctuaries and zoological organizations. At present time, it is the objective of our organization to permanently retain two of these cubs, though which two specifically is currently unknown.

Visitors will be able to see these baby Lynx on exhibit from time to time until they are placed in their new homes. Luckily, the enclosure the Lynx are currently in is very large in size and it will be easy to accommodate these new additions. At their current age, they do not wander far from their mother and mostly remain inside, but as they're maturing, they continue to venture out more and more. Hopefully over the coming weeks they'll be plenty accessible to visitors. We'll also be providing updates from their "new baby" well check once that's completed. The procedure will be done by Dr. Skinner of Prescott Animal Hospital.

As Lynx traditionally have challenges breeding successfully in captivity, we hope the community will recognize this rare situation and take the opportunity to see these babies up-close. The Lynx enclosure is located at the top of the park, across from the Kiwanis Korner and our Mexican Gray Wolves.

