

# NEWS

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## Video Credit, Fresno Chaffee Zoo:

Interview – Michele Green – Zoo Animal Manager, Twiga

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/lk7d165yfw7ue2buqhlbe/Baba-Milestone-World-Giraffe-Day-Michele-Greene-Soundbites-1080p.mp4?rlkey=3c1ijr3o1wk120rbnsj6ctr&st=exc7j02k&dl=0>

## Giraffe B-roll

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/74anmyrdie4mt5q7bog30/Giraffe-Care-B-Roll-with-Natural-Dialogue-Intro.mp4?rlkey=bslemna92ixirbktep998kr3r&st=f3wf37dy&dl=0>

## **FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO'S BABA GIRAFFE CELEBRATES 30 YEAR MILESTONE**

**Baba is one of five of the oldest giraffes in the U.S.**

**FRESNO (July 1, 2024)** – Fresno Chaffee Zoo proudly celebrates a remarkable milestone as our reticulated giraffe Baba, marks her 30<sup>th</sup> year under human care. After three decades of captivating visitors with grace and charm, Baba has now become an iconic symbol of longevity for her species. Baba was born in 1994 and arrived at Fresno Chaffee Zoo in 1995. Baba has given birth to seven calves throughout her life and one of them, Jabari, who is now 15 years old remains with her in the herd at the Zoo.

“Over the years, Baba’s spunky personality has made her the leader of the herd. She’s gotten to know the people at the deck and has learned how to get more lettuce,” said Michele Green, Zoo Animal Manager at Twiga. “For her being 30 years old, that’s really impressive, not many giraffes make it to that age so it’s really special to our herd and barn.”

Baba’s charisma and stature has drawn countless admirers, providing educational opportunities and fostering a deeper appreciation for giraffes and wildlife conservation. In recognition of her advanced age, Baba gets regular check-ups from our Animal Care Specialist team that include joint support, a special diet, and supplements that help keep her healthy and happy. Baba serves as a living testament to the dedication of Fresno Chaffee Zoo in providing exemplary care and enriching experiences for its animal residents.

Fresno Chaffee Zoo supports critical research projects that protect and preserve wildlife including the Reticulated Giraffe Project in North-East Kenya. Giraffes, the tallest land animal on Earth, are facing a silent extinction as populations are on a steady decline. Reticulated giraffes are a species of giraffe primarily found in North-East Kenya and their populations have decreased by 80% over the last 30 years, leaving only an estimated 8,700 individuals left.

As Baba continues to gracefully roam her habitat, Fresno Chaffee Zoo invites visitors to join in celebrating this momentous occasion and to reflect on the profound impact of Baba's presence on the community.

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Centrally located in Fresno, California, Fresno Chaffee Zoo is a 39-acre [Association of Zoos and Aquariums](#) (AZA) accredited zoo. It is home to over 200 different species and features WOW exhibits—from Sea Lion Cove to African Adventure—that teach guests about animals all across the globe and the conservation efforts to protect them. The Zoo welcomes over 800,000 guests annually, offering a world-class guest experience and conservation education to all who visit. The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to inspire people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife.

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