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**Brevard Zoo Welcomes Male Jaguar Khan**

MELBOURNE, Fla., July 15, 2025 — Brevard Zoo recently welcomed 11-year-old male jaguar Khan from his former home, Birmingham Zoo in Alabama, in an effort to conserve this species. Khan's move is the result of careful planning by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) Species Survival Plan, a program that pairs animals in AZA-accredited organizations to ensure a genetically diverse safeguard population.

Khan will be paired with another new Zoo resident, Lua the 5-year-old jaguar, who recently arrived from Zoo de Granby in Quebec, Canada. For now, Khan will remain behind-the-scenes as he acclimates to his new home, but his animal care team plans to begin introducing Khan to the Zoo's public-facing jaguar habitat in the coming week.

The Zoo is now home to three jaguars: Khan, Lua and 21-year-old longtime Zoo resident Masaya. Each jaguar will have their own habitat and nighthouse space in our Rainforest Revealed area to call home for now, with careful introductions planned for Khan and Lua in the near future. Animal comfort and behavior will determine the speed of this process, and the eventual goal is to have the duo share space, while Masaya will continue to live on her own.

With this new pair, Brevard Zoo will continue its legacy of helping conserve this incredible species. Jaguars are considered "Near Threatened" with the population in their South American native range decreasing in large part due to habitat loss.

Masaya has made incredible contributions to her species over the years, welcoming six cubs under the Zoo's care and becoming a great-grandmother in 2024. However, she's now past breeding age. The Zoo's animal care team is committed to ensuring all our animals live their best life with us from birth to old age, and they will continue to give Masaya this high level of care into her golden years.

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