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**Brevard Zoo Welcomes Grévy's Zebra Stallion**

MELBOURNE, Fla., May 29, 2026 — A new Grévy's zebra stallion is now calling the Brevard Zoo home in an effort to protect this endangered species.

Eight-year-old Diesel the stallion has started to explore the Zoo's main Expedition Africa habitat, the veldt, as the Zoo's animal care team continues to help him acclimate to his temporary home. Diesel came to the Zoo selected to pair up with resident female zebras as part of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) Species Survival Plan for Grevy's zebra. This program ensures a healthy and genetically diverse safeguard population of many endangered species in accredited facilities.

Grevy's zebras are endangered in their native range of Kenya and Ethiopia in part due to habitat loss from agricultural and commercial development. Any offspring from Diesel and resident female zebras Lauren, Iggy or Ziggy, will help contribute to this species' healthy population in human care.

Diesel's animal care team has enjoyed getting to know him. While he was a bit apprehensive when he first arrived, he quickly adjusted to his new space and keepers.

The team has also discovered that Diesel is a very fast learner. He's picked up several training behaviors in an effort to help him become a part of his healthcare such as stepping on a scale for voluntary weights, practicing behaviors for hoof trims and more.

Diesel shows off his excitement by braying, a loud vocalization, or doing small jumps. He's a fan of enrichment items stuffed with hay or other treats – he will bray and use his nose to forcefully push the items around to get more food out. He's even been know to get down on his front legs and hold the items between his legs to get the most out of his enrichment.

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Brevard Zoo is home to more than 700 animals representing 170 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at [BrevardZoo.org](http://BrevardZoo.org).