



Longneck Manor is currently home to three reticulated giraffes (*Giraffa reticulata*): Kafele, Betty and Tana.

There are less than 100,000 giraffes in Africa. Reticulated giraffes are considered Endangered according to the IUCN Red List. The threats to giraffes are all linked to competition with humans and livestock. This means that they are dealing with habitat loss, poaching, disease from livestock, even war and civil unrest affects giraffes.

Why care about giraffes? They have many interesting adaptations and are the tallest species alive! Male giraffes can reach up to 18 feet tall with females up to 16 feet! This height helps them reach food that other animals cannot reach. Once they reach full height, their only competition for the taller leaves are elephants. Our boy, Kafele is estimated to be 15 feet tall. They even have 18 inch long blue tongues! Their tongues are blue to help protect them from the harsh African (or Texan) sun. Their only living relatives are okapis, an endangered species from the Congo.



What is Longneck Manor doing to help giraffes in their natural habitat? At the forefront, Longneck Manor will be a place to connect people with animal ambassadors. We will work to inspire our guests to conserve through the relationships that they build with our giraffes. We have also created the Longneck Manor Conservation Foundation to help support several giraffe groups through your donations.

Groups that Longneck Manor Conservation Foundation will support:

- Giraffe Conservation Foundation, Namibia.
- Save Giraffes Now, East Africa giraffe conservation programs.
- Wild Nature Institute, Tanzania.
- Ruaha National Park, Tanzania – Giraffe translocations and skin disease studies.



Meet Our Crash



Fred

Fred is a 3 year old male rhino named after none other than The Flintstones! He and his half brother, Barney, come from White Oak Conservation in Yulee, FL. Fred tends to be a bit more timid about new situations, but leans on Barney to help bring out his confidence. He loves scratches and even rolls over for belly rubs. He and Justin are our two oldest rhinos, both being born on February 7th, 2018! Fred can be identified by being the taller and leaner of the White Oak boys and weighs a little under 3,000 pounds!

Barney

Barney is a 3 year old male rhino named after The Flintstones just like his half brother, Fred! He comes from White Oak Conservation in Yulee, FL. Barney is the shorter and rounder of the White Oak boys. Although he is younger than Fred, he is braver and often takes charge to check out new things before his brother. Fred and Barney are inseparable and have spent their entire life together so far! Barney's birthday is February 21st, 2018, just two weeks younger than our other two rhinos. Barney weighs a little under 3,000 pounds!



Justin

Justin is a 3 year old male rhino from San Diego, CA. Justin is our largest rhino by far, looking like he could even be a year older than our other two boys. He is a very vocal boy, letting us know what exactly he is thinking by roaring, whining, growling or huffing! He is very food motivated and will do just about anything for his favorite, alfalfa. Out of our three boys, he tends to be the bravest rhino, exploring whatever we put in front of him. He also loves to shape his horn and has found it fun to "graffiti" the paddock wall with his horn. Justin's birthday is February 7th, 2018 (same as Fred)! We estimate Justin is a little over 3,000 pounds!



Meet Our Tower

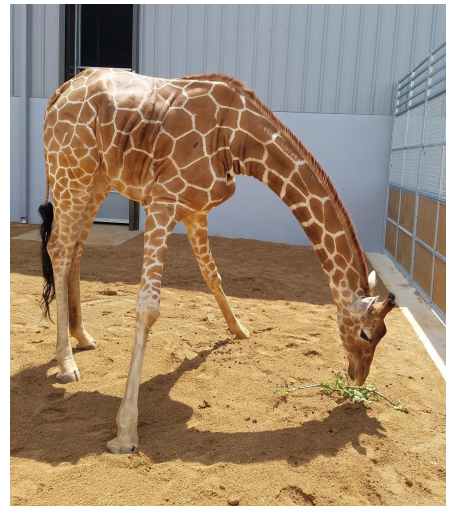


Kafele

Kafele is our 5 1/2 year old male reticulated giraffe from San Diego, CA. Kafele is a bit shyer than our other two giraffes, but will come over to keepers for carrots and browse. He loves spending time with our girls, Betty and Tana, and has already been introduced to them since arriving. He is very gentle with Tana and has even been seen “sharing” browse with her (one holds while the other eats). Kafele shared the same habitat as Justin in San Diego before coming to Longneck Manor. The second day of their arrival, Kafele leaned over a shared wall to check out Justin! Kafele will continue to grow, but we estimate he is at least 15 feet tall.

Betty

Betty is our oldest giraffe at 6 years old! She came to Longneck Manor from the Dallas Zoo along with her daughter, Tana. Betty's full name is Betty White, named after the famous actress and zoo advocate! She is probably our most food motivated animal, always coming over to see if staff have any snacks. If Tana is not quick enough, Betty is known to steal carrots right out of her mouth! We estimate that Betty is around 14 feet tall. Betty's birthday is January 17th, 2015.



Tana

Tana is Longneck Manor's youngest giraffe at almost a year old! She came with her mother, Betty, from the Dallas Zoo. Tana was named after the longest river in Kenya. Tana is our bravest giraffe. Her mother often utilizes Tana's bravery to try out new things or new areas, if it is safe for Tana, Betty proceeds. Tana loves her food like her mom, but must watch out for her mom stealing. Tana is a spunky and sassy little calf, loving to buck and run around the barn for fun! Tana's birthday is July 29th, 2020.