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# Warrior Times

## Warrior Times - October 2011

### Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital secures council grant

The [Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital](#) was recently very pleased to hear they have been pledged a \$150,000 grant from the [Sunshine Coast Regional Council](#), to be spread out over the following three years.

Division 1 councillor Anna Grosskreutz played a monumental part in achieving the grant, which will go a long way in helping to treat over 8,600 patients treated annually at no cost to the general public.



### Wild cheetah helped by opening of Africa exhibit

It's been several years in the making, but the new [Africa exhibit](#) at [Australia Zoo](#) finally opened on September 17... which is awesome news for wild cheetah! Steve always believed that if people could fall in love with animals, they would want to save them.

The zoo's cheetah make sneaky appearances at the exhibit each day, helping to spread the conservation message about their wild cousins. There are just over 9000 cheetah remaining in various parts of Africa - [read more about our cheetah conservation projects online](#).



### KHAKI IT! School Challenge

We want you to make a difference and KHAKI IT! at your school in celebration of [Steve Irwin Day](#)! Your school will be set several challenges that will showcase your creative talents as well as your commitment to Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors.

Help continue the legacy of Steve Irwin! There are also some fantastic prizes up for grabs for your school to win, so [register now](#) and let the fun begin!



## Charity Greeting Cards

Order your personalised corporate cards from Charity Greeting Cards, and 40c from every card sold comes straight to the [Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital](#).

PLUS if you order before October 8th you will receive a 10% early bird discount - woohoo! Check out the extensive range of beautiful designs available online at [www.charitygreetingcards.com.au](http://www.charitygreetingcards.com.au)



## AZWH Wishlist Item of the Month - Everything!

A big thank you to all those who have already donated towards vital medical equipment - your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. This month we are continuing our urgent plea for donations for the [Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital](#). View our wishlists online - [specific medical equipment](#) and [everyday supplies](#), or [make a financial contribution](#).



## Think Globally, Act Locally

With kids heading back to school after the holiday (and adults heading back to work!) it's time to start thinking about the daily impact your lunch is having on the environment.

Pledge to go rubbish-free! Cut back on snack foods with excess packaging and stock up on foods that can be bought in bulk, such as nuts and fruit. You could also try re-using sandwich bags.



## Cathy's Captions

Greetings from the USA! It has come to my attention that our majestic sequoia trees in the state of California are in danger of logging. These beauties can date back as far as 3500 years, and unfortunately any tree located outside protected areas (such as the Sequoia National Park) are not regulated under U.S. government protection.

Sequoias have very shallow root systems and depend on the smaller trees surrounding them for water retention and protection against high winds. Even if sequoias are spared from logging, the other trees will not be, and the sequoia the depend on their "tree friends" for life will therefore also be lost.



If you are concerned about this logging threat and wish to voice your opinion, you can send a

message to Agricultural Secretary Vilsack. To learn more about this and other environmental concerns, check out [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org)

### Meet the AZWH team - Dr Amber (Veterinarian)

Amber has had a passion for wildlife for as long as she can remember, and dreamed of being a vet from a young age. Growing up, she experienced Australian wildlife through raising injured fruit bats and the occasional wallaby or possum.

Amber's real experiences with wildlife began years ago, when she travelled to South Africa for a wildlife symposium and game capture course. She loved it so much she returned in 2003 to continue her veterinary degree there for a year, at the same time working as an assistant handler at the [DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Centre](#). She was also involved with African wild dogs and brown hyena.



In 2005 Amber spent some time with the staff at the newly-opened [Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital](#), which she says is the best thing she has ever done. You may recognise Amber as the vet who saved the life of little [Frodo](#) (pictured with Amber, right), the koala joey who sustained horrific injuries after being sprayed with a shot gun at Kenilworth in November 2010.

### Join the global wildlife force

By joining our monthly giving program you can become a Wildlife Warrior, joining thousands of others around the world working hard to preserve our natural environment. [Sign up](#) to become a regular giver for wildlife conservation! Donations start from as little as \$2.50 per week, and can go to your choice of any of our conservation projects. [Download the membership form here.](#)

### Are you a backyard Wildlife Warrior?

Are you or someone you know making a difference in your community? Or perhaps you have a great Think Globally, Act Locally tip or environmental product? We want to hear about it! You could be featured in the next edition of *Warrior Times*. Send through your stories and pictures to [info@wildlifewarriors.org.au](mailto:info@wildlifewarriors.org.au)

We hope you enjoyed this edition of *Warrior Times*! Thank you for your continued support - it's generous people such as yourself who truly are making a world of difference.

Yours in conservation,

The Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors crew 😊