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**MALE SEA LION FROM OKLAHOMA CITY ZOO HAS ARRIVED IN FRESNO**

*Fresno, CA* – Fresno Chaffee Zoo officials are excited to announce the arrival of male sea lion, Hendrix!

Hendrix arrived in Fresno on May 16, 2018 from the Oklahoma City Zoo. After a 30-day quarantine period, he will join the Zoo's three sea lions, two harbor seals and two brown pelicans in the award-winning Sea Lion Cove exhibit.

After being found as a stranding, Hendrix was rescued by The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California. He is approximately 5 years old.

"We are very excited to welcome Hendrix to Fresno," said Lyn Myers, general curator at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. "Our hope is that we will now be able to start a breeding program with our sea lions. Before Hendrix arrived, we were unable to have a breeding pair of sea lions since our male, Wishbone, is blind and we don't want to potentially pass that genetic defect on to a pup."

The Zoo is currently home to one male sea lion, Wishbone, and two females, Avila and Little Sur.

*"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation."*

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