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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO ENLIST PUBLICS HELP TO CELEBRATE ORANGUTAN, BUSAR'S 40th BIRTHDAY

FRESNO, (April 28, 2024) – Fresno Chaffee Zoo is excited to celebrate their orangutan, Busar's 40th birthday by asking the public to bring their used, small electronic devices to the Zoo to be recycled.

"Busar is a wonderful adult male orangutan, and we are super excited to celebrate his 40th birthday by getting the public involved to help not just orangutans, but other animals in the wild." says Sarah Shearer, Zoological Curator. "Simple actions like donating old electronics, shopping for products made with sustainable palm oil, or reducing your plastic waste all have a huge impact that help the world we share thrive."

Electronics are made with precious metals and minerals, like copper, coltan, and lithium, that are mined around the world. Mining can be extremely harmful to wildlife, destroying habitat and creating hazardous waste.

Currently, less than 30% of used cell phones are recycled. If an electronic is not properly disposed of, these metals can make their into our soil and water, contaminating local habitats.

The Zoo will be collecting smart devices for 40 days starting on Busar's birthday, April 28th. You can drop the devices off at the ticket booth or at the orangutan habitat within the Zoo. Any devices that are donated need to be wiped of all data before being donated.

Smart Devices that can be donated are as followed:

- Cell phones and cell phone batteries
- Smart phones
- iPads
- iPod
- Tablets
- Apple watches

- Adapters
- Chargers
- MP3 players
- Handheld gaming systems and their accessories

Busar arrived at Fresno Chaffee Zoo in 1997 when he was 13 years old. You can see him sharing a habitat with other orangutans and siamangs in the Zoo' latest addition, Kingdoms of Asia.

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"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife."