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## **INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF BERRY THE RED PANDA “MAKING PAWS-ITIVE CHANGE” AS MAYOR OF CONNECTICUT’S BEARDSLEY ZOO TO TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 5TH**

Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo will host the inauguration of Berry the Red Panda, recently elected as the Zoo’s new Mayor, in a celebratory ceremony. The event will include Berry’s official swearing-in and remarks on her plans for “paws-itive” leadership.

**WHEN:**

Thursday, December 5, 2024  
10:00 AM

**WHERE:**

The Natt Family Red Panda Habitat  
Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo  
1875 Noble Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT



**WHY:**

Berry’s election as Mayor of Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo highlights the Zoo’s commitment to conservation, education, and community engagement. This event offers an opportunity to celebrate her leadership while raising awareness for the Zoo’s mission and initiatives.

**DETAILS:**

Berry, who campaigned under the slogan “Let’s Make Paws-itive Change Together,” captured voters’ hearts with her vision of balance, resilience, and unity. Her inauguration will mark the start of a year-long term dedicated to advancing the Zoo’s efforts in conservation, research, education, and public enrichment.

Zoo supporters, fans, press and the public are invited to attend and cover this exciting milestone of Berry’s swearing-in and to celebrate with the new Mayor as she embarks on her year-long term.

For more information about the zoo, visiting hours and other attractions visit [www.beardsleyzoo.org](http://www.beardsleyzoo.org).

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**About Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo**

Connecticut’s only zoo, celebrating 102 years, features 350 animals representing primarily North and South American and Northern Asian species. Guests won’t want to miss our Andean bear, maned wolves, Mexican gray wolves, and red wolves. Other highlights include our Spider Monkey Habitat, and a new prairie dog exhibit. As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and participant in its Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs, the non-profit Zoo is committed to the preservation of endangered animals and wild habitats. Tickets can be purchased on the [Zoo’s website](http://www.beardsleyzoo.org).