

The Zoo Delivery

By Josiah Lizarraga

Delivering a dexter to the zoo is an experience I will not forget. As with any other cow delivery we experienced a couple of difficulties along the way. It was a Friday morning as the truck and cattle trailer came to a stop in front of the barn. The first difficulty was getting the halter on Luna. Usually, all it takes is a bucket of grain to get the halter on her. However, on this morning Luna woke up on the wrong side of the haystack, and after several attempts to get the halter on she decided to run across the pasture. Eventually we got the cows into an enclosed part of the pasture and my dad was finally able to put the halter on Luna. A couple of hours later we pulled up to the ticket window at the Columbus Zoo. My dad told the lady at the window we were there to make a delivery. As we pulled into the parking lot a zoo employee came out in a little pick-up truck and led us to the North American Bob Evans Barn. Then came the second difficult park, backing the truck and trailer into the area behind the Bob Evans Barn. What made it difficult was we had to back up a narrow embankment and between two gates. Once the trailer was in place my dad unloaded Luna into the quarantine pen. Luna has to stay there

for two weeks before she can be put in the petting zoo for the public. The zoo's current dexter let out a hardy moo to welcome Luna. We then explored the Columbus Zoo with my Tio Santiago's family and Dan Edgington's family. At the end of the day, as my family was walking to our truck, we heard Luna moo good-bye.



Youth Director Message

Lions and tigers and... cows? Oh my! I had to smile as we walked through the Columbus Zoo and heard the familiar bellowing of Dexter cattle. Maybe an unlikely place, but what a neat experience! If you should have an opportunity to visit the Columbus Zoo, make sure that you stop in to visit Belle, Anna, and Luna!

Have you started your fall project? You still have time! The project isn't due until November 30th. I realize that many links and information were given. If you're struggling to get started or if any of the younger youth are feeling like the project is too advanced, email me at OVDBAyouth@gmail.com I'm here to help and will share some ideas.

Hope you all are enjoying our beautiful fall weather. If not, put on your sweater and go out to enjoy a leaf pile and give your cow a treat. Winter will be here before you know it!

-Renaë Lizarraga

**What did the
cow say to the
slow lion?**

Moofasta



Save the date!

OVDBA 2022 Christmas Gathering December 10th, 2022 at 1:00 PM

While a youth flyer is coming soon, here are a few details that are good to know.

- Plan on sticking around!** We have the building until 10 PM, so bring along any games, hiking clothes, etc.
- Fun for the whole family!** Youth activities are being planned. (Hint: we're going to be making memories.)
- It's a potluck!** The main course will be provided. Bring along a side dish to share.
- This event is open to all!** Whether you own Dexters, previously owned Dexters, or are just a Dexter enthusiast, we'd love to see you!

RSVP by November 30th to kandksears@gmail.com

Event Location:

Clifton Reserve & Lodge
2762 S. River Road
Clifton, OH. 45316

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