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**Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium
Welcomes One-Millionth Visitor of 2023**

Omaha, Neb. (July 28, 2023) – This year's millionth visitor to walk through the redemption gates at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium was Mike Akers of Omaha, Nebraska. Akers, a Zoo and Aquarium member, entered the Zoo at about 1:10 p.m. today with his son, Isaac. They were visiting the Zoo to enjoy Members Appreciation Week.

As the Zoo's special guest, Akers and his son were greeted by a "tunnel" of Zoo staff cheering them on as they walked in. The Akers family also received an additional 12 months on their Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium membership, a Zoo gift basket, ride tickets, Lee G. Simmons Wildlife Safari Park tickets, Jurassic Adventure gift items, and a golf cart tour complete with a giraffe encounter.

Consistently ranked as one of the world's top zoos, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium is an independent not-for-profit organization accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The Zoo is recognized nationally for its conservation, animal care and exhibit design. As a leader in conservation, the Zoo's Center for Conservation and Research focuses on areas to benefit animal husbandry and species conservation including conservation genetics, conservation medicine, reproductive sciences, and comparative nutrition. More information is available at www.OmahaZoo.com.