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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES NAMING CONTEST FOR NEW SEA LION PUP

Residents Can Visit Zoo to Offer Suggestions

County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials today announced that the sea lion pup born to 8-year-old Lily on June 7th is doing very well and will be on exhibit regularly. Animal care staff has determined that the sea lion pup is male.

“Our new sea lion pup has almost everything he needs, from a loving mother, to caring staff, to a wonderful home with plenty of visitors, but he is still missing something important – a name!” said **Dinolfo**. *“While we would love for as many people to come into the zoo and visit our new sea lion, anyone may submit a name by dropping their suggestion in the ballot box located right outside the entrance gate. Hurry in today because we’re taking suggestions until August 16th!”*

The contest will have two phases. In phase 1, the public is invited to submit their name suggestions for the male sea lion pup **through Wednesday, August 16th** by visiting the Seneca Park Zoo. Each visitor will receive a suggestion card to place in the official ballot box, located near the sea lion habitat in the Rocky Coast Exhibit.

Residents not attending the zoo are also welcome to submit name suggestions in the ballot box outside the main entry gate at the Seneca Park Zoo during zoo hours.

In phase 2, a panel of judges will select three finalists and the residents of Monroe County will have the opportunity to choose the sea lion pup’s name by voting on the County Executive’s Facebook page **Thursday, August 17th through the end of day on Tuesday, August 22nd**.

“Our sea lions are crowd pleasers; we are excited to have our supporters help name the pup. As a rescued sea lion, mom Lily helps our guests understand the challenges when sea lions and human beings share the same habitat,” said Zoo Society Executive Director **Pamela Reed Sanchez**. *“We hope Lily and her pup inspire people to learn more about what they can do to help sea lions.”*

The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day.

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