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## Life of snow leopard at Seneca Park Zoo celebrated

**November 29, 2017** — Princess, Seneca Park Zoo’s female 14-year-old snow leopard has died, and we are celebrating her life. Princess spent five years at Seneca Park Zoo, connecting people with the fewer than 7,000 snow leopards still in their natural range.

“Princess had a distinct personality that captivated keepers and guests alike,” said **Larry Sorel, Zoo Director**. “She will be profoundly missed by the Zoo family.”

Princess died due to complications of cancer earlier this week. She was under veterinary care in the zoo hospital when she died.

The Zoo is also home to Kaba, a seven-year-old male snow leopard. With the opening of a new snow leopard habitat in 2018, the Zoo had already been planning to bring in a new female, with the hopes of reproduction. This plan will continue so that Kaba has a companion and mate.

“We celebrate Princess and the impact she made on thousands of people here at Seneca Park Zoo,” said **Pamela Reed Sanchez, Executive Director of Seneca Park Zoo Society**. “She inspired people to learn about snow leopards and want to help save them from extinction by donating to organizations like the Snow Leopard Trust.”

\*\*\*Internationally, and in our own backyard, Seneca Park Zoo plays a key role in species survival. Chartered as an educational institution in 1957 by New York State, the Seneca Park Zoo Society plays an integral role in supporting Monroe County, the owners and operators of the Zoo. Together, we are working to bring animals back from the brink of extinction.