

## Population Under Human Care Update 10/15/2020

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- SSP planning meeting held virtually in July.
  - One day of planning by the management team
  - One day of reporting - with 93 participants.
  
- Recommended 30 breeding pairs,
  - 21 transfers. Difficult due to covid-19. Support from USFWS
  - Target of maintain the population at around 250 animals.
  - Currently there are 245 animals in the population under human care.
  - Final B&T plan should be published in the coming days.
- Growth still moving forward. 8 new spaces should open in 2021
  - Additional spaces opening in 2022 and 2023 at both existing and new partners.
  - FWS supporting growth in the SSP with over \$500,000 in grant funds
- Nat Geo Wild Secret Life of the Zoo- North Carolina Zoo Airing October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00
  - Episode 4 should highlight red wolf
- Multiple media outlets have reached out for information and stories on red wolf.
  - National ABC story highlighting the NC Zoo partnership with a local brewery in Asheboro, Four Saints Brewing Company, to create awareness for the red wolf.