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There's a New Kid in Town

For Immediate Release

The Calgary Zoo is excited to announce that there is literally a new kid in town. On November 14, 2012, Air North, Yukon's Airline transported a 115-lb male Rocky Mountain goat kid – now aptly named 'Yukon' to Calgary to join two older female Rocky Mountain goats in the Calgary Zoo's Canadian Wilds. 'Yukon' comes from the Yukon Wildlife Preserve (YWP) near Whitehorse and is an important genetic addition to Calgary's Rocky Mountain goats in captivity.

Zoo area curator, Jamie Dorgan explained, "Yukon's father, Geronimo, was an orphan kid from the Northern Lights Wildlife Shelter in Smithers, B.C. and the zoo had an understanding with YWP that we could eventually acquire one of his offspring since most captive Rocky Mountain goats in North America are currently related to Calgary Zoo stock. This little guy is first-generation captive-born on his sire's side, and only a few generations on his dam's side making him a really valuable addition to the captive population."

"This is a terrific opportunity to support a fellow zoological facility which shares the same vision and mandate as the Yukon Wildlife Preserve. With complementary transport provided by Air North, and a warm welcome by the Calgary Zoo, we are confident our little goat will enjoy his new life in Calgary", said Greg Meredith, Executive Director of the Yukon Wildlife Preserve.

"Wildlife is a vital part of Yukon's environment, culture and values. We are delighted that visitors to the Calgary Zoo will now have the opportunity to make the connection with our Yukon-born Rocky Mountain goat kid and know he'll inspire visitors to one-day venture north to visit the Yukon Wildlife Preserve" said Debra Ryan, Manager of Strategic Partnerships & Alliances, Air North, Yukon's Airline.

'Yukon' is now settled into his new home and can be seen in the Rocky Mountain section of the Calgary Zoo's Canadian Wilds exhibit. Photo opportunities are available.

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