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## Slow Down... It's International Sloth Day

**DRAPER, Utah (October 20, 2019)** — Loveland Living Planet Aquarium (LLPA) is celebrating one of the world's slowest animals on Sunday: the Two-toed sloth. International Sloth Day is celebrated each year on October 20.

The Aquarium is home to two Linnaeus' two-toed sloths. They were rescued from Guyana after their habitat was destroyed from deforestation. The male and female sloths sleep 16 to 20 hours a day. The male's favorite foods include hard-boiled egg, zucchini, and yellow squash. The female likes fruit of any kind.

Sloths do everything upside down – eating, sleeping, mating, and even giving birth. Two-toed sloths live 10 to 15 years in the wild and can live over 30 years under human care. The Aquarium's pair are five years old.

The Aquarium will be celebrating with a Keeper Talk at 11:00 a.m. by the Journey to South America sloth habitat and there will be a sloth training session guests can observe at 2:00 p.m. There will also be an exploration table in the lobby where guests can test their sloth knowledge. Guests will have an opportunity to donate to sloth conservation as well.

Media is invited to get video of the sloths and an interview with a keeper at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

WHAT: International Sloth Day
WHEN: 1:30 p.m. interview and sloth training
WHERE: Loveland Living Planet Aquarium
12033 S. Lone Peak Parkway, Draper, UT 84020

## About Loveland Living Planet Aquarium

LLPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire people to Explore, Discover, and Learn about Earth's diverse ecosystems. A world-class facility, LLPA provides learning opportunities at all levels, interests, and ages. Since opening in Draper in March 2014, the Aquarium has welcomed more than five million visitors. In addition, the Aquarium provides 82,000 student experiences by visiting every public elementary school in the state each year. LLPA is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

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