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Dear zoo friends, dear sponsors,

"Discover the magic atmosphere of the "Zoo al Maglio": Protect, experience and preserve together!"

The magic atmosphere of the "Zoo al Maglio" extends far beyond its own gates. This magic atmosphere lies in the bright eyes of the children, who gaze in amazement at the majestic animals, and in the precious memories its visitors take home with them when they leave our zoo.

First of all, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the extraordinary donors, loving patrons, and enthusiastic visitors of our zoo.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to all the people who work tirelessly to make our family of the "Zoo al Maglio" better known. **Thank you so much!**

Thanks to our cooperation and to the support offered by all supporting parties, we were able to achieve significant improvements and extensions at the "Zoo al Maglio". To mention an example, with the funds we received, we were able to erect new wood barriers permitting the improvement of both the safety of animals and humans as well as the increase of the visual attractiveness.



The new facility with the ponies now offers our two Shetland ponies a home where to feel comfortable.

To offer comfort to our visitors, we have created a practical "Baby-Pit-Stop" lounge to meet the requirements of young families. The mini-car track has been extended to two lanes to offer more driving pleasure to our small racers.

We are pleased to offer you a unique opportunity to get to know our animals up close through **exhibitions and animal experiences** and to immerse yourself in their fascinating world.

Furthermore, there are numerous finely tuned works which are not always recognizable at first glance, but in particular benefit the animals by optimizing stables as well as animal enclosures.

Together into a bright future: Your donation ensures the continued existence of the "Zoo al Maglio"

For some time now, we have been confronted with rising prices for building materials and forages, while the repayment of the loan received during the Covid-19 pandemic is now also pending. In addition, we had to hire additional staff in 2021, as the number of visitors had increased from around 30,000 to over 50,000.

Unfortunately, the number of visitors fell by around 6,000 in 2022. For our zoo, this meant a loss in terms of income of around CHF 63'000. Even though the prices for the zoo tickets were raised, we have not reached the break-even point of compensation between revenues and costs. For this reason, it was unavoidable to make an adjustment to our team. In the meantime, this unpleasant but necessary measure has been implemented.

During the first half of this year, we received a visit from the cantonal veterinary office. On the one hand, we can proudly affirm that the said inspection did not reveal any threatening concerns when it comes to animal welfare. On the other hand, new standards require structural adjustments which must be implemented within a certain term we have not defined yet. Some work can be done in-house. However, many adjustments, especially in the lions enclosure and other stables, require external support. We will go on with the "Savana Pavilion" project, even if we have to postpone the opening to an unknown date.

Although these challenges are like a huge mountain for us, we would like to climb it with determination, because securing the future of the Zoo is our highest priority.

We would also like to provide an important additional information, since we have often been asked the question, and sometimes there are people starting from the assumption that our zoo receives state or cantonal subsidies: our zoo does not receive any state or cantonal subsidies. This situation has remained unchanged since its foundation in 1974. However, the municipality of Neggio, our residence village, supports us with an animal adoption since several years.

For this reason, it is with great appreciation and full conviction that we turn to you by asking for your valuable support. Only with your support, we will be able to continue our important work. There are several ways to support us. And **every single donation makes a noticeable difference**.

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Your decision to support us can make a big difference to the zoo as well as to our work for the protection and conservation of wildlife. Would you like to make a lasting and meaningful contribution with your inheritance? If you are considering supporting the "Zoo al Maglio" with a legacy, we would be glad to assist you by providing additional information about it. We, Sabina Fehr, owner and director of the zoo (who speaks Italian, and German) and Philippe Daucourt, board member of the associations of the sponsors of the zoo (who speaks German, French, and English), are always at your disposal and will be glad to answer your questions. You can write us an email to the address amici@zooalmaglio.ch. As an alternative, you can call the following phone number to let us know when we can best reach you: +41 (0) 91 606 14 93.

The magic atmosphere characterizing our zoo is closely linked to your significant and encouraging support. Only thanks to your participation and valuable support we will be able to ensure that this magic atmosphere continues and that also in the future we will be able to make positive changes for the wildlife.

"The animals are brothers and sisters of nature and deserve our protection as well as our respect" We hope that you too will feel inspired to participate in this important mission and to make a valuable support with your contribution. With heartfelt gratitude, we would like to thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for your continued interest in the protection and welfare of our animals. Indeed, your interest is the same interest shown by the dedicated team of the "Zoo al Maglio".

With a great portion of enthusiasm, we send you warm greetings

Sabina Fehr and the whole team of the "Zoo al Maglio"

PS 1: We are a proud member of the sustainability program "Swisstainable" sustainability certification and have been classified as Level I – "committed".

PS 2: In addition to the website www.zooalmaglio.ch, the "Zoo al Maglio" is also on Instagram and Facebook. Do not miss any news!

