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Bruemmer Park Zoo Bobcat Euthanized due to Cancer

KEWAUNEE, WI – Baxter the bobcat, a long-time resident of Bruemmer Park Zoo in Kewaunee County has been euthanized due to an aggressive form of cancer.

The Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Department called its regular veterinarian for an emergency check-up after the bobcat was noticed by park staff to appear ill. The veterinarian who had examined the 14-year resident of Bruemmer Park Zoo on Friday, October 9, 2020 had found a cancerous tumor in the bobcat's stomach and advised staff that Baxter be euthanized due to the severity of his diagnosis.

“It is with heavy hearts that we share this news, but the decision to euthanize our male bobcat was in the best interest of the animal,” says Dave Myers, Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Director.

Prior to Baxter's detected illness, the bobcat had passed his routine summer check-up.

The Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Department and Zoological Society of Kewaunee County do not have plans at this time to bring a new bobcat into the exhibit as Bella, the zoo's female bobcat, has only had Baxter as a habitat companion since 2006 when both were brought to Bruemmer Park Zoo as kittens.

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