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Zoo asks for help to locate loose moose

The Calgary Zoo is looking for the assistance of residents south of Calgary to locate an errant moose. Overnight, on September 24, 2007, a bull moose being kept at the Devonian Wildlife Conservation Centre, or Zoo “ranch,” about 10 kilometers south of Calgary near DeWinton, broke down a gate and has not returned home. Officials assure people that he poses no danger to the public.

“We immediately notified Alberta Fish & Wildlife, the nearby golf course, and neighbours,” says Bob Peel, Curator for the Centre. “But, so far he has yet to be located.”

The bull moose, a cow and her calf were all in the same large enclosure at the ranch. The female moose and her calf didn’t wander off the zoo property and were easily returned to the pasture in the morning. However, efforts to find the male have so far been unsuccessful and now zoo officials are concerned he may have wandered some distance.

“The autumn is the rutting season for moose, deer and elk and the males become quite persistent in seeking out breeding females,” Peel explains. “Calgarians may be surprised to learn that it is not uncommon for wild moose to live in the area surrounding the city and we believe our bull was attracted by a wild female in the proximity.”

The bull moose, named “Alberto”, has a white tag #0030 on his right ear. Anyone who sees a moose with an ear tag in their area is asked to contact either Bob Peel at the Calgary Zoo (403) 232-9300 or the nearest Alberta Fish & Wildlife office.

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