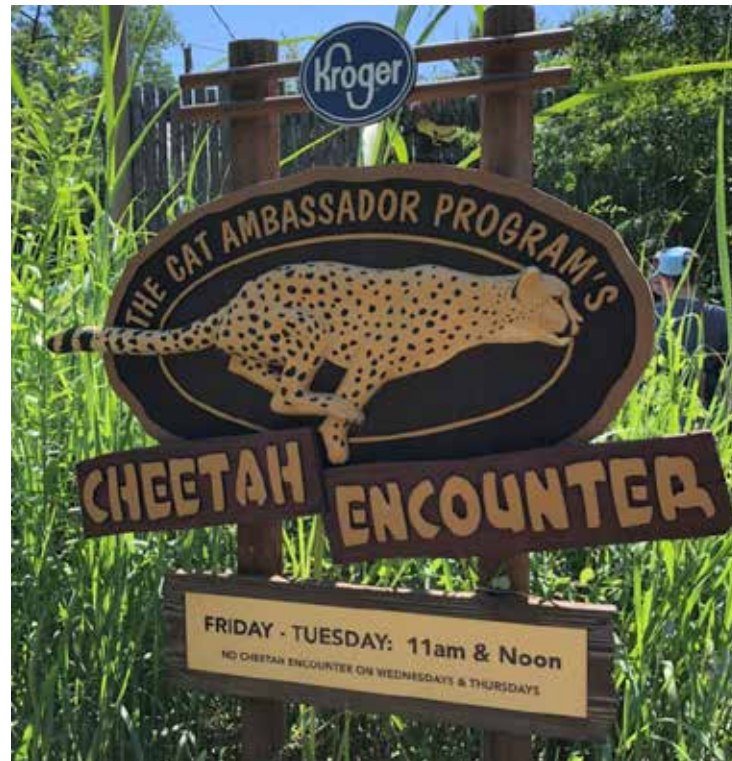




**GOING TO SEE
THE CHEETAH ENCOUNTER**



While I am at the Cincinnati Zoo, I may be able to go to a show called the Cheetah Encounter.

During the Cheetah Encounter, I will see different animals like a dog, a red river hog, a porcupine, a serval, a house cat, and of course, cheetahs!



The Cheetah Encounter lasts about 25 minutes.



When I come into the Cheetah Encounter, I will be greeted by people who work at the Cincinnati Zoo. They can help me if I have any questions.



I will need to walk with my group to find a seat on the bleachers. It might be crowded – lots of people like to see the cheetahs. That is okay!



The bleachers may be hot from the sun. Some of the seats might be in the shade under the tarp, but some of the seats might be in the sun. If it is too bright for me, I can wear sunglasses or a hat to keep the sun out of my face.



Once I find my seat, I will need to wait for the show to start. There might be loud music playing while we wait.
If it is too loud, I can ask to wear headphones.

There are some rules I need to follow while watching the Cheetah Encounter.



I need to stay in my seat during the show.



I can look at the animals during the Cheetah Encounter,
but I cannot touch them.

I will try to stay quiet so I don't scare the animals.
I can clap and cheer when other people do.



Moose, the brown dog, will run out into the field first before the encounter even starts. Moose is so silly.



I will then hear a special message over the loud speaker from the Director of the Zoo. His name is Thane Maynard. He will thank me for coming to see the Cheetah Encounter.



Next, the animal trainers will introduce themselves. They will use a microphone so I can hear what they are saying. The animal trainers may ask the crowd some questions during the encounter. I can answer back if I want to or I can sit quietly.



The animal trainers will tell us about the Conservation Action Team! These are the animals that are a part of the encounter.

During the encounter, I will see lots of animals that are a part of the Conservation Action Team.



Moose, the brown dog, will come out first.



Next, I will see a red river hog named Sir Francis Bacon. They call him the Swift Swine! He will do cool tricks like put trash in a recycling bin.



Then, I will see Quilliam, The Prickly Porcupine.



Next up, I will see a serval. A serval is a cat from Africa with long legs and large ears. They call it the Springy Serval because it can jump so high like it is on springs!



I will see Batman, the heroic housecat next.



Moose, the brown dog, will come out and do some tricks. He will be closer to the crowd than the other animals. Moose will be on a leash and will not be able to get away from his trainer. Moose may bark when he is excited.

The cheetahs will come out last to finish the encounter.



The cheetahs will run across the field chasing after a lure, a dog toy tied to the end of a string. Once they catch the lure, they will trade it for a snack.



**The cheetahs are so FAST!
They can run 70 miles per hour!
Cheetahs are the fastest land animal!**



I will also learn about something called adaptations. Adaptations help animals survive out in the wild. These are stripes, tail, and claws for cheetahs. I will see someone in the crowd come up front and be given fake stripes, a tail, and claws!



Once the encounter is finished, I will need to walk down the bleachers and wait in line to leave.



The animal trainers will be waving goodbye to the crowd. I can wave goodbye back to them.

The Cheetah Encounter is so fun!