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# Townsend facility changes name to Appalachian Bear Rescue

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KNOXVILLE -- Would you kill to see a bear?

Think bears are grumpy? Try one that needs a root canal.

These are just a couple of the statements printed on posters by Appalachian Bear Rescue in a press conference held Wednesday at the Knoxville Zoo.

The zoo is home to Ursula, a black bear brought to ABR several years ago. The meeting was held to announce the summer Appalachian Bear Center has changed its name to Appalachian Bear Rescue.

Jack Burgin, president of ABR, said the change is an effort to clear up any confusion over the purpose of the nonprofit organization.

"It's not a place for the public to come and observe bears," Burgin said.

ABR began in 1996 with the goal of rehabilitating orphaned or injured black bear cubs and eventually releasing them. The organization is in the process of releasing its 77th bear. ABR also aims to educate the public about how to protect bears.

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`` The main thing is: Don't feed the bears," said Lisa Stewart, curator for ABR.

Human food will lure bears closer, creating nuisance bears. It's also an unhealthy diet.

`` The high content of sugar will give them dental problems," Stewart said.

According to the informational posters provided by ABR, bears lured into human territory are in danger of being hit by cars or killed by hunters. Going too close to a bear cub may potentially scare its mother away leaving it orphaned.

`` Normally when you see a bear cub, the mother is not far away," Stewart said.

`` If they're trying to take a picture of a bear, do it in an appropriate way," Burgin said. `` Use a long telephoto lens on a tripod and be patient. The best way is to not have them notice you.

`` We don't want to force ourselves on them, and we don't want them forcing themselves on us," Stewart said. `` They're in this area and will always be around."

If a person sights a bear they should leave them alone and call either ABR for information or Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The agency has officers trained in relocating the bears.

Burgin also announced that ABR will be launching `` Pears for Bears," a way for the public to help feed the organization's 12 cubs and bears with backyard fruit. Pears or apples can be donated at The Village Market in Townsend or at the entrance to the Knoxville Zoo.

`` Cubs eat hundreds of pounds of food a day," Stewart said.

By helping to keep them on a natural diet, the bears are more likely to forage for this food when they are released.

`` Run for the Bears" will be held Aug. 19 at Boyds Bear Country in Pigeon Forge. This is an annual 5K run to benefit the mission of ABR.

The organization has also launched a donor program to educate the public about bear safety and allow people to help support ABR either through donations or volunteering.

`` We're expecting a lot of bears in the fall," Burgin added.

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