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Cameron Park Zoo Has a New King Cobra

Waco, Texas - Cameron Park Zoo Herpetarium staff celebrated World Snake Day on Wednesday, July 16th by accepting a new King Cobra from the San Antonio Zoo. The new snake is an 8 year old female that measures 11 feet in length and weighs 10.12 lbs. Zoo visitors can see her in the Herpetarium and they can also take part in giving her a name. Visitors can vote on one of following three names by visiting the Cameron Park Zoo website, Facebook page, or the CPZ Zootique gift shop.

Lady Jaye – from the GI Joe and Cobra comic series

Hannah – because the scientific name of the King cobra is *Ophiophagus hannah* (Ophiophagus means “snake eating and hannah has its origin in Greek mythology referring to wood nymphs, so the Latin name Ophiophagus hannah is loosely defined as snake eating forest dweller.)

Shelby – in honor of the famous car created by Carroll Shelby

The king cobra is the longest venomous snake in the world, growing to lengths up to 18 feet. This species, which preys chiefly on other snakes, is found predominantly in forests from India and Southeast Asia. The King cobra is a very interesting snake, being the only snake in the world to build a nest for its eggs and then fiercely guarding the nest until the eggs hatch.

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