His Life is a Zoo

Featured on Nat Geo Wild’s My Life Is a Zoo, Bud DeYoung runs a zoo on his own property in the harsh climate of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Along with “Big Cat” Carrie, Bud educates the public about animal conservation and daily doles out love to the hundreds of animals in his care, including Bengal tigers, arctic wolves, and a very hungry hippo named Wallace. With best-selling coauthor Cindy Martinussen Coloma, he’s documented his lifelong journey in It’s a Wild Life: How My Life Became a Zoo.

Question: At the end of a long day—after feeding and tending to the hundreds of animals in your care and hosting visitors to your zoo—is it all worth it?

Bud DeYoung: I savor the moments with my critters before the crowds come, though I probably enjoy sharing them just as much. Each critter has such unique characteristics and qualities that I want to share them with visitors. After the long months of winter, our guests bring the life back to the park. Seeing their faces, I...
hearing what they have to say, and witnessing the joy they have from being at our park and near the animals makes it all matter: the hard work, the tears, the stress, the pain. Our animals make us happy every day, but seeing the impact we have on others also makes it worthwhile. We are proud to have our park open to all the family members who’ve come over the years and the new ones we have yet to meet. Truth be told, I wouldn’t have life any other way.

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