

One Hip Hippo

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY? Say you're a hip hippo moving from the nation's capital city to Milwaukee.

Happiness could be two new friends. Happy the hippo came to the Milwaukee County Zoo Sept. 29. At the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., Happy (below) lived alone. He had no one to play with. Of course, not everyone can play with a huge hippo. At 5,500 pounds and 11 feet long, Happy weighs more than a truck and is longer than a basketball hoop is tall. The best playmates are other hippos. In Milwaukee, Happy has two new "girl" friends: Patti and Puddles.

And he has a great "pad." It's called the Dohmen Family Foundation Hippo Home. This new home has a pool to play in, heated floors that are padded for his feet, and a hippo training area where he can get close to his keepers.



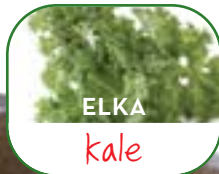
BEGABAC
cabbage



AYH
hay



MUHRAGBER
hamburger



ELKA
kale



LEPAP
apple



PLOOLPIL
lollipop



TACROR
carrot



CEI MACRE
ice cream

Food or Junk Food

Hippos eat about 88 pounds of food daily, mainly at night. In the wild they eat grass and sometimes shrubs. At the Zoo they're fed hay, high-fiber pellets, vegetables and fruit. Kids, unscramble the words listed below the food pictures. Then figure out which objects around the hippo are food and which are junk food (not good for a hippo). Circle the junk food items and write the names of the healthful food items in the blank area below.

HEALTHFUL FOOD:

apple cabbage hay
kale carrot

Happy the hippo