MEET TONKA’S FRIEND SLIDER

Slider is an almost 900-lb., 11-year-old male steer. (Born on Halloween!) Slider has a huge mechanical cow brush that he absolutely loves! It looks like a vertical street sweeper brush and when he pushes on it it triggers the mechanism to spin. He spends time getting a good rub down at his cow brush every day. Cows like massages just like people do!

This year marks the Year of the Ox in the Lunar New Year zodiac calendar. We don’t have an ox at the Zoo but we do have a steer! If you were born under the Year of the Ox you are strong and reliable, patient, disciplined and persistent, yet sensitive and faithful. Just like Slider!

QUICK CHUCKLES
Why do cows have hooves instead of feet?

Answer: Because they lactose.

FUN FACT
Unlike humans, cattle have panoramic vision, which means they can see almost all the way around themselves without moving their heads. Cattle have panoramic vision, but their depth perception is only focused in a small forward view.

ADVICE FROM A STEER
“Be the best in your field”
“It’s okay to be moo-dy”
COLLECT ALL OF TONKA’S TRIBE
COLLECTOR CARDS

STEER: “SLIDER”
Bos taurus

SIZE: 900
(avg. size up to 1000 lbs.)

AVG. LIFE SPAN: 25 years

BIRTHDAY: October 31, 2009

DIET: Hay and grains

HABITAT: Domestic farms

LOCATION: Family Farm

DID YOU KNOW?
Slider’s favorite treat is Cinnabon cinnamon swirl bread but he can only have that on very special occasions. He usually gets that bread when he is getting his toenails trimmed or when he is getting a vaccine from the vet.

CUT AROUND THE BLACK LINE AND THEN FOLD IN HALF