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RE: RARE WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN MONKEY BORN AT THE PALM BEACH ZOO

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March 1, 2007, West Palm Beach – The Palm Beach Zoo has announced the birth of a rare white throated capuchin monkey (*Cebus capucinus*). The male infant was born to 12-year-old mother “Latte” and 7-year-old father “Mocha” in the Tropics of the Americas Primate Island Exhibit on 2/9/2007. Both parents are on loan from the Bronx Zoo. This is the third white-throated capuchin born at the zoo since 2004. Siblings “Frappacino” (almost 3 years old) and “Espresso” (11 months old) were born to the same pair. The Palm Beach Zoo houses a total of six white-throated capuchins. White-throated capuchins are a medium sized New World primate that lives in tropical forests from Honduras to Ecuador.

The baby has been named “Macchiato” by the animal care team at the Palm Beach Zoo. Patient zoo visitors are sometimes able to see “Macchiato” on exhibit riding on his mother’s back. The capuchins are rotated on exhibit with other species, so they not always available for viewing.

The Palm Beach Zoo is a non profit zoological organization located at Dreher Park in West Palm Beach, housing over 1,500 animals within 23 acres of lush tropical habitat. Its mission is to provide an open-air classroom of living creatures to foster awareness, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

Palm Beach Zoo is located at 1301 Summit Boulevard, just east of I-95 between Southern and Forest Hill Boulevard. Admission: Regular \$12.95, Seniors 60+ \$9.95, Children 3-12 \$8.95, under 3 years and Zoo Members are free. For more information visit www.palmbeachzoo.org.

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