

PALM BEACH ZOO Bytes

Melvin J. and Claire Levine Animal Care Complex – Update from Dr. Michele Miller

The first months of operation at the new Animal Care Complex have been extraordinarily busy. In addition to handling the day-to-day medical needs of our animal collection, we are also conducting wellness exams for our residents, as well as entry exams when new animals arrive at the Palm Beach Zoo for quarantine. Much of this is made possible by the new state-of-the-art equipment in our Animal Care Complex.



Two cases that you may find interesting:



Photo:
Kathie
Comerford

When our Surinam toads came to the hospital for their check-up, which included an examination, check for parasites and cultures, and digital X-rays, we discovered that one of the toads had swallowed some stones in its previous exhibit. This discovery alerted the animal care and veterinary staff to watch for passage of these foreign bodies and monitor for any complications.

When "David" the Demoiselle crane experienced an irreparable fracture to his leg, requiring amputation, the solution was to fashion a prosthetic leg for him. With help from our maintenance staff, a new limb was made out of PVC pipe, and an orthopedic surgery was performed to attach the prosthesis. David now is able to move around his holding area with his mate.



Photo:
Keith Lovett

I am finding that every day at the Animal Care Complex is different, and often filled with unexpected challenges. We are fortunate to have this wonderful facility where we are able to do our very best for each animal in need of attention.

We are still in need of important medical equipment. [Click here to see how you can help.](#)

Anteater "E.O." is thriving at the Zoo!

By Gwen Lovett, Curator of Animal Programs

E.O. our male anteater baby, born on April 1, 2009 is doing well at the Palm Beach Zoo! He is the third offspring born to mother Odelia and father Cruz. Currently seven pound six ounces, E.O. rides around on Mom's back at all times. At approximately six months of age, he will begin to descend and walk around on his own. Currently E.O. is nursing from Odelia on a full-time basis. Typically, young anteaters will begin eating a more solid diet at around 7 months of age.



Dr. Maple with EO at 5 weeks of age

Young anteaters will spend the majority of their day resting and riding around on their mother's back while Mom forages for food. Because E.O. is constantly on Odelia's back, we are keeping both of them off exhibit. Odelia likes to swim in the exhibit moat and we cannot risk her trying to swim with E.O. on board! E.O.'s father Cruz and his brother Matteo and an unrelated female named "Boo" are available for viewing each day in the Tropics of the America's Pantanal Exhibits.

E.O. is named in honor of world renowned Harvard University professor, biologist, and ant expert E.O. Wilson. When told of his new namesake, Dr. Wilson wrote the following note to our president, Dr. Terry Maple:

Dear Terry:

I'm very proud to have a baby anteater named E.O. It's altogether suitable. Like me, it loves ants and has a big nose that ants (and a few human critics) don't like having stuck in their business.

Warmest,
Ed



Photo: Keith Lovett

EO at 2 months of age



Please consider a contribution to the zoo to honor baby E.O.

Your gift will support conservation efforts in South America.

Pepsi is having a great summer promotion to support The Palm Beach Zoo! Look for specially marked Pepsi cans and bring them to the zoo for a \$3 discount on admission. Please share this e-mail with friends and family.



Become a Member:

Palm Beach Zoo membership is a wonderful way to make the natural world a priority in your family life. It's also a great way to save money. Your zoo membership card gives you unlimited



Reserve a Space at Wild Safari Summer Camp Safari for Your Child

It's not too late to register your child for an unforgettable educational experience - Wild Safari Summer Camp at the Palm Beach Zoo. This is one of the most popular camp programs in south Florida. Each week has a unique wildlife theme, and each day is filled with up-close animal encounters, animal exhibit visits, crafts, games, interactive fountain time, and much more. Spaces are limited. [Click here to register.](#)



Special Events

Friday Night Beer Garden: Benefit for the Palm Beach Zoo

Friday, June 26 - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Outdoor Café

\$10 donation

Whole Foods Market, 11701 Lake Victoria Gardens Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Calling all animal lovers! Join us and relax under the starlit sky for a wonderful evening of food, beer & fine music with local musician, DJ Bert for a great organization. 100% of your donation will benefit Palm Beach Zoo, supporting their conservation mission through programs in field research, endangered species propagation, education, health & wellness, and conservation medicine. For more information call 561-691-8550.

2nd Annual "Strike for Conservation" Bowl-a-Thon

Presented by the American Association of Zoo Keepers
Palm Beach Zoo Chapter

Saturday, June 27, 2009 - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join Palm Beach Zoo staff including keepers, trainers, and educators at the 2nd annual "Strike for Conservation" bowl-a-thon presented by the Palm Beach Zoo's Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK). This year's "Strike for Conservation" will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Greenacres Bowl located in Lake Worth. You can help by taking part in this year's "Strike for Conservation" event or by making a direct contribution to the Chapter. Donations are tax deductible, and you do not need to be a member to join the bowl-a-thon. Sponsor forms are available by contacting the Chapter at (561) 471-5317 or via email at pbzaazk@yahoo.com.

Fourth of July Weekend

Friday through Sunday, July 3rd - 5th

tree zoo admission all year round, discounted or free admission at 140 other zoos and aquariums across the country, discounts at zoo gift shops and restaurants, and discounts on special programs such as Summer Camp, Zoo Overnights, Home School Classes, and much more. Zoo membership is a great investment in your zoo, and a smart buy for your family budget. [To learn more about Zoo Membership, click here.](#)

Make a Donation

The Palm Beach Zoo relies on charitable contributions to close the gap



between earned revenues and operational expenses. Your tax-deductible gift will help us to provide the very best facilities, health care, and nutrition for the over 1,600 animals entrusted to our care. You can also help provide excellent education programs for under-served children in our community.



ZOO BYTES

Zoo Bytes is our on-line newsletter designed to keep you informed about "what's new at the zoo." We will be sending more e-mail updates in the coming years to reduce paper waste, conserve our natural resources, and save the cost of printing and mailing. This is just one of many steps we are taking to honor our commitment to conserving our resources and our environment. Please pass it along to friends and family. Go Green!

To show our appreciation, all visitors showing a Military, Military Reserve, Coast Guard, Police, Fire, or an EMT ID Card will receive free admission to the Palm Beach Zoo this weekend for themselves and three guests. A valid ID must be shown at time of entrance to receive offer.

Winter in July - presented by [Panera Bread Company](#)

Saturday & Sunday, July 11th & 12th - 10:00 am - 4 pm

It's snowing at the Palm Beach Zoo! That's right - it's snowing. Bring your mittens and dive into 40 tons of snow at the "coolest" event of the year! Winter in July was created to educate the community's children about the importance of Sun Safety while providing them the opportunity to experience the wonders of winter without leaving South Florida.

The days' events will include an avalanche of fun including non-stop children's entertainment and animal encounters. Visit the "Sand Box" and create your own cool treat, test your skill and go "ice fishing", join the Banana Peel Circus and learn to juggle with Glass Productions, sit back and relax in the Florida Pioneer House as you listen to arctic-themed stories and meet some furry friends.

Even the animals get into the act with "cool" animal enrichments you won't want to miss!

Winter in July is proudly sponsored by South Florida Parenting Magazine. Sun Safety materials have been generously provided by the Skin Cancer Foundation and the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation.

Jazz on the Deck Series

Every Saturday in August - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kick back, relax, and enjoy local jazz sounds on the Tropics Café deck overlooking beautiful Baker Lake.

The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches exists to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to inspire others to value and conserve the natural world. We advance our conservation mission through programs in field research, endangered species propagation, education, health and wellness, and conservation medicine.

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