

PALM BEACH ZOO NEWS

FACT SHEET

- **The Palm Beach Zoo is a non-profit zoological organization housing approximately 1,700 animals and encompassing over 275 species within 23 acres of lush tropical habitat.**
- **Each year, nearly 250,000 people visit the Palm Beach Zoo to have fun while learning about the importance of wildlife and environmental conservation.**
- **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. Our sustainable and responsible business practices and local, national and global partnerships enable the Palm Beach Zoo to support global conservation, species survival, and habitat preservation.**
- **The Palm Beach Zoo's 55-year-old botanical collection includes over 100 species of trees, woody shrubs and herbaceous plants as well as 10 species of grasses, 7 species of bamboo, and over 24 different species of ferns, annuals, and perennials.**
- **The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. was founded in 1969 to responsibly demonstrate a commitment to excellence in wildlife research and conservation through rescue, rehabilitation, and propagation. The Palm Beach Zoo strives to assist all incapacitated native animals through an active role in native wildlife rehabilitation.**
- **In 1958, Paul Dreher, the first Parks Director for the City of West Palm Beach opened a botanical park with a children's zoo in what was then called Bacon Park.**
- **The Palm Beach Zoo is one of the largest educators in Palm Beach County, reaching over 246,700 people each year.**

- **Nationally accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) since 1989, the Palm Beach Zoo participates in over 15 Species Survival Plans (SSP) and 25 Population Management Plans (PMP) managed by the AZA.**
- **The Palm Beach Zoo currently sponsors conservation projects and organizations in numerous regions of the world such as Australia and Central & South America.**
- **The Palm Beach Zoo operates an extensive Volunteer program. Its corps of more than 200 volunteers and Docents (volunteer educators) provide more than 18,000 hours of service each year.**
- **With the opening of the Harriett W. & George D. Cornell Tropics of the Americas exhibit in June 2004 the Palm Beach Zoo successfully completed the first phase of its redevelopment plan.**
- **Tropics Café is the Palm Beach Zoo's full-service restaurant and catering facility, which overlooks Baker Lake.**
- **Admission: Regular \$12.95, Seniors (60+) \$9.95, Children (3-12) \$8.95, Children under three (3) years and Palm Beach Zoo Members are free.**
- **The zoo is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. closing only on Thanksgiving & Christmas Day.**

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