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Tiger Cub Update

What is round, orange, and has a ghoulish grin? If you were in front of the tiger exhibit around Halloween, there is a good chance it could have been either a pumpkin or a tiger cub! During the zoo's Boo at the Zoo Halloween celebration, the three Malayan tiger cubs were hunting jack-o'-lanterns! Even menacing grins were not enough to stop the cubs from destroying the pumpkins. Berapi, the cubs' mother, also got into the Halloween fun and fished pumpkins right out of the water. Although tigers are carnivores, playing with pumpkins is actually very beneficial for the cubs. It allows them to manipulate an object and to practice what it might be like to actually grab and devour a prey item. This is a type of enrichment, which means that it is a way to encourage them to display natural behaviors and to provide them with mental stimulation. The cubs,



along with the other animals that live at the zoo, receive some form of enrichment every day. --Dr. Stephanie Allard – Curator of Research and Animal Welfare



Those Amazing Animals

Have you ever seen a bush dog swim? The bush dog is a small canid species native to South America. Bush dogs are burrowers, that is, they dig holes into the ground to use as dens. Although this is a natural behavior, it can make the bush dogs that live at the zoo difficult to see. The animal keepers use enrichment techniques to encourage the bush dogs to engage in other types of behaviors so that our visitors can enjoy seeing them. A real favorite involves another behavior for which bush dogs are known. They have partially-webbed feet, making them well suited to swimming. Placing various objects such as logs or floating toys into the stream in the exhibit prompts the bush dogs to go into the water to retrieve them and allows them to use those partially-webbed feet, with the added bonus of increasing visibility for zoo visitors. This is fun for the dogs as well as for anyone watching them. - Dr. Stephanie Allard – Curator of Research and Animal Welfare



Lilly Pulitzer Shopping Event to Benefit the Zoo

Lilly Pulitzer
& THE PALM BEACH ZOO
TUESDAY
NOV. 15TH
6:00 - 9:00PM
Resort Collection
THE GARDENS MALL
3101 PGA BOULEVARD
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL
561.799.9400
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Award Winning Author to Read at the Zoo

The Palm Beach Zoo will present award-winning author, Marianne Berkes, who will be reading from her children's books, *Over in the Jungle*, *Marsh Music*, and *Over in Australia*, on Saturday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the zoo. Marianne is a retired teacher and librarian who turned her love of nature and teaching into writing. Her ten books, for ages three through 10, are entertaining and educational in rhythmic text with gorgeous illustrations. She will be doing three readings and will be joined by some of the animals from her books such as a sloth, macaw, snake, blue-tongued skink, or cockatoo. Copies of Marianne's books will be available for purchase and she will be signing books most of the day. Her newest book, *Animalogy (Animal Analogies)*, will be available. This program is supported by a grant from The PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from the PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: PNC).



Toddler Workshops

This fall the zoo is offering educational and interactive workshops for your toddlers; ages two to four. Workshops are held in the zoo classroom and include: hands-on animal encounters, stories, snack, song, craft-time, and admission to the zoo. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to attend this program with participant. Programs last for one to one and a half hours.



[Download the registration form »](#)



Delicious New Lunch Options at Tropics Café

Check out the new menu items coming to the Tropics Café!

There will be some great new choices including a meatball sub, a chicken parmesan sub, a Reuben and a Rachel – that's Reuben's sister made with turkey instead of corned beef for a healthier option. Yum! The Palm Beach Zoo just keeps getting better.



Plan a Party with the Animals

Show your family, friends, and employees how much you appreciate them by hosting your next holiday event at a truly unique venue perfect for guests of all ages! The Palm Beach Zoo is an exciting choice for parties from family gatherings to corporate events!



- Full Holiday Buffets
- Cocktail Receptions
- Delicious Hors D'oeuvres
- Luscious Desserts
- Children's Meal Options
- Full Bar & Coffee Service Available
- Private Animal Encounters
- Carousel Rides
- Interactive Fountain Shows

Call or email today for details and menu options. Laurie Zelnia, Catering Sales Manager (561) 547-WILD (9453) x 217 or LZelnia@palmbeachzoo.org



A Word From Dr. G.

Dr. Genny Dumonceaux, our Clinical Veterinarian, will share a medical vocabulary work in each edition of You Belong in the Zoo. *Endangered species: species of animal or plant in danger of becoming extinct.*



Veterinary Case Note from Dr. G.

The Palm Beach Zoo works with a network of local organizations to rehabilitate animals that have been injured or abandoned in the wild.

This red-tailed hawk nestling was orphaned and sent to a local rehabilitation facility where he was cared for until he was ready to be released to the wild.



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