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Welcome "OZ" to the Palm Beach Zoo!

"Oz" the koala has arrived at the Palm Beach Zoo and will be on exhibit in late June. He represents the beginning of our koala captive breeding program, which is a very important part of protecting koalas.

The wild koala population in Australia is suffering significant losses due to habitat destruction. Zoo animal care staff recently transported "Oz" from the Riverbanks Zoo in South Carolina. Director of Living Collections Keith Lovett wrote an account of the transfer. [Click here to read more.](#)



"Oz" has expensive taste! [Click here](#) to see how you can help feed him.

The Palm Beach Zoo – Soon to be the Greenest Zoo in America

The Palm Beach Zoo recently received two significant honors in recognition of its achievements in sustainability and conservation:

- Green Nonprofit Certification
- "Going Green" Sustainability Leader

The Palm Beach Zoo has received "Green Nonprofit" Certification after being evaluated in the areas of solid waste recycling and reuse, water efficiency, employee practices, landscape, energy efficiency, transportation, chemical use, and pollution prevention. Green certification is awarded by the Green Nonprofits Organization, a national initiative that provides information about greening the workplace and advocates for a greener nonprofit global community. The zoo's participation in this program was sponsored by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.



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For the second consecutive year, the Palm Beach Zoo was named "Sustainability Leader" by The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties' "Going Green" awards program. The zoo won for its success in significantly reducing the environmental impact of its day-to-day operations through

increased staff education, expanded recycling, improved purchasing practices, and commitment to building green facilities. The "Going Green" awards are made possible by The Environmental Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation, The Quantum Foundation, The Office Depot Foundation, and Florida Power & Light.



Zoo Receives \$1 Million Endowment for Melvin J. and Claire Levine Animal Care Complex

On April 22, Earth Day 2010, the Palm Beach Zoo announced that it has received a \$1 million endowment for the animal care complex which opened one year ago on Earth Day 2009. The endowment was given by Melvin J. and Claire Levine, the Palm Beach couple in whose honor the building is named. Zoo President Dr. Terry L. Maple said, "Mel and Claire have generously supported the building and now the endowment of the Animal Care Complex, a state-of-the-art facility that strengthens our ability to care for our collection and provide expertise to solve conservation problems around the world. We are now players on the big stage of conservation thanks to the leadership of Mel and Claire Levine. We are very grateful for their commitment to the Palm Beach Zoo." The Melvin J. and Claire Levine Animal Care Complex is the first LEED certified zoo animal hospital in the United States.

Zoo Camp 2010

Summer will be here before you know it! Act now to reserve a place for your child in Zoo Camp 2010. You know your kids



Conserve Wildlife & Money

Save Money on Sugar and Help Save Jaguars! In an effort to save one of Earth's majestic big cats, the jaguar, Florida Crystals has teamed up with the Palm Beach Zoo. For every [coupon](#) redeemed for any variety of Florida Crystals® Natural and Organic sugar, Florida Crystals will donate an amount chosen by you to the Jaguar Conservation Fund at the Palm Beach Zoo.



Membership in the Big Cat Society places you in an elite group of zoo insiders, allowing you the unique opportunity to have interaction with zoo animals and special behind-the-scenes tours. As a Big Cat you never pay for admission & receive discounts in the Cafe and Gift

belong at the zoo! Join us for one week or the entire summer. Each week offers a unique wildlife theme as participants experience zoo-keeping activities, behind-the-scenes tours, scavenger hunts, and enriching conservation education activities. Every day, participants will enjoy up-close animal encounters, animal exhibit visits, crafts, games, interactive fountain time, and much more! This program is for ages 5 - 14. Before and aftercare services are available. For prices and registration information [click here](#).



Zoo Welcomes River Otter Pups

The Palm Beach Zoo staff welcomed two North American river otter pups into the collection on December 23, 2009. This long-awaited birth is a result of a PMP (Population Management Plan) recommended pairing



through the AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums). The two male pups weighed only 170 grams (6 ounces) a week after birth. Now they are nearly as large as their parents and can be seen swimming and frolicking in their aquatic habitat in the Florida Wetlands exhibit. The pups' dam, "Louise", the zoo's nine-year old female otter, originally came from the Lowry Park Zoo and has proven to be a great mother. Male North American river otters have no active role in parental care of offspring. "Sully", the pups' sire, is an orphaned animal from the wild in Florida that was donated to the zoo in 2002 by the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary.

Male Komodo Dragon Arrives

Yet another "first" was reached on October 20th when the Palm Beach Zoo's first ever male Komodo dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*) "Satu" arrived from the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley, Minnesota. The arrival of this male is in accordance with the Komodo Dragon Species Survival Plan breeding



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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 free 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. [More Details »](#)



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 1,400 animals entrusted to our care. You can also help provide excellent education programs for under-served children in our community.



What is 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

recommendations. After a brief quarantine in the Salvatore M. Zeitlin Animal Hospital, "Satu" began spending nights in the holding facility near "Hannah," our female Komodo dragon. The pairing of "Hannah" and "Satu" is a huge opportunity for the zoo because there are very few breeding pairs of Komodo dragons in North America. This is the first time that "Satu" has ever been in an outdoor enclosure and he is enjoying the warm Florida climate. Typically, male Komodo dragons can reach up to ten feet in length and be as heavy as 330 pounds. Due to their restricted range and the effects of poaching and human encroachment, Komodo dragons are considered an endangered species.

Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby Births

The yellow-footed rock wallabies (*Petrogale xanthopus xanthopus*) at the Palm Beach Zoo have increased their family by two. One joey was born to "Adelaide" and "Bowser" in September '09 and another in December '09 to "Jillie" and "Bowser." The dates of



birth are estimates because a newborn joey is very tiny and hidden inside the mother's pouch for several months. Both joeys are now much larger and visible when they pop their heads out of the pouch. "Adelaide's" joey is a female named "Lyla." The sex of "Jillie's" joey is still unknown. Next time you visit the zoo, go to the new wallaby viewing station and enjoy watching these fascinating animals. While "Lyla" is now visible most of the time, the younger joey is still in its mother's protective pouch.

Special Events

Safari Nights

Every Friday Night in June, July & August

5:30 to 8 pm

The zoo comes alive at night! Join us for food, family fun and furry friends every Friday night in June, July and August from 5:30 to 8:00 pm for the wildest time anywhere! Each evening will offer live entertainment (acts will vary every night), children's games and crafts in our Nature Workshops, special up-close animal encounters, interactive wildlife shows, complimentary carousel rides, and delicious menu options from the Tropics Café.

Discounted admission rates apply:

environment. Please pass it along to friends and family. Go Green!

- Members:
 - Adults: \$5.85
 - Children (3-12): Free
 - Children Under 3
- Non-Members:
 - Members: \$9.95
 - Children (3-12): \$5.95
 - Children Under 3: Free

June's Safari Nights have been generously sponsored by Waste Management, the nation's leader in recycling. For more information regarding Waste Management's programs, please visit them online at www.wm.com.



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