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June & July 2010

# PALM BEACH ZOO Bytes

## The Palm Beach Zoo is now the Land of "Oz"

On June 25th, the new koala exhibit will officially open during Zoo Safari Night (5:30 to 8 p.m.) The festive evening will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, live music in the fountain, animal encounters, interactive wildlife shows, children's games and crafts, and free carousel rides for all. Zookeepers will present conservation education talks throughout the day. There will also be giveaways from our friends from Waste Management, Chick-fil-A, and Build-a-Bear Workshop.

The koala exhibit is located on the west side of the zoo next to the Burmese python exhibit. It is designed with three indoor areas and two outdoor areas, one being very large. All exhibits have perches made of eucalyptus trees for "Oz's" comfort. He will have access to the outdoor yards during cooler periods of the day and access to his climate controlled indoor areas when it gets hot. He also gets to nibble on the three or four different species of eucalyptus leaves we offer him daily. "Oz" was quick to acclimate to his temporary home at the zoo's Salvatore M. Zeitlin Animal Hospital and is expected to thrive in his new exhibit.



Photo by: Jamie Konrady Phillips

We anticipate the arrival of a young (1 yr old) female to be paired with "Oz" for breeding. She will be arriving at the Palm Beach Zoo later this summer. Our zoo was chosen to participate in the Koala Species Survival Plan (SSP) by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). This decision is a tribute to the quality of care and the expertise of the staff at the Palm Beach Zoo. Participation in SSPs is a key component of the zoo's conservation initiative.



## Golden Lion Tamarin Twins

The Palm Beach Zoo welcomed endangered golden lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) twins on May 22, 2010. This recent birth comes as result of a breeding recommendation from the Golden Lion Tamarin Species Survival Plan (SSP) of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

These adorable twins are the first offspring born at the Palm Beach Zoo to proud parents "Gilda Rose" who arrived at the Palm Beach Zoo in June 2009 from the Bronx Zoo in Bronx, New York and "Jack" who arrived in September 2009 from the



Audubon Zoo in New Orleans, Louisiana. At the present time, the twins are nursing well and vocalizing. They are spending much of their time being held and carried by both parents. Family bonding and parental care are crucial factors in the development of this primate species. In the future, the twins will assist in the care of their future siblings so that they will one day be prepared for parenthood.



The golden lion tamarin (GLT) is an endangered species that resides in the Atlantic coastal forests of Brazil. Habitat loss and fragmentation has resulted in their endangered status and currently only 1,500 GLTs remain in the wild. Living a mostly arboreal life, these small, reddish-orange primates feed on insects, fruits and small reptiles and live in family groups of two to nine individuals.

The Palm Beach Zoo animal care staff has been successful in the breeding and care of this endangered species and is proud that this wonderful event marks the 13th and 14th births of golden lion tamarins at the Palm Beach Zoo!

## Zoo Camp 2010



Don't miss out on the wildest camp in town!  
Space is still available - [click here](#) and register today!

Where can your children go this summer and be WILD? Zoo camp of course! Each week the zoo offers children the opportunity to learn about the wild world of animals and science. Among 1,400 animals children experience age-appropriate themed programs including zoo keeping, behind-the-scenes visits, up-close animal encounters, interactive fountain time, hands-on science, games and crafts.

It's not too late to add a week of fun to your child's summer. Camp registration remains open through August. For prices and registration information [click here](#).

## "Maya's" Medical Exam

### 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 Shops. Call today for more information and get your FREE behind the scenes tour.

Become a Member:



"Maya" has been a healthy active jaguar cub and celebrated her first birthday in October 2009. Her wellness exam was scheduled to update her vaccinations and gather baseline information on her health status. "Maya" was trained to enter a "hugger" or squeeze cage that permits the veterinarian to administer the anesthetic drugs by hand. After a few minutes, "Maya" became anesthetized and then could be safely handled for her trip to the Salvatore M. Zeitlin Animal Hospital. Veterinary and animal care staff monitored her vital signs during the transport and throughout the procedure using state-of-the-art equipment.

Once reaching the Melvin J. and Claire Levine Animal Care Complex, she was weighed, and had a complete nose-to-tail physical examination. Blood and other samples were collected to be analyzed in the zoo's laboratory and stored for future research. Radiographs (X-rays) were taken to evaluate her internal organs and serve as a reference for future exams.

The Palm Beach Zoo's hospital uses digital technology to enhance and store images that may be sent to other facilities or consultants for sharing information. "Maya" also had her teeth cleaned to prevent problems such as gingivitis and tooth damage. After all procedures were completed, "Maya" was transported back to her bedroom area and given antidotes to speed up her recovery from anesthesia.

Routine exams of zoo animals provide an opportunity to thoroughly assess health status, update any preventive procedures such as vaccination and dental cleaning, and detect early problems that may need dietary, medical, or surgical intervention. This is also an opportunity to collect information to improve our knowledge and advance conservation of this species.

## Winter in July

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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 environment. Please pass it along

Saturday & Sunday, 10th & 11th

It's snowing at the Palm Beach Zoo! That's right - it's snowing. Bring your mittens and dive into 40 tons of fresh snow at the "coolest" event of the year! "Winter in July" was created to educate the children of our community about the importance of



sun safety while providing them the opportunity to experience the wonders of winter without leaving South Florida. The day's events will also include an avalanche of fun things to do:

- Enjoy non-stop children's entertainment and animal encounters
- Sit back and relax in the Florida Pioneer House as you listen to arctic-themed stories
- Go "ice-fishing" to see what prizes you can reel in
- Meet the one-and-only "Snow Queen"

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

## 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:

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

to friends and family. Go Green!

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](http://www.wm.com).



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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