

Special Events: 4th Annual Ball of the Wild, Radio Disney Birthday Bash

TOUCAN TALK

January - February 2003

Cheetah
Ambassadors

Adopt
an Animal

Helping
Species
Survive

Miami Metrozoo takes flight!
The Wings of Asia

LOOK

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO



Birth:
Greater kudu

BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

- 1 Male black duikerOct. 02
- 1 South American red-footed tortoise*Aug. 23
- 3 East African crowned cranes*Aug. 14, 26, 27



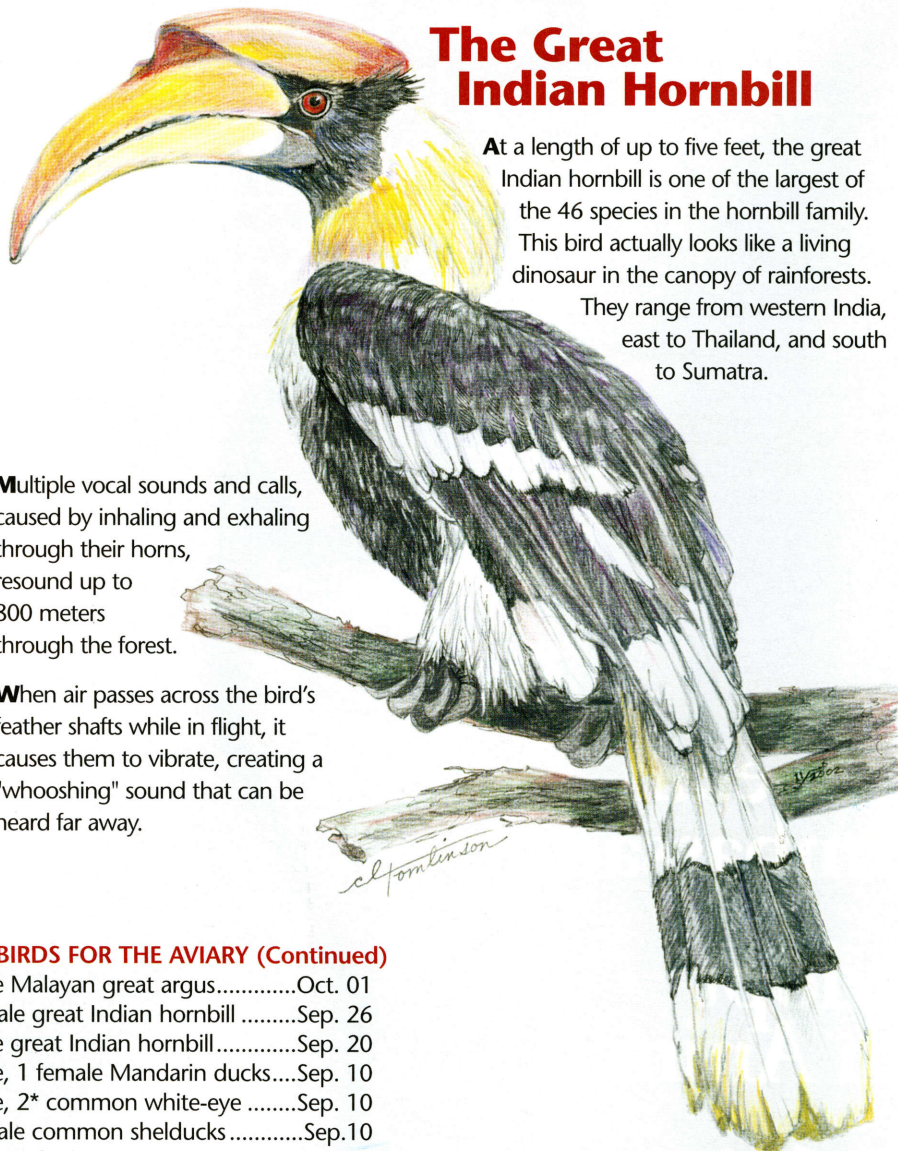
Acquisition:
Kori bustard

ACQUISITIONS

- 1 Male Marabou storkOct. 03
- 1 Female Grant's zebraOct. 02
- 1 Male, 1 female red-tailed laughing thrushesOct. 01
- 1 West African lungfish*Sep. 11
- 3 Male, 3 female ringed teal ducksSep. 10
- 1 Male, 1 female Kori bustardsSep. 05
- 2 Female Burmese black tortoisesAug. 21

NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY

- 1 Black-naped oriole*Oct. 08
- 1 Female red-billed malkohaOct. 03
- 1 Male chestnut-breasted malkohaOct. 03



The Great Indian Hornbill

At a length of up to five feet, the great Indian hornbill is one of the largest of the 46 species in the hornbill family. This bird actually looks like a living dinosaur in the canopy of rainforests.

They range from western India, east to Thailand, and south to Sumatra.

Multiple vocal sounds and calls, caused by inhaling and exhaling through their horns, resound up to 800 meters through the forest.

When air passes across the bird's feather shafts while in flight, it causes them to vibrate, creating a "whooshing" sound that can be heard far away.

NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY (Continued)

- 1 Male Malayan great argusOct. 01
- 1 Female great Indian hornbillSep. 26
- 1 Male great Indian hornbillSep. 20
- 5 Male, 1 female Mandarin ducksSep. 10
- 1 Male, 2* common white-eyeSep. 10
- 3 Female common shelducksSep. 10
- 1 Weber's lorikeet*Sep. 04
- 5 Dusky lories*Sep. 04
- 2 Black-capped lories*Sep. 04
- 1 Female red-flanked lorikeetSep. 04
- 3 Streaked lories*Sep. 04
- 3 Lories*Sep. 04
- 3 Male, 3 female gaudy red-throated barbetsAug. 27
- 3 Male, 3 female blue-tailed trogonAug. 27
- 1 Male, 2 female Forster's imperial pigeonsAug. 26
- 1 Male red-knobbed (Island) hornbillAug. 20

* Gender undetermined



Aviary:
Common white-eye

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On the Cover:

Characterized by a very slender build, small head, small spots, and black tear lines down its cheeks, the cheetah is an endangered species with less than 15,000 believed to be left in the wild.

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Message from the President



Dear Friends,

Miami Metrozoo is taking flight! The American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia*, is nearing substantial completion.

As I write this, the netting for the free flight area is being installed and two-thirds of the birds are already at the Zoo. As soon as the netting is in place, trees will be planted. If the birds cooperate with their acclimation to their new home, the grand opening will be Spring, 2003.

The excitement builds for our supporters who give so graciously to the ZSF and Miami Metrozoo education and conservation programs. This year's white tie, 1930s-themed *Ball of the Wild* celebrates the opening of the Aviary, which is the first phase of the Zoo's master plan. *Ball of the Wild* is fast becoming the premiere social event in South Florida and is the most important fundraising event for the Zoo. Members and Zoo friends are encouraged to participate by purchasing a table, donating to the silent and live auctions and through sponsorships. If you would like to participate, please contact Debbie Mucarsel at (305) 255-5551, ext. 117.

As you plan your personal and business parties and meetings, please consider Miami Metrozoo as the venue. Special events at the

Zoo are long remembered and very popular. The Zoo is a great place for birthday and anniversary parties, corporate annual cocktail and dinner parties, weddings and education meetings. Whatever the occasion, Miami Metrozoo provides a unique backdrop for your special event. For more information call (305) 251-0400, ext. 230

Your support of Miami Metrozoo is highly appreciated. If you haven't been to the Zoo in a while, be sure to take advantage of the special events planned for your enjoyment. Please help us share the fun and excitement by telling all your relatives, friends and business associates about the best zoo in the United States - Miami Metrozoo!

Jennifer B. Getz

President,
Zoological Society of Florida

Jennifer B. Getz, President

Jennifer B. Getz, Samuel Getz Private Jewelers and Designers, has been an ardent supporter and activist on behalf of the ZSF and Miami Metrozoo for over a decade. She was a leader in creating and promoting *Feast With The Beast* and *Ball of the Wild*, the Society's largest annual fundraisers. Not only is Jennifer an active supporter, she gets her friends and business colleagues involved as well! In addition to chairing the Society's largest event in 2001, Jennifer co-chaired the *Ball of the Wild* Public Relations Committee in 2002.



"During my involvement over the last several years, I have been inspired by the time and passion that is at work behind the running of Miami Metrozoo," said Jennifer. "The partnership between the staff of the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo and local government continues to flourish, thanks to visionary leadership. The excitement is contagious as Miami Metrozoo's dreams take flight with the on-going development of the master plan. Every day tourists from all over the world discover why Miami Metrozoo is ranked one of the country's top ten zoos."

Welcome to our new board members



James C. Hartenstein joined Wendy's International in 1998 as Regional Vice President - Latin America and the Caribbean. He manages

a team of franchise support specialists, including experts in Operations, Marketing, Training, Engineering, Supply Chain Management and Development.



Barry E. Johnson, AT&T. Mr. Johnson is vice president of corporate affairs for AT&T's Florida operations. With 24 years of service to AT&T, he is responsible for

the company's corporate representation in Florida. Mr. Johnson serves as president of the Perrine-Cutler Ridge Council and actively serves on many Boards.



Dr. Miguel A. Núñez, is founder and CEO of Green Cross, Inc. and Green Cross Health Systems, Inc., providing mental health services and primary care

services to the community. Dr. Núñez is a supporter of various charities including the United Way, The Archbishop's Charities and Development (ABCD), Vision 2000, Big Brothers & Big Sisters and serves on the Board of Directors of Miami Behavioral Health Center (a Non-profit Community Mental Health Center).

300 exotic and rare Asian birds
will soon make their home at the American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia*.

Many have already arrived...

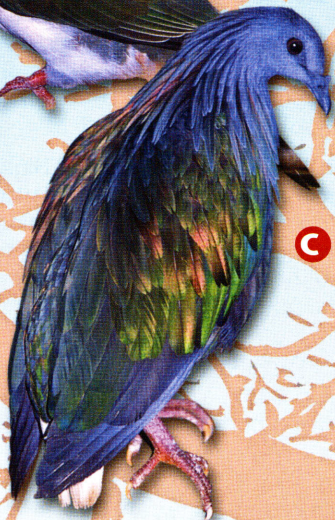
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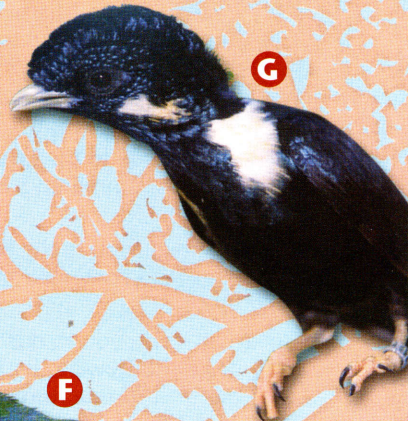
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- D Sulawesi Collared Mynah
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- I Bornean Crested Fireback
- J Blue-crowned Pigeon

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Thank You!

Many thanks to our 200 guests who began the countdown for Miami Metrozoo's hugely popular annual fundraiser, *Ball of the Wild*, with the Miami debut of *The World of ResidenSea*. We are especially grateful to **Philip Freedman**, SVP with **ResidenSea**, the evening's host and **Udo Hamm**, executive director of **UBS**, co-sponsor.

A warm thank you to the **Emma L. Staley Foundation** for its support of our community's inner-city children.

A genuine thank you to the **Harry Kramer Memorial Fund** for its generous and continued support of ZSF and Miami Metrozoo.

A great big thank you to our wonderful sponsors for this year's wildly successful Howling Bash: Primary Sponsor: **Chivas Regal**; Cash Sponsors: **Beauchamp Construction, Robert Slater, SESCO Lighting**; In-Kind Sponsors: **Anheuser-Busch, Broadcast Quality, Cafe LaLlave, Hooters, T.G.I. Friday's, We're Having a Party, MThree, Steve Marcus, Cheeca Lodge & Spa, Ocean Reef Club, The Biltmore Hotel, The Ritz Carlton**. Special thanks to those who worked so hard to make it all happen: Committee Chair: **Valerie Quemada**; Committee: **David Hatton, Sean Kramer, Guillermo Levy, Erik Lopez, Miguel Núñez, Robert Powell, Heather Reardon, Randee Rodgers** and **Rosina Villavicencio**.

Thank you to the following friends who donated items for this year's very successful MetroBOO! **A Party With Us, Actor's Playhouse, American Butterfly, Anpesil of Florida, Inc., ASAP Popcorn, Burger King, Clothing Warehouse, Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Street Crew, Florida Marlins, Miami Dolphins, 97.3 FM The Coast** and **Winn-Dixie**.

Many thanks to the **North Dade Medical Foundation, Inc.** for its commitment to ZSF's programs for our community's children.

Thank you to the **Ocean Reef Community Foundation** for its annual support.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the **Paul and Maxine Frohring Foundation** for its generous support of our educational programs.

A big Thank you to **Publix Super Market Charities** for supporting the Jurassic Park exhibit and to **Maria Rodamis** for making it happen.

Miami-Metrozoo thanks three scouts for their efforts and commitment to their scout projects on behalf of the Zoo.

Christopher Herrera, a freshman at Miami Lakes High School and working on a Life Project for **Troop #334**, brought 25 family, friends, and classmates to clear out weeds around trees planted along the Zoo's entrance road by a previous Eagle Scout project spearheaded by Robbie Greene of the same troop in 2001.

Jared T. Cadogan, a freshman at Palmetto High School and an Eagle Scout in **Troop #260**, coordinated the planting of 200 trees around the Zoo's southwest lake and behind the eland and gemsbok paddocks. Jared's project planted 150 bald cypress trees supplied to the Zoo through the **National Tree Trust** and originally potted during a prior Eagle Scout project.

Drew Goldberg, 11th grader at Gulliver Preparatory and an Eagle Scout in **Troop #457**, along with 87 volunteers planted 150 trees and painted a portion of the Zoo's monorail maintenance facility.

You're great friends to have!



ARE MODERN BIRDS LIVING DINOSAURS?

When studying the fossilized bones of extinct animals, scientists look for similarities. The more similarities between the bones, the more closely related the animals probably are.

Scientists have seen many similarities between the bones of modern birds, reptiles, and dinosaurs. This has led them to believe that birds and reptiles share a common ancestor, and that modern birds are living dinosaurs.

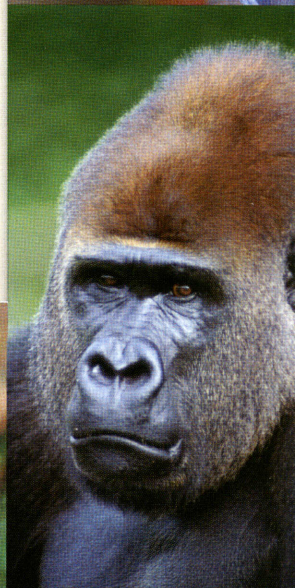
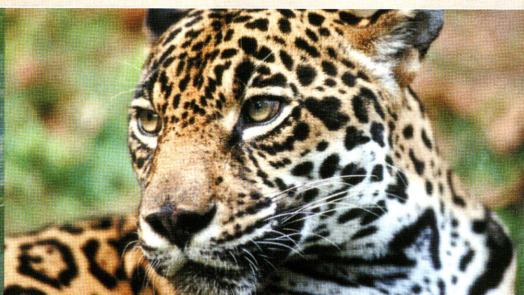


A Lasting Contribution

One of the simplest and most satisfying ways to make a lasting contribution to the wildlife we love is through a bequest in your will. Bequests are easy to arrange and help ensure the future of our Zoo. Many of us want to provide generously to the organizations we have come to care for, while at the same time providing for our loved ones. A bequest of any size can help shape the future of our Zoo and ensure its important work for generations to come.

A bequest can be specific, naming a particular dollar amount, or residual, naming a percentage of your estate, after other obligations have been met. Bequests can also differ in how they are used. Some are "unrestricted," used where the Zoological Society of Florida has the greatest need, and some are "restricted," used for a purpose stated by the donor, such as the care and feeding of the Koalas, for example. Such a gift can also be accomplished with the addition of a simple codicil to your will.

The Zoological Society of Florida offers free, confidential resources, including sample bequest language to share with your attorney, to anyone desiring to make a bequest to the Society. For additional information on bequests or other gift planning ideas, please contact Chip Roberts, Director of Development, Zoological Society of Florida, at **305-255-5551, ext. 118**.



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Helping species survive

By Steve Conners, Metrozoo's General Curator



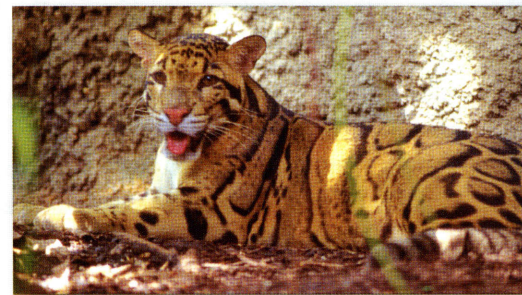
Education is critical to our mission, since people care about things they know and understand. A better understanding of how nature works and what kinds of consequences the impending man-caused mass extinction could have on the planet is reshaping the thinking of people and institutions around the world. Zoos have four main functions that help them fulfill their role as guardians of our wildlife:

- **CONSERVATION** - through responsible captive breeding and support of projects in species' natural habitats, zoos are working to prevent the extinction of many forms of wildlife.
- **EDUCATION** - often taking the form of "edutainment," informal programs promote awareness and stewardship of natural resources while making learning fun.
- **RESEARCH** - the more we know about our animals, the better we can care for and conserve them.
- **RECREATION** - as a fun, family destination we try to attract many visitors, spread our message and generate support for our programs.

In 1998, the Miami Metrozoo Conservation and Research Fund was established to promote efforts toward the conservation of wildlife and natural ecosystems worldwide. We support research that takes place in captive environments, education projects, habitat surveys and in-house projects. Twice a year Metrozoo receives about 15 proposals during each granting period. They come from other zoo professionals, university students and professors, wildlife rehabilitators, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and even from overseas.

To date Miami Metrozoo has granted over \$100,000 to projects directly involved in wildlife conservation; projects such as the: Clouded Leopard and Fishing Cat Breeding, Thailand; Rock Iguana Conservation, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Jamaica; Panamanian Golden Frog Conservation, Panama; Elephant Artificial Insemination Using Frozen Semen, U.S.; Komodo Dragon Conservation, Indonesia; and Research on Tapir and Rhinoceros Diets in Captivity, U.S. and in-house, just to name a few.

As you can see our fund supports a variety of projects in many places. In spite of some creative fundraising, there is never enough money to go around, and many good projects cannot be supported. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, simply make a check out to the Miami Metrozoo Conservation and Research Fund and mail it to the Zoological Society of Florida. One person does make a difference! Your support is greatly appreciated.



Inset top: An Indian rhino strolling the grounds.

Inset bottom: A clouded leopard rests in the shade.

Left: Super close-up of Indian rhino.

Thank you!



You're a great friend!

On behalf of all our furry, winged, and scaly friends at Miami Metrozoo, we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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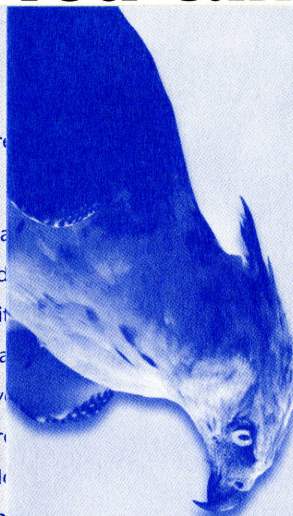
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Left: A Grevy's zebra peers into the camera.
 Right: A tree kangaroo and its joey nibble on tree branches.

You can help... Adopt an animal!

For many animals on the Endangered Species List, survival is a rare gift. You can give them that gift. Sponsoring an animal through Metrozoo's Adopt-An-Animal Program will help Metrozoo participate in conservation and preservation programs fighting for the survival of these species. Give the gift of survival and make a bold statement of your commitment to our planet's wildlife by sponsoring an animal in the Species Survival Program. It makes a wonderful gift for any animal lover, and everyone will take great pride in knowing they've done their part in saving these irreplaceable animals.

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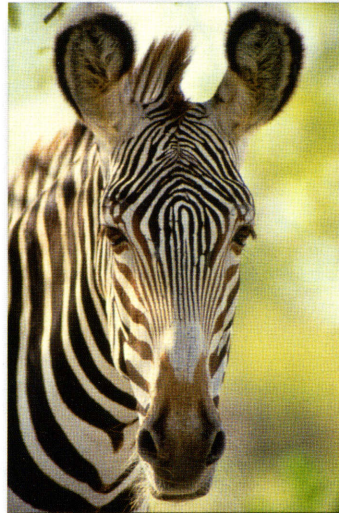


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American Zoo and Aquarium Association honors the best of the zoo and aquarium world.

The American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) was founded in 1924 and currently represents 209 accredited zoos and aquariums in North America. This year, Miami Metrozoo, as a member of the AZA, joins in marking the 20th anniversary of the AZA Species Survival Plan (SSP®). Metrozoo is proud to be participating in 41 AZA SSP programs.



The 2002 International Conservation Award

Miami Metrozoo, as a member of a coalition of 16 zoos, was honored to receive the prestigious 2002 *International Conservation Award* for cooperatively participating in the long-term Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program. The project aims to save the endangered Matschie's tree kangaroo and its habitat on the Huon Peninsula of Papua New Guinea.

The institutions participating in the Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program are: Calgary Zoological Society, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Gladys Porter Zoo, Kangaroo Conservation Center, Miami Metrozoo, Milwaukee County Zoo, Oregon Zoo, Philadelphia Zoo, Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, Roger Williams Park Zoo, San Antonio Zoo, Santa Fe Community Teaching College, Sedgwick County Zoo, Woodland Park Zoo and the Zoological Society of San Diego.

Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. AZA's mission is to support membership excellence in conservation, education, science and recreation.

AVIARY FUN FACTS

What's a wishbone for?

In songbirds, the wishbone stores energy on the downstroke of the wings and releases it on the upstroke. In ducks and some other birds, however, the wishbone is stiff and does not flex with the wings. It is curious that parrots and owls do not have wishbones, but they are still good fliers.

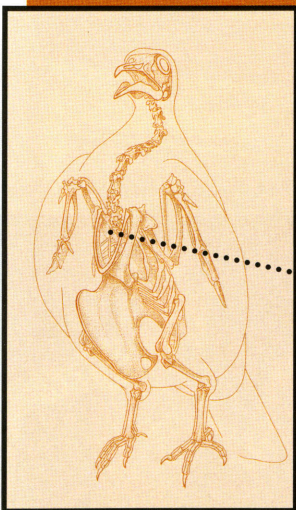


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(L-R): Debbie Koch, Michelle Garber / Nicole Moore, Lynn Woodard, Jamie Adams / Christy Levy, Debbie Mucarsel, Robert Powell, Carl Bosson, Guillermo Levy / Unidentified

The Wild Bunch

A Howling success at Miami Metrozoo

Young Zoo leaders partied wild style at the second annual Howling Bash. More than 250 people attended the “wildly” fun Halloween party, raising more than \$12,000 to benefit the education and conservation



Three Little Piggies: Jason Scully-Clemmons, Tony Bogorzelsai & Jeff Erickson won Best Costume prize.

programs of the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo.

Best costume prize was awarded to the three little

piggies and a weekend getaway to the Ritz Carlton of Key Biscayne was given to the “mating game” winner. The “Jungle Love” game has become a trademark of the Howling Bash: guests are given animal cards and need to find their mate with the matching card. Howling Bash was sponsored by Chivas Regal.

Join in the fun! The Wild Bunch is a group of young volunteer professionals supporting the work of Miami Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) by acting

as community advocates and goodwill ambassadors for wildlife and conservation. These young friends of the Zoo enjoy camaraderie and a common sense of mission by actively participating in projects, committees and events while financially supporting their work. Organizing members of the Wild Bunch are Guillermo Levy with Steel Hector & Davis LLP; Miguel Núñez with Green Cross Health Systems; Rosina Villavicencio with Herman Miller; Robert Powell with Steel Hector & Davis LLP; and Valerie Quemada with Muller & Lipson.

“I got involved in the Wild Bunch because I feel that this organization provides an alternative to traditional community service. The activities planned by the Wild Bunch are as productive as they are unconventional. As a young professional, it is important to me to serve my community while meeting interesting individuals.” — Guillermo Levy

Wild Bunch Membership is just \$250 a year. For more information on the Howling Bash or to join the Wild Bunch, call Debbie Mucarsel, ZSF Associate Director of Development for Corporate and Individual Giving at (305) 255-5551.

(L-R): Carter Parsely, Glenn Ekey, Diane Ekey, Anna Hudson / Eric Gast, Adele Morton, Tracy Hopkins & Dracula / Tristi Westbook, Brian Ferris, Jules Bock, Yvette Garcia / Helen Ortega



Experience the Wonders of Tropical America



For a **Limited Time Only!** This wildly popular indoor, air-conditioned exhibit showcasing the people, animals and plants of the Tropical American rainforest will only be on display from mid-January through mid-June, 2003. Embark on Miami Metrozoo's fun, interactive rainforest adventure, filled with spectacular images, peculiar aromas and mysterious sounds. Solve intriguing puzzles, examine unusual objects, encounter amazing animals, and discover the tremendous biodiversity of Tropical America.

By Gucci Sarno,
Education Specialist

Students' backpacks are loaded with sandwiches, water bottles and hats. Excited, anticipating the safari ahead, they board buses that take them to Miami Metrozoo. Once there they'll see beautiful wild animals from around the world, learn about their survival skills, favorite foods, status in the wild, and more!

Curious minds at work... it's Field Day at the Zoo!



Above: Students learn about animals through a variety of hands-on activities.

Below: Question and answer time in the classroom.

During the day, students visit outdoor animal exhibits and interact with knowledgeable zookeepers. Children can ask the keepers questions about their favorite animals! It's exciting to watch the tigers leap and pounce, competing for treats. Children learn about the natural behaviors and diets of these great cats through observation coupled with keeper talks. Stimulating the students' curiosity, the adventure continues with a narrated tram ride, presentations at the Amphitheater and Children's Zoo Ecology Theater.

Custom-design your trip to the Zoo.

When planning a field study at the Zoo, teachers can arrange a classroom presentation for their students. These presentations, designed by the Zoo's Education staff, are free of charge for Miami-Dade Public Schools. Animal skulls, skins, feathers, and bones are incorporated in the classroom presentations to illustrate topics corresponding to the schools' science curriculums. Topics include animal parenting behavior, bug characteristics, predator and prey adaptations, and careers at the Zoo. A guided tour of the current exhibit at Dr. Wilde's World is another great way for students to learn by immersing themselves in the scents, sounds and colors of the Tropical Americas.

Walking tours, guided by skilled Metrozoo docents, are tailored to grades 3 thru 12. Offered in the mornings, the walking tours cover topics such as animal characteristics, endangered species, and adaptations.

Teachers can learn at the Zoo, too!

To help educators provide students with an educational and enriching experience at the Zoo, the Zoological Society of Florida regularly holds teacher workshops. The workshops count for 10 master plan points toward the teacher's certificate, awarded by the Miami-Dade Public Schools' Teacher Education Center (TEC).

Educators may utilize animal characteristics, such as their height and weight, motion patterns and population density in the wild, to exercise problem solving in physical science and math.

Schedule a Trip To Miami Metrozoo

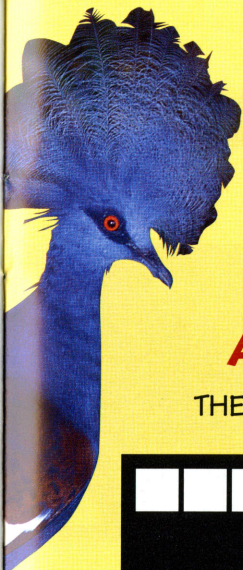
To schedule a field trip, please contact the Metrozoo Group Sales Department at (305) 251-0400. To receive a package with printed information and suggested activities, contact the Zoological Society Education Department, at (305) 255-5551.



PHOTOS: GUCCI SARNO

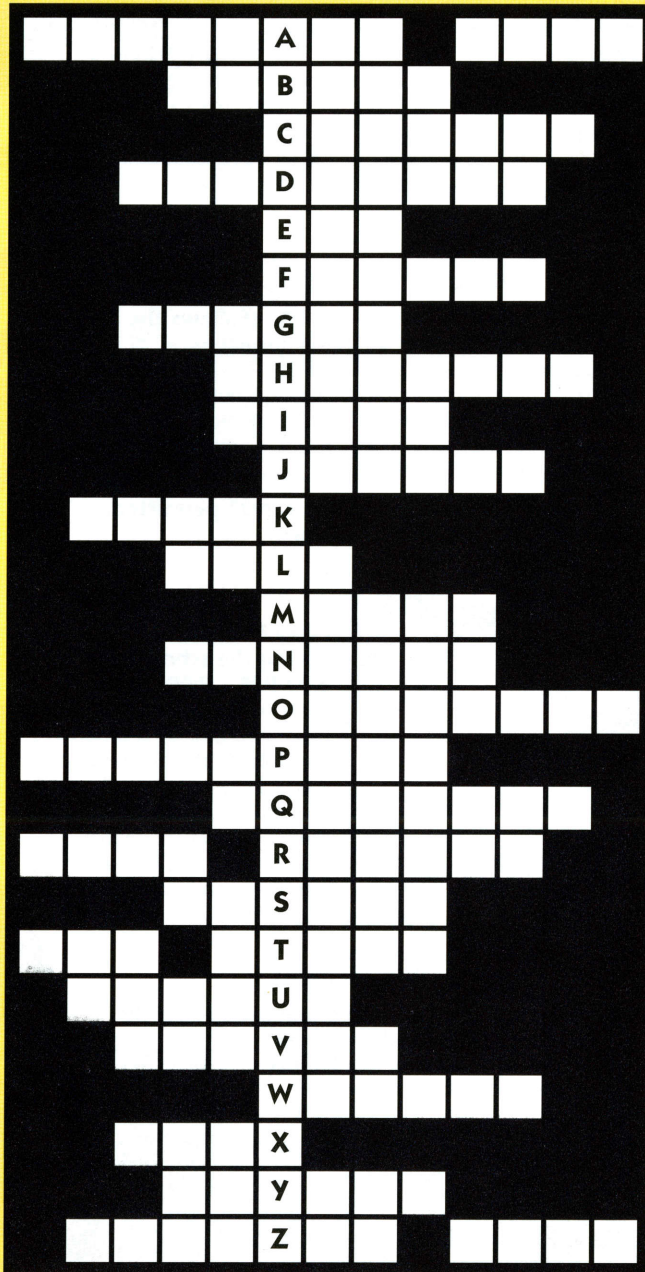
KIDZOODLE

FUN AND GAMES JUST FOR KIDS!



ABC CROSSWORDS

THEME: NORTH AMERICAN MAMMALS



USE THESE CLUES TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE.
(WORDS SPELL ACROSS ONLY)

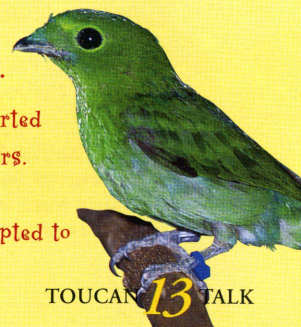
- A. Largest North Atlantic aquatic carnivore with flippers.
- B. Most common North American small feline with stubby tail.
- C. Related to European reindeer. Has branched antlers.
- D. Similar to a groundhog.
- E. Large Northern deer with very large antlers & slim legs.
- F. Very rare and endangered. Similar to a mink. Long narrow flexible body.
- G. A tough adversary. Wide, flat body. Digs burrows quickly.
- H. Hides food for winter. Known for distinctive chirp-like calls.
- I. Largest land animal in North America. Has horns & long shaggy hair.
- J. Biggest North American cat. Roars and has rosette spots. Texas & Mexico.
- K. Broad white stripes from head to tail. Emits powerful scent.
- L. Howls to unify or warn the pack. Strong family ties.
- M. Huge antlers. Largest deer in the world.
- N. Florida & Gulf shallow water aquatic mammal. Slow moving.
- O. Pretends to be dead. Marsupial with naked prehensile tail.
- P. An herbivore. Raises its quills as a defense.
- Q. Eats and stores seeds and nuts on the ground and in trees.
- R. Has long ears and furry tail. Moves in large leaps.
- S. Related to sheep and oxen. Has long shaggy hair. Lives in Tundra.
- T. Pacific Coast aquatic mammal. Has webbed feet & uses tools to EAT.
- U. North seas aquatic mammal with large tusks and hind flippers.
- V. Large rodent with flat paddle tail and webbed feet.
- W. Elongated supple furry bodies. Squeezes through small crannies.
- X. Characteristic ear tufts. Lives mostly in Northern Canada & Alaska.
- Y. Greyish fur. Preys on small ground mammals & has a characteristic howl.
- Z. Winter hibernation. Shaggy-furred large carnivore that catches salmon.

ANSWER KEY
 ABC'S OF NORTH AMERICAN MAMMALS
 A. ELEPHANT SEAL, B. BOBCAT, C. CARIBOU, D. WOODCHUCK,
 E. ELK, F. FERRET, G. BADGER, H. CHIPMUNK, I. BISON, J. JAGUAR,
 K. SKUNK, L. WOLF, M. MOOSE, N. MANATEE, O. OPPOSSUM,
 P. PORCUPINE, Q. SQUIRREL, R. JACK RABBIT, S. MUSKOX,
 T. SEA OTTER, U. WALRUS, V. BEAVER, W. WEASEL, X. LYNX,
 Y. COYOTE, Z. GRIZZLY BEAR

DID YOU KNOW?

There's an amazing variety of birds.

Ornithologists (scientists who study birds) have sorted the remarkable variety of bird species into 29 orders. Species within these orders share similar physical characteristics that evolved over time as birds adapted to their surroundings.



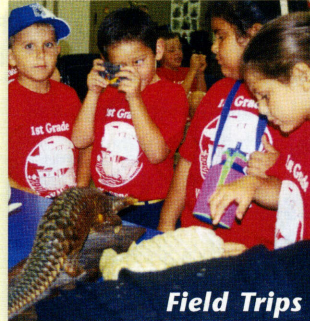
2003 EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Field Trip Classroom Program

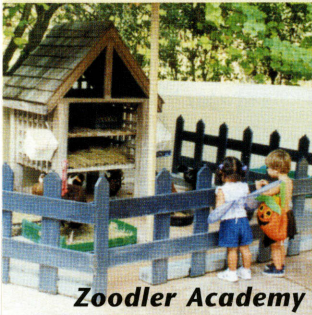
January thru June 2003

Free for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, grades K-12. For private schools and non-Dade County public schools, the cost is \$25.00 per class; maximum class size: 50 students.



Field Trips

Each classroom presentation is designed for specific grade levels. For information call: Education Department: 305-255-5551, Ext. 112 or 128



Zoodler Academy

To reserve a date/time, plus plan daytime activities at the Zoo, call: Group Sales Office: 305-251-0400, Ext. 246 or 230.

Zoodler Academy

January-February 2002-2003

Bring your toddler to our popular parent and child program for two. The Zoodler Academy provides a safe and friendly environment for children to meet animals and learn about nature. The program includes a story, craft project, touch table, and live animals.

TUESDAYS

2 to 3-Year-Olds: 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.

- January 07: Asia Will Amaze Ya!
- January 14: Bird Talk
- January 21: Dinner Time
- January 28: Animal Opposites
- February 04: Jungle Fever
- February 11: My Animal Valentine
- February 18: In Our Garden
- February 25: The Tortoise And The Hare

THURSDAYS

2 to 4-Year-Olds: 1:30 to 2:30 P.M.

3 to 4-Year-Olds: 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.

- January 9: Asia Will Amaze Ya!
- January 16: Bird Talk
- January 23: Dinner Time
- January 30: Animal Opposites
- February 6: Jungle Fever
- February 13: My Animal Valentine
- February 20: In Our Garden
- February 27: The Tortoise And The Hare

COST: Members: One Adult and One Child: \$13.00 per class; Additional Participants (Infant thru Adult): \$5.00 each per class.
Non-Members: One Adult and One Child: \$15.00 per class; Additional Participants (Infant thru Adult): \$6.00 each per class.
 Alumni of Zoodler Academy's 2001-2002 Season: \$2.00 discount per class.

Note: The Zoodler Program is for one adult and one child. Class sizes are limited and pre-registration is required. Additional participants must also pre-enroll in order to attend class. No refunds or credits for missed classes.

Wild Nights

PICK A DATE AND SIGN-UP NOW!

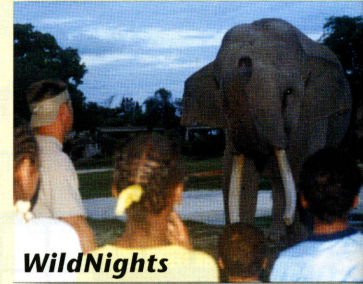
January 11 or February 1, 2003

6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

See wildlife by starlight! A behind-the-scenes guided walking tour takes you "up-close" to selected wildlife in their night quarters; pizza dinner included. For families, friends, individuals, neighbors, classmates and more. Limited to 30 participants. Adults and children ages six and older.

Special dates for private groups are available. Pre-registration is required.

COST: Members: \$22.00 each
Non-Members: \$28.00 each



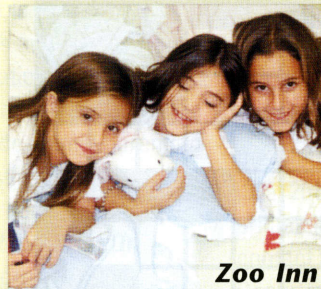
WildNights

Guided Tour: Pine Rockland Walk

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00 P.M. (Follows the 3:30 P.M. Keeper Talk at Galápagos Tortoise Exhibit)

Meet in front of the Koala Exhibit where the Zoo guide begins a 20-minute walking tour through the fascinating landscape of one of Miami's rare native pine rockland habitats. Learn about its regional geology, fire dependency and a variety of historic plants. Comfortable, sturdy walking shoes are recommended for the uneven terrain plus a hat and sunscreen.

FREE with Zoo admission. Smoking is NOT permitted. Participant minimum age is 13 years.



Zoo Inn

Zoo Inn

Every Friday and Saturday during the school year 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Bring your scout troop, youth group, biology class or adult group to spend the night! In this sleep-over program, You will have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo after dark and a morning activity or animal presentation. Zoo Inns are

available for adults and children six years of age and older. Price includes a T-shirt, badge, pizza party and continental breakfast.

COST: Members: \$42.00 per person
Non-members: \$48.00 per person

Minimum group size: 15 / Maximum group size: 30
Pre-registration is required. Program varies according to animal availability.

Educator's Day Teachers' Workshop

February 22, 2003

Introducing educators on how to use Metrozoo as an educational resource. Participants are awarded ten (10) Master Plan points toward their certification. To register, call the Teacher Education Center at 305-887-2002.



Teachers' Workshop

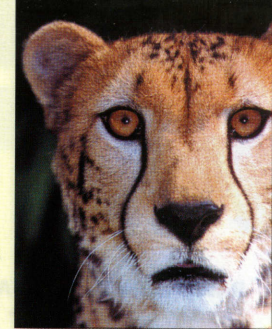
Spring Camp at Metrozoo

March 31 to April 4, 2003, Monday to Friday,

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Campers 4 to 11 years old / Early & After-Care Available

COST: Members: \$105.00 per child
Non-Members: \$124.00 per child



King George poses.



An afternoon stroll through the Zoo.

Cheetah Ambassador Program

By Ron Magill, Miami Metrozoo Goodwill Ambassador & Communications Director

Since the arrival of Metrozoo's first cheetah, a female named Savannah, in April of 1998, the Cheetah Ambassador Program has proven to be one of the most effective and memorable outreach programs the Zoo has ever created. In addition to Savannah, the program also features King George, a male king cheetah that arrived in April of 1999. Both of the cheetahs were born in captivity at the DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Center in South Africa.

Metrozoo's celebrity cheetahs have traveled to countless schools throughout South Florida, educating children about the wonders of nature in general and the natural history of the cheetah in particular. The reaction expressed on the faces of the children when they first see these magnificent animals face to face is priceless. There is no question that Savannah and King George are making an indelible imprint that will hopefully inspire this young generation, and generations after them, to embrace our world's wildlife with a better understanding of the important role it plays in all of our lives.

In addition to local school appearances, this award-winning program has traveled around the country helping to promote the plight of cheetahs. During their many travels, they have appeared on the David Letterman Show, CBS This Morning, as wildlife ambassadors at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Training Center in West Virginia, and at national fundraisers for the Cheetah Conservation Fund in New York City and Dallas, Texas, as well as for the Friends of Conservation with Jim Fowler in Chicago, IL. They have also been featured on many national and international wildlife television programs on the Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, and the National Geographic Channel. The Cheetah Ambassador Program has already raised thousands of dollars for the protection of cheetahs in Africa.

When not traveling off Zoo grounds, the cheetahs are featured in the "Wildlife Show" at Miami Metrozoo's Amphitheater at 12:00, 2:00, and 4:30 P.M. every day (weather permitting). Here, visitors can get an up-close look at these spectacular cats in a controlled environment as their trainers walk them through natural behaviors.

We are deeply appreciative of George Batchelor, a long-time benefactor and wonderful friend to both the ZSF and Miami Metrozoo for making it possible for us to acquire the magnificent cheetahs.

Below Left: Savannah in her New York hotel room / Middle: Amphitheater Supervisor Letty Jurado and Savannah were honored guests of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Department in West Virginia, / Right: Program founder Ron Magill and Cheetah Conservation Fund Director Laurie Marker join Fox News' John Scott for a national television appearance in New York



Cheetah Fact: Cheetahs are the world's fastest land mammals, capable of accelerating from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 4 seconds.

AT THE ZOO!

SEASONAL FUN FOR EVERYONE!



RADIO DISNEY BIRTHDAY BASH

Sunday, January 26th • 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Help us celebrate Radio Disney's 3rd Birthday Bash at Miami Metrozoo! You can have a blast with Pajama Jen and the Radio Disney Fun Squad as well as entertainment and Zoo prizes for their best party yet.

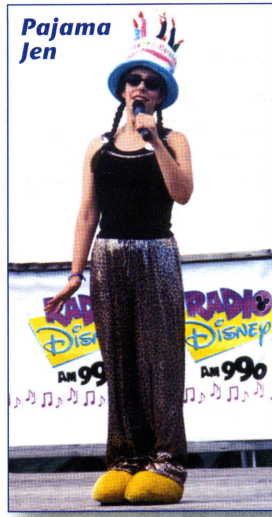
Party Goody Bags! The first 500 kids arriving at the party will get goody bags filled with cool stuff.

Live Performances! There will be live performances by musical acts & even a surprise guest!

Fun & Games! We'll have games, contests, music, rides, crafts, and tons of prizes!

Birthday Cake! That's right! What's a birthday party without a cake?

Get Ready to Party! Pajama Jen says, "It's hard to believe we're already celebrating our 3rd Birthday in South Florida! We hope to see you at our Birthday Bash!" You can call (305) 251-0400 for more information and directions or visit the Zoo's website at www.miamimetrozoo.com



Pajama Jen

BALL OF THE WILD: DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT!

Saturday, March 1, 7:30 P.M. - Midnight

Step back in time, somewhere around 1938..... The evening begins with classic cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and lively jazz.

The ZSF and Miami Metrozoo will be honoring former *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* **Jim Fowler** for his tireless service in promoting the conservation of our planet's wildlife.

Join the party on March 1, 2003 at Miami Metrozoo. Dress is Black Tie, White Jacket, Safari Chic. For more information on *Ball of the Wild*, visit the Zoo's website at www.miamimetrozoo.com or call Debbie Mucarsel at (305) 255-5551.

The money raised by *Ball of the Wild* will further the Zoo's education and conservation programs.

GUY HARVEY: ART AND THE ANIMAL

SAVE THIS DATE! Saturday, July 12

Mark your calendar to meet world-renowned artist Guy Harvey who will be speaking and signing works for a pre-opening celebration of Art and the Animal, the 42nd Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists.

Guy Harvey depicted Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* in a series of 44 pen & ink drawings.



Eye to Eye

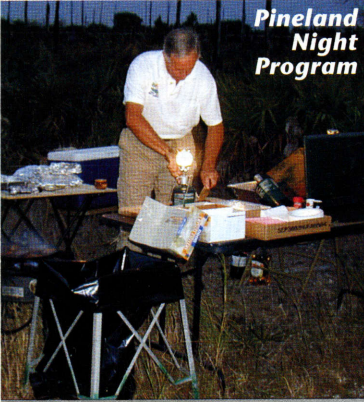
Pineland Night Program

VALENTINE'S DAY PINELAND NIGHT PROGRAM
Friday February 14, 5:00 P.M. sharp to 9:00 P.M. Adults only

Give a special valentine surprise to your nature lover! In the late afternoon we will hike into the rare pine rockland habitat, discover its ecology, and enjoy a gourmet snack. We'll gaze at the night sky and its nearly full moon with telescopes, make out the constellations above, and enjoy our bond with mother nature.

Cost: Members: \$17 per Adult
Non-members \$20 per Adult

Pre-registration is required! Call 305-255-5551, ext.123 to register or obtain information.



FREE KEYCHAIN OFFER at the Toucan Trader Gift Shop at the Zoo!



Zoo members receive a whimsical, eye-popping dolphin or turtle keychain. Limit one per family.
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