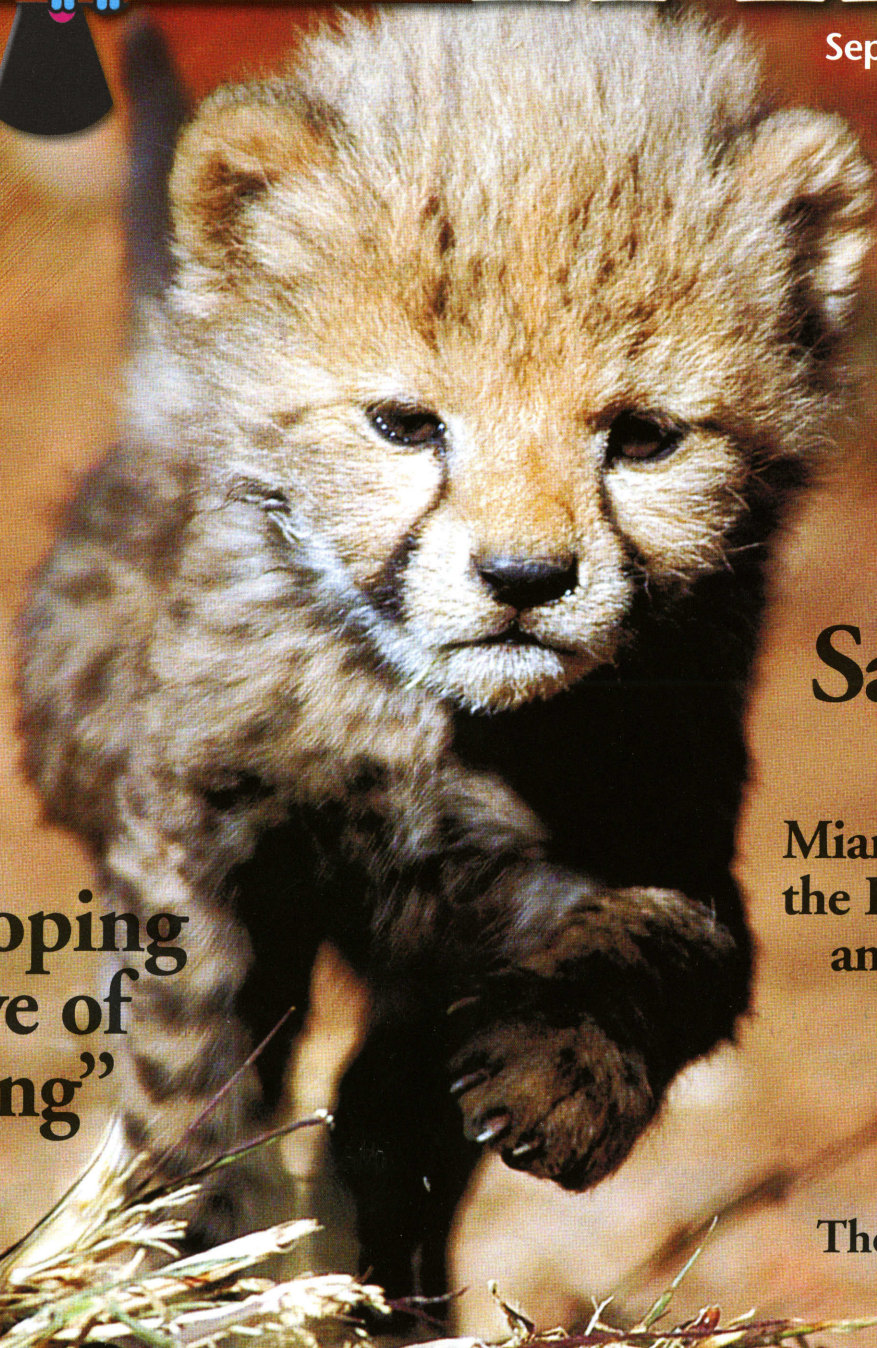


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# LOOK

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

### BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

1 Howler monkey*	August 02
(First birth of this species at Metrozoo)	August 03
1 Male reticulated giraffe	August 03
1 Howler monkey*	August 02
3 White-eyed ducks* (Aviary)	July 27
8 Banded rails* (Aviary)	July 20, 21
1 Bartlett's dove* (Aviary)	July 16
1 Male Grant's zebra	July 7
1 Female reticulated giraffe	July 7
1 Female dama gazelle	July 3
2 Grey peacock pheasants* (Aviary)	June 19
3 African spurred tortoises*	June 16, 19
2 Banded rail chicks* (Aviary)	June 16, 17
1 Pink-necked pigeon* (Aviary)	June 16
2 Stanley cranes* (Nyala Exhibit)	June 15, 16
3 American Flamingos*	June 05, 06, 07
(eggs from Hialeah Race Track)	June 05, 06, 07
2 Male, 2 female North American ruddy ducks	May 28
1 Nicobar pigeon* (Aviary)	May 27
1 Female black-and-white colobus monkey	May 23
1 Pied imperial pigeon* (Aviary)	May 23
1 Radiated tortoise*	May 23
2 White-bellied storks* (Aviary)	May 16, 17

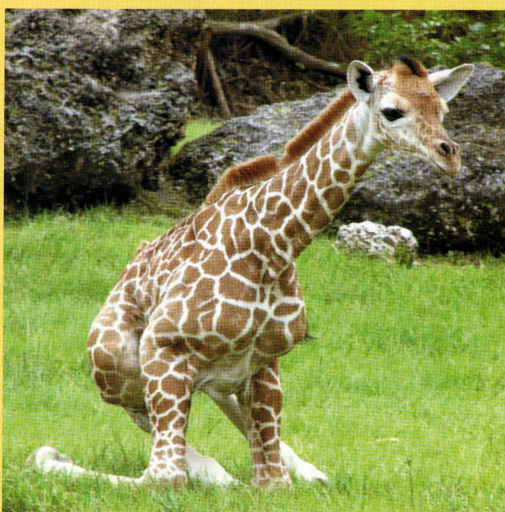
### ACQUISITIONS

1 Female Linne's two-toed sloth	June 14
1 Female black duiker	June 13
1 Female Kori bustard	May 15
1 Male, 1 female anoa	May 14

### NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY

2 Female woolly-necked storks	June 17
1 Male white-bellied stork	June 17
6 Yellow-faced mynahs*	June 05
1 Male, 1 female, 3* Liocichias	June 05
1 Male, 1 female, 3* white-spotted laughing thrushes	June 05
4 Chestnut-capped laughing thrushes*	June 05
4 White-crested laughing thrushes*	June 05
4 Malayan cochoas*	June 05
3 Blue-winged kookaburras*	June 05
1 Female, 3* Chestnut-breasted malkohas	June 05
1 Male, 1 female Edward's fig parrots	May 19
1 Male, 1 female Island hornbills	May 15
1 Female crested wood partridge	May 15
1 Female common shoveler duck	May 15
2 Pintail ducks*	May 15
1 Male, 1 female Indian whistling ducks	May 15

\* Gender undetermined



#### BIRTH:

Page Background Image: Petite Dusty weighed 88 pounds and stood only 5'2" at birth. At 25, her mom, Colleen, is the oldest giraffe at the Zoo.

Inset Image: Just hours old in this photo, the un-named male stood over 6' and weighed 182 pounds at birth and is the 32nd giraffe to be born at Miami Metrozoo. His mom, Kita, was also born at Miami Metrozoo in 1984. It's hard figuring out what to do with such long legs!

PHOTOS: GEORGINA SALUP



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Cheetah cubs stay with their mothers on average for 13-20 months before going out on their own. Next to the lion, they are the most sociable of the cats.

PHOTO: RON MAGILL



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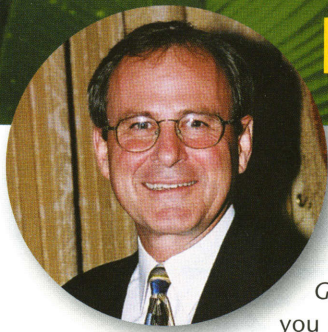
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# Message to Zoo Members



## Dear Friends,

If you haven't already seen the fabulous art exhibit, *The World of Guy Harvey and Art and the Animal*, you must do so quickly, as the exhibit in Dr. Wilde's World ends on Sunday, September

14. The original paintings, limited editions and sculptures are wonderful representations of some of the world's most beautiful wildlife, and many are for sale. The "Create" corner in the exhibit provides our visitors with an opportunity to be artists themselves. On the fun side of the exhibit is a 500-gallon saltwater fish aquarium provided by Exotic Aquariums and four original paintings by the Zoo's very own African elephant and orangutan!

Then be sure to come back on October 5th for the opening of yet another spectacular exhibit in Dr. Wilde's World, *Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats*. Explore the mysteries and myths of bats. This new exhibit requires five 40-foot-long tractor-trailers to transport the components and requires a week to install.

Why do cockroaches from Madagascar hiss? Why is the glass lizard not a snake when it doesn't have legs and feet and looks like a snake? Where is the poison in the poison dart frogs? These and many other questions you have will be answered when you visit ToadStool. This hands-on, interactive indoor, air-

conditioned exhibit enables you to touch and, in some cases, hold some very curious animals.

New to the Children's Zoo is Noel, a Linne's two-toed sloth we recently acquired from the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler, Texas. Noel was born on December 26, 1999 and was hand-raised. The volunteers will be handling Noel so you can get a close-up look at this slow-moving yet captivating animal.

Over the next several months we will be adding new birds to the American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia*, so be sure to visit the aviary often. The birds are settling in very well, and it's a joy to watch them fly throughout the aviary, and more so when they perch close by and sing for their visitors!

We're having a lot of fun bringing you unique exhibits to give you more reasons to keep returning to your Miami Metrozoo. Be sure and bring a friend the next time you visit!

**Glenn W. Ekey,**  
President & CEO  
Zoological Society of Florida

## Grand Opening: The World of Guy Harvey & Art and the Animal



L-R: Among the attendees at the Grand Opening Reception were Jennifer Getz, Pamela Garrison, R. Kirk Landon (Exhibit Sponsor), Guy Harvey, Diana Udell and Daniel Licciardi

The July 11 VIP Opening Reception was a huge success, and ever since, zoo visitors have nothing but rave reviews about this exceptional exhibit. This is one exhibit you won't want to miss!!



With photographers, media and a large crowd, Alice, the baby lowland gorilla, celebrated her first birthday in great style on June 22. Alice arrived at her party riding on her mother's (Fredericka's) back, while Daddy (JJ), six-year-old sister (Moka) and a second adult female ("Aunt" Josephine), were very much aware that something different was happening.

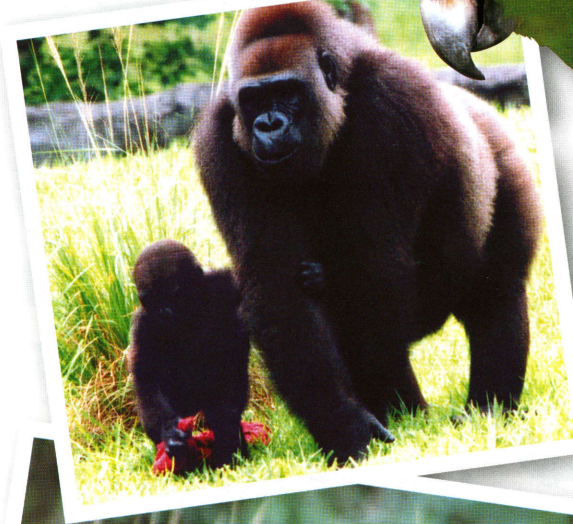
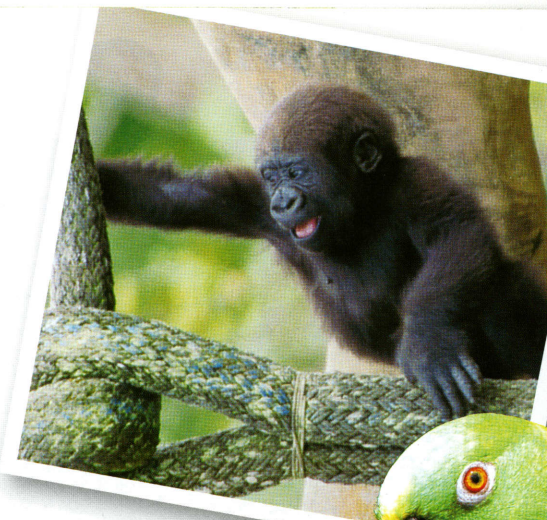
# Happy Birthday, Alice!

Contributed to by Georgina Salup, ZSF Member

Ron Magill, the Zoo's Good Will Ambassador, and Primate Zookeeper Crystal LeMaster assumed the role of co-masters of ceremony. It's next to impossible to upstage Ron Magill, but Baby, the Wildlife Show's yellow-naped Amazon parrot, did just that. Baby, kicked off the party by getting the crowd into the mood with her rendition of the musical scales. Then to the delight of all, Baby sang "Happy Birthday" to Alice.

Metrozoo's 4 to 5-year-old Summer Campers colored pictures and wrote "Happy Birthday" with non-toxic crayons on white edible butcher paper, and pasted the paper to five boxes with peanut butter. Zoo members Betsy Sue Singer, Derrick Singer and Georgina Salup filled the boxes with the gorillas' favorite fruits, sugar-free cookies and T-shirts.

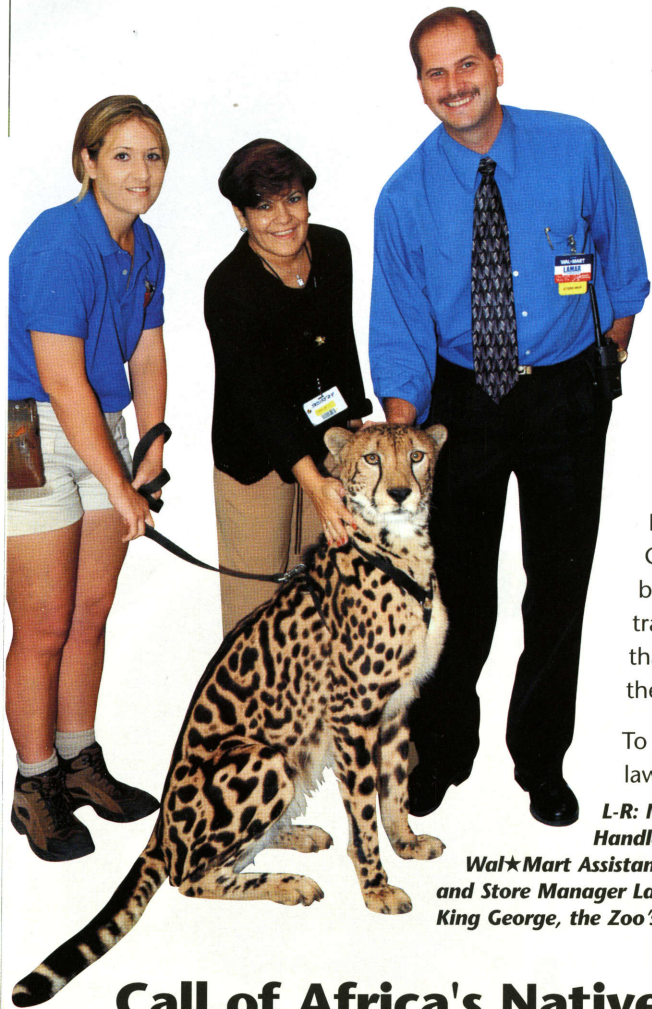
JJ and Moka clapped their hands and thumped their chests to demand frozen strawberries from Crystal; and when the gift boxes were thrown onto the exhibit, they rushed to grab as many of the goodies as they could. Licking the peanut butter from the gift paper was the best part of the treats! However, Alice brought cheers from the crowd when she discovered a red T-shirt and tried to put it over her head. By the excitement our gorillas showed, it was obvious they enjoyed the party as much as their fans did!



Counter-clockwise from lower left:  
A crowd watched the festivities; Alice arrived in grand-style;  
Alice (with present in tow) and mom greeted the crowd; Baby, the singing  
parrot; Alice played on the ropes and looked at the crowd for approval.

GORILLA PHOTOS: BARBARA CRUTCHFIELD AND GEORGINA SALUP  
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**L-R: Miami Metrozoo Animal Handler Susan Allen, Wal★Mart Assistant Manager Gladys Baez and Store Manager Lamar Thomas pose with King George, the Zoo's beautiful King Cheetah.**

## Wal★Mart provides valuable support to Miami Metrozoo

By Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador, Ron Magill

We are pleased to announce Wal★Mart Stores in Kendall and Florida City have recently awarded grants and merchandise to Miami Metrozoo as part of their ongoing commitment to the community and Metrozoo's conservation efforts. After initiating talks with the Kendall store's Assistant Manager, Mr. Ernesto Lopez, Jr., a more formal meeting was set up with Assistant Manager Gladys Baez and Store Manager Lamar Thomas. Mr. Thomas and his management team made an ongoing commitment to provide items required by Zoo staff to perform day-to-day routines.

In addition, the staff at the Kendall Store recommended Metrozoo to the Florida City Superstore as a worthy recipient of additional support. I made presentations to both facilities accompanied by King George, our beautiful King Cheetah and his trainers, Susan Allen and Jennifer Nelson. The presentations were so well received that each store provided grants to be used for the purchase of needed supplies and the support of the Cheetah Ambassador Program.

To date, the Kendall Store has provided a wide variety of supplies ranging from a lawnmower and pressure cleaner, to countless plants and gardening supplies. The Florida City Store has also jumped on board to do the same in the future. These supplies are being put to very good use, and Metrozoo is extremely appreciative of Wal★Marts exceptional generosity!

PHOTO: RON MAGILL

## Call of Africa's Native Visions Gallery sponsors fundraiser for Metrozoo

By Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador, Ron Magill

Although Metrozoo is committed to providing a wonderful and educational experience for its visitors by providing an outstanding venue to observe and appreciate wildlife, it is also committed to protecting that wildlife in the habitat where it naturally occurs.

Recently ZSF Board Member Harvey Weinstien brought representatives from the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy to Metrozoo. The Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is world renown for its ongoing, precedent-setting efforts to preserve and expand the wealth of wildlife and culture in Northern Kenya. I can say without hesitation that the dedicated representatives from the Conservancy well serve as a role model for conservation efforts worldwide as I have been there several times myself and have had the opportunity to work side by side with some of the staff. Their visit to Metrozoo was an effort to secure additional funding for ongoing projects in Kenya.

To raise the funds, I contacted Patrick Pullin of the Call of Africa's Native Visions Gallery. Patrick and his partner Ross Parker immediately volunteered to have a fundraiser at their world-class art gallery to benefit the Zoo's efforts to help Lewa. The event was an art preview featuring critically acclaimed African wildlife artist Kim Donaldson. Mr. Donaldson's work is world renown and provides unforgettable windows into the African wild.

As part of the event, Mr. Donaldson agreed to paint a portrait of King George, Metrozoo's stunning King Cheetah, and the painting was auctioned off to benefit the Zoo. The evening was a tremendous success with nearly \$10,000 raised for the Lewa

Conservancy. This money will be used by Lewa to provide small business loans to women in the wildlife conservancy areas of Northern Kenya to help them live with wildlife and help them better appreciate it.

In addition to the fundraiser, Call of Africa's Native Visions Gallery has donated several valuable pieces to Metrozoo to be featured at future events as fundraising items. Patrick and Ross are good friends of Metrozoo and wildlife, and we extend to them our sincere appreciation.



**L-R: Metrozoo Director Eric Stephens, African Wildlife Artist Kim Donaldson, Metrozoo Goodwill Ambassador Ron Magill, and Kim Donaldson's painting of King George**

PHOTO: COURTESY CALL OF AFRICA'S NATIVE VISIONS GALLERY



# Some can't **hear** the roar of a lion or tiger. Some can't **see** the beauty of an Emerald Tree Boa...

...But for a group of 84 physically, mentally and emotionally challenged children at Miami's Citrus Grove Occupational Training Center, Miami Metrozoo came to life in May during four memorable outreach educational encounters made possible by a grant from the Dade Community Foundation.

Special Touches for Exceptional Children is a unique, hands-on outreach educational program that was conceived of and designed completely by Zoological Society of Florida volunteers and Nora Robbins, ZSF Manager of Volunteer Services, to meet the special needs of multiple-handicapped students attending the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Occupational Training Centers (OTC) for middle schools. The Special Touches curriculum was developed to follow the guidelines for special programs for autistic children in public schools, created by Dr. Arlene Lowenstein, Ph.D. for and with the help of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Dr. Lowenstein emphasized the need for a structured environment that provides a feeling of security and safety for the children.

Students attending these special education centers are encumbered with special needs reflecting the full range of acute and chronic illnesses, learning disabilities, and physical, cognitive and emotional deficits. Unfortunately, these special children are unable to accompany other schoolchildren on field trips, and children with severe autism have behaviors that often prevent them from participating in school programs brought to their own schools.

Special Touches took some of the Zoo's smallest and cutest animals to the exceptional children's center and provided a level of enrichment they rarely experience. The children were offered a hands-on encounter with a ferret, hedgehog, box turtle, ball python and bearded dragon – animals that served as living illustrations of the two components of the program – mammals and reptiles. An impressive collection of animal artifacts helped to reinforce the underlying animal appreciation and conservation message.

Sporting tiger and alligator costumes, the ZSF cast put on skits that not only brought smiles to the children's faces, but brought those that physically could to their feet in song and laughter through rap songs. Some even found the courage to touch the live animals.

"... All of our students participated, and we all appreciated the Mammals and Reptiles materials. We cut, painted, colored, and consumed our way through everything, and all the students loved the presentations. Your [ZSF] hard work to make this a hands-on experience worked beautifully, as did the thought and presentation of all of the materials. Our students truly understood what you were trying to get across, and the follow-up activities allowed for the experience to go on into their own hands. You did it all – visual (which is our students' strength!) and all the other modalities as well..." – Vicki Pollard, MSW; ESE Teacher, Profound; Secondary Autism Programs/Citrus Grove OTC.

Donna Whelan, ESE teacher at Citrus Grove OTC said, "One of our students, who had been afraid of a stray dog which wandered by the classroom, was confident enough to touch the animals, including the snake, because the presenters instilled confidence through their teaching."

After completing the program, students were given a "post-visit test". The majority of the children were able to identify some of the mammal and reptile characteristics they had learned. One of the students picked up the test and completed it entirely on her own - her answers were 100% correct!



## Special Touches

By Ron Stayon, Associate Director of Development

### ZSF Volunteers involved in creating Special Touches:

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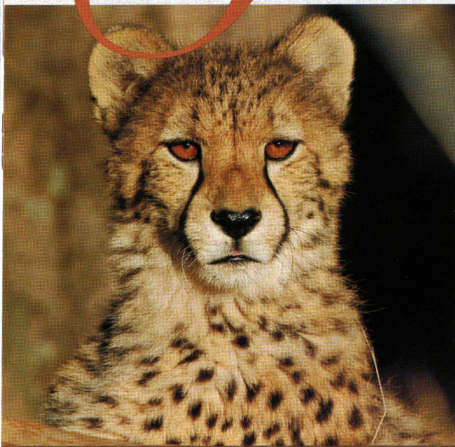
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With less than 500 free roaming wild cheetahs in South Africa, the species is at a critical point in its struggle for survival. Considered by farmers as vermin and a threat to their livestock and the wild game on their farms, they have been indiscriminately killed for many years.

# Saving the Cheetah in South Africa

By Ron Magill, Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador



*The proud and distinguished look of an alert young cheetah at sunrise in South Africa.*

The De Wildt Cheetah and Wildlife Center (birthplace of Metrozoo's two cheetahs, Savannah and King George), is considered an icon for cheetah captive management and breeding.

Over the years, more than 600 cheetahs have been born there making it the premier breeding facility in the world.

In an effort to reduce the killing of cheetahs by farmers, De Wildt's founder and director, Ms. Ann Van Dyk, spearheaded the development of the precedent-setting De Wildt Wild Cheetah Project. The goal of this project is to develop relationships with farmers and convince them to allow the trapping of problem cheetahs so that they can be relocated to protected areas. In the process, farmers are educated about cheetahs and made to realize that more common predators such as leopards, hyenas, and caracals in fact make many kills that they associate with cheetahs.

Although the challenges are many, the project is experiencing significant success with several cheetahs already successfully trapped and relocated. Some cheetahs in the program are implanted with radio transponders and are monitored carefully from the ground, and in the air using a special micro-light aircraft, to learn as much as possible about their range and behavior.

Through the efforts of Metrozoo's Cheetah Ambassador Program, significant fundraising efforts by school children from Gulliver Academy Lower School and George Washington Carver Middle School, and the support of an anonymous donor, Metrozoo has provided over \$40,000 in direct aid to the De Wildt Cheetah and Wildlife Center and the De Wildt Wild Cheetah Project. It is part of our commitment to protect these remarkable and beautiful animals in the wild areas from which they originate for generations to come.

*If you would like a Metrozoo cheetah to visit your school or facility as part of a fundraiser for cheetah conservation, please contact Ron Magill at 305-251-0400, ext. 224.*



*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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Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Prescribed Medications \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Your signature below gives permission to Camp staff to dispense only required medications you send with your child. Please provide the prescribed container, paraphernalia necessary for taking medications, and explicit instructions on a separate sheet of paper.)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## NAME OF PERSON(S) WHO WILL PICK UP THE CHILD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Second name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

For reservations, call 305-255-5551 and mail registration form to  
**Zoological Society of Florida/Education Department,**  
12400 SW 152 St, Miami, FL 33177-1499 or fax to 305-255-7126





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1. DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Center Director Ann Van Dyk and Metrozoo's Ron Magill with captive-born cheetahs in South Africa.

2. DeWildt veterinarian, Dr. Peter Caldwell examines a sedated wild cheetah.

3. A wild cheetah, implanted with a radio transponder is spotted in the bush.

4. Introducing three of the forty-eight cheetahs born at the Center this year.

5. Radio tracking wild cheetahs.

6. Flying a micro-light aircraft to study wild cheetahs from the air.

7. Loading a sedated wild cheetah for relocation to a protected reserve in South Africa.



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# Thank You!

**The Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo extend a sincere Thank You to all our supporters and benefactors. Your financial support of our education and conservation programs is deeply appreciated. You are indeed wonderful friends!**

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## FORGIVE OUR ERROR!

In our last issue (July/Augus), we inadvertently thanked Publix Super Markets, Inc. We apologize for this oversight and wish to correctly thank Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc for supporting Miami Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida.



## Certify your backyard habitat

The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. This program is designed to help people restore a wildlife habitat in their yards, gardens, and throughout the community by providing food, water, cover, places to raise young, restoring native plants, and using chemical-free gardening practices.

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) recognizes these wildlife oases by certifying them as Backyard Wildlife Habitat sites. Once certified, participants get a certificate with a unique habitat number, a subscription to the NWF newsletter filled with wildlife tips and projects, and are added to NWF's national registry of habitats. Participants are also eligible to post a Backyard Wildlife Habitat sign outside in their habitats.

NWF is able to provide public facilities or educators with free copies of its information booklet and an application for certification for distribution.

**You can certify your habitat in two ways: online and by mail.**

For online certification, go to:

<[http://www.enature.com/backyardwildlife/nwf\\_bwh\\_home.asp](http://www.enature.com/backyardwildlife/nwf_bwh_home.asp)>

You can also print out a paper application to mail in from this same site, or you can call 800-822-9919 to have an application mailed to you.



*Photos of Miami Metrozoo Aviary bird keeper Dolora Batchelor's Backyard Habitat*



# Finding Fulfillment: Make a Personal Plan

Like most people, you're probably bombarded with solicitations by telemarketers calling at the dinner hour, fundraisers trolling the neighborhood and organizations campaigning through the mail.

So many requests can tire and confuse even the most generous among us. There are ways, however, to revive the pleasure found in helping others. This process needn't be looked upon as work. In less than an hour, you can outline a strategy that could possibly lead to some of the most fulfilling acts you've ever performed.

Determine your values. If you were to ask your closest friends or relatives to name the principles in which you most strongly believe, what might they say? By thinking about the experiences, people and organizations that have mattered most in your life, you will likely find the answer to where to direct your philanthropic efforts.


Concentrate your generosity. From your list of values, determine a few organizations or causes of greatest importance to you. This may require a little homework to see where you can personally make the greatest difference.

Think close to your home and heart. Usually the nearer you are geographically or emotionally to the charities you support, the more satisfying your efforts.

Make a personal plan. Decide how much time and money you can devote to charity. Don't let limited resources intimidate you. Even a few hours or a few dollars can make a meaningful impact.

Evaluate your choices. Be as prudent when offering your volunteer time and money as you would with any other investment. Take time to investigate and compare the relative value of the charities in which you plan to invest.

Proceed only when you're convinced that your money and time will be well spent.

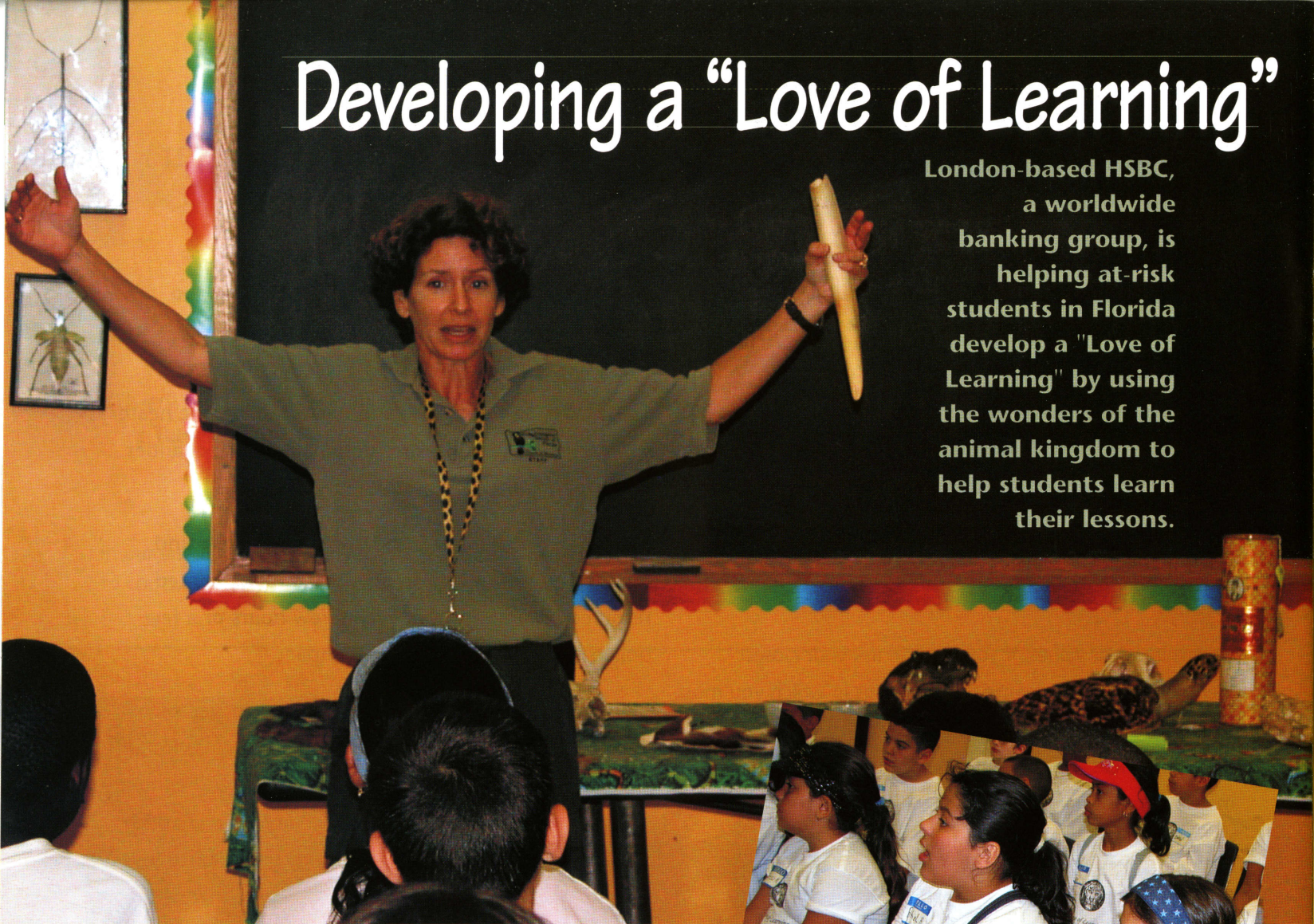
A black bear is the central focus of the page, shown from the chest up. It has dark, thick fur and a white patch on its snout. The bear is holding a piece of a log with its mouth and paws. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

For more information about philanthropy, gift and estate planning, please contact Chip Roberts, Director of Development, Zoological Society of Florida, at 305-255-5551, ext. 118.



# Developing a "Love of Learning"

London-based HSBC, a worldwide banking group, is helping at-risk students in Florida develop a "Love of Learning" by using the wonders of the animal kingdom to help students learn their lessons.



**For some youngsters, school can be a difficult place to be. Now, disadvantaged young people in Florida are discovering that classroom study is not the only way to learn.**

Thanks to an innovative program designed by the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) and supported by HSBC, some 650 "at risk" students are using the animal kingdom as an inspiration to learn.

Lessons about how the illegal animal trade affects the survival of endangered species helps students learn about natural resource management and the environment – geography by any other name. Finding out how predators hunt and kill and the defenses their prey employ to stop them is another way to learn about biology.

Whether exploring the miniature world of insects or finding out how animals measure up, each of the specially



*Students are enthralled as Education Specialist Lily Forni shares some eye-opening facts about endangered species.*

developed programs help students to develop classroom and life skills.

Each activity and experience correlates to standard benchmarks the Florida Department of Education has established for students. By making lessons more interesting, the ZSF and HSBC are not only ensuring the future of these students, but are helping them to develop a love of learning at the same time.

PHOTOS: BECKY PETERSON



# KIDZOODLE

FUN AND GAMES  JUST FOR KIDS!



**Heads or Tails...** See if you can match the top row of heads with the bottom row of tails.



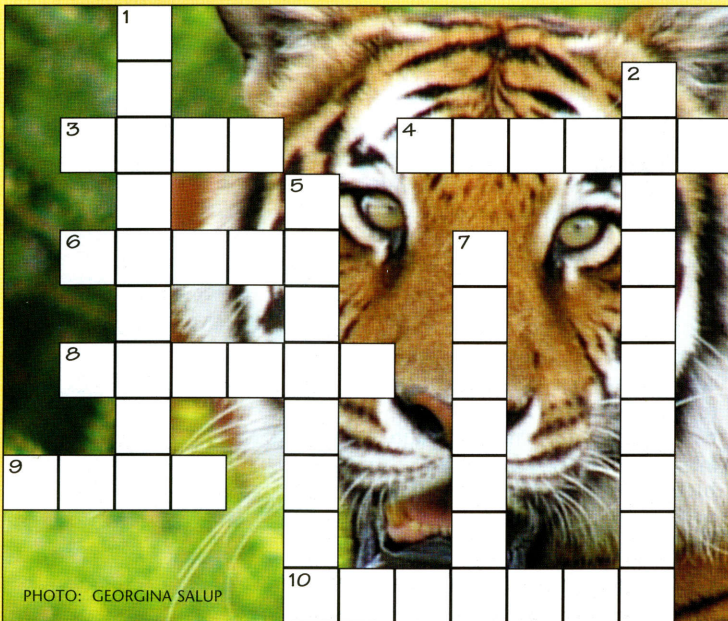
Study the pictures and match the head to the tail:

A. \_\_\_\_\_, B. \_\_\_\_\_, C. \_\_\_\_\_, D. \_\_\_\_\_, E. \_\_\_\_\_, F. \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS: HEADS OR TAILS: A-6 (ostrich), B-4 (okapi), C-5 (great argus pheasant), D-1 (rhino), E-2 (banteng), F-3 (camel)

*Did You Know? A duck's quack doesn't echo...  ...and no one knows why!*

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE – DINING WITH ATTITUDE!



USE THE CLUES ACROSS AND DOWN TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE.

**ACROSS**

- 3 - Animal hunted or killed for food by another
- 4 - Warm-blooded, furry animal with a backbone that has live young
- 6 - Endangered, striped, big cat
- 8 - Large lizard, "dragon"
- 9 - What an animal eats or drinks
- 10 - Cold-blooded, dry-skinned animal with a backbone that lays shelled eggs

**DOWN**

- 1 - Meat-eating animal
- 2 - Protective coloration or shape that helps hide an animal from its predators or prey
- 5 - Animal that hunts other animals for food
- 7 - Area that provides enough food, water, shelter and space for animals to live and survive.

ANSWERS: CROSSWORD PUZZLE - DINING WITH ATTITUDE

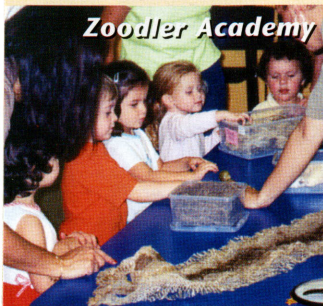
Across: 3-Frey, 4-Mammal, 6-Tiger, 8-Komodo, 9-Diet, 10-Reptile  
Down: 1-Carnivore, 2-Camouflage, 5-Predator, 7-Habitat

PHOTO: GEORGINA SALUP



# FALL 2003 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PHOTO: GEORGINA SALUP



Zoodler Academy

## ZOODLER ACADEMY September – October 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 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

- September 09:** *It's a Jungle Out There*
- September 16:** *Animal Families*
- September 23:** *Numbers by Animals*
- September 30:** *What Color Am I?*
- October 07:** *Big or Little*
- October 14:** *Busy Bee*
- October 21:** *Home Sweet Home*
- October 28:** *BOO-dler's Halloween Parade*  
*(Dress as your favorite animal)*

### THURSDAYS

2 to 4-Year-Olds: 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.  
3 to 4-Year-Olds: 3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

- September 11:** *It's a Jungle Out There*
- September 18:** *Animal Families*
- September 25:** *Numbers by Animals*
- October 02:** *What Color Am I?*
- October 09:** *Big or Little*
- October 16:** *Busy Bee*
- October 23:** *Home Sweet Home*
- October 30:** *BOO-dler's Halloween Parade*  
*(Dress as your favorite animal)*

**COST: Members:** One Adult and One Child: \$13.00 per class; Additional Participants (Infant through Adult): \$5.00 each per class.  
**Non-Members:** One Adult and One Child: \$15.00 per class; Additional Participants (Infant through Adult): \$6.00 each per class. Alumni of Zoodler Academy's 2002-2003 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. Pre-registration is required.**

## CONTACT US TODAY!

Call the Zoological Society of Florida:  
**305-255-5551, ext. 125**

Schedules are subject to change.

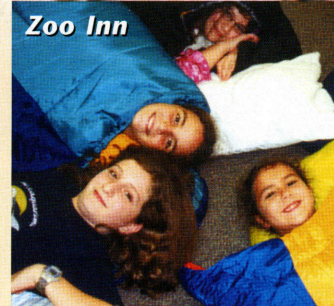
For more information about Miami Metrozoo, visit our website at [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com).

## ZOO INN Fridays and Saturdays 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 A.M.

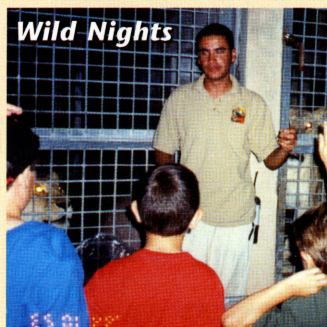
Bring your scout troop, youth group, biology class or adult group to spend the night! In this sleepover program, you'll have a walking Behind-the-Scenes tour of the Zoo after dark and a special morning activity. Zoo Inns are available for adults and children at least six years of age and include pizza dinner, continental breakfast and souvenir T-shirt and patch.

**COST: Members:** \$45.00 per person  
**Non-members:** \$50.00 per person

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



Zoo Inn



Wild Nights

## WILD NIGHTS Call today for available dates! 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Join us for a special 2-3 hour walking Behind-the-Scenes tour led by a Zookeeper to selected animal exhibits. This Wild Night begins with a pizza party and is available for adults and children at least six years old.

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

**COST: Members:** \$25.00 per person  
**Non-Members:** \$30.00 per person

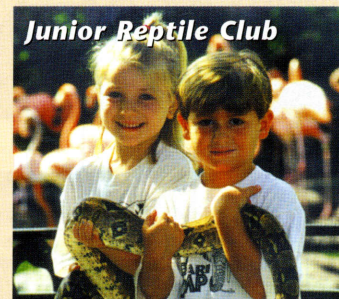
**Minimum group size: 15; Maximum group size: 30**  
**Pre-registration is required. Program varies according to animal availability.**

## JUNIOR REPTILE CLUB Saturday, October 11 10:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

For kids ages 6 to 12 years old who want to get up close and personal with some of our scaly friends – the reptiles. Discover what it takes to be a creepy crawly critter through interactive experiences and a behind-the-scenes visit to the reptilian inhabitants of our Children's Zoo.

**COST: Members:** \$18.00 per child with one adult  
\$5 additional per child or adult  
**Non-members:** \$22.00 per child with one adult  
\$5 additional per child or adult

**Pre-registration is required.**



Junior Reptile Club



# AT THE ZOO!

## IT'S ALL ABOUT FALL!



### LIMITED TIME ONLY! THE 42ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF ANIMAL ARTISTS

September 1 - 14, 10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

#### At Dr. Wilde's World

Don't miss this unique and exceptional exhibition of paintings and sculptures of the world's wildlife.

#### THE WORLD OF GUY HARVEY

World renowned marine wildlife artist Guy Harvey takes you to the depths of our oceans to meet the creatures of the sea.

#### ART AND THE ANIMAL

The Society of Animal Artists (SAA) is a worldwide organization of artists from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America, headquartered in New York City with a mission to promote excellence in the portrayal of domestic and/or wild animals in art.

PAINTING: DAN D'AMICO



#### ART BY THE ANIMALS

You haven't experienced art until you've seen the unique collection of artwork created by Miami Metrozoo's orangutan, Thelma and African elephant, Peggy!

#### ART FUN FOR KIDS

Kids of all ages will get to create their very own art with fun-filled hands-on wildlife art-related activities.



### FALL FEST: A New England Autumn in Miami! Saturdays and Sundays, October 25 & 26, November 1 & 2 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

It's time for some good old American Hoe-down fun to celebrate all the entertaining activities that we enjoy in the fall. Put on your jeans and bring your family and friends for

a Hoot-Zoo-Nanny grand time!

Don't miss these Fall Fest events: Pumpkin Patch • Hayrides Hay Maze • Scarecrow Contest • Music • Beer Garden • Apple Pies Antique Tractors • Fall Leaf Pit • And more fun than a poke o' pigs Check our Web site [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com) for updates.

#### METROBOO!

Saturday, October 25  
and Sunday, October 26  
11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

It's Trick-or-Treat at the Zoo for ages 12 and younger. Come dressed for costume contests, fabulous prizes and have a safe, fun day of Trick-or-Treating. There will be plenty of delicious treats for the kids. **BONUS: There's fun for all ages at Fall Fest!**



#### THE RETURN OF THE UNICORNS

The Recovery Of The Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros  
Speaker: Dr. Eric Dinerstein, WWF Chief Scientist  
October 28, 6:30 P.M.

JW Marriott Hotel, 1111 Brickell Ave., Miami  
Book signing after presentation

Since 1984, Eric Dinerstein has led the team directly responsible for the recovery of the greater one-horned rhinoceros in the Royal Chitwan National Park in Nepal, where the population had once declined to as few as 100 rhinos. "The Return of the Unicorns" is an account of what it takes to save endangered large mammals. Dinerstein outlines the multifaceted recovery program, structured around targeted fieldwork and scientific research, effective protective measures, habitat planning and management, public-awareness campaigns, economic incentives to

#### THE RETURN OF THE UNICORNS (CONT.)

promote local guardianship and bold, uncompromising leadership - that brought these extraordinary animals back from the brink of extinction.

Eric Dinerstein is chief scientist and vice president for science at World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C. in addition to being active in large mammal conservation in Asia for twenty-six years. He is the co-author of the Global 200 Ecoregions, an effort to establish global priorities for biodiversity conservation.

This lecture is the result of a groundbreaking partnership established between Miami Metrozoo/ Zoological Society of Florida and World Wildlife Fund in 2003. The partnership was a first-of-its-kind alliance between a major zoological park and World Wildlife Fund created to unify conservation efforts on behalf of the world's wildlife.



#### THIRD ANNUAL HOWLING BASH

Friday, October 31, 8:30 P.M. - 12:30 A.M.

Be an exotic animal and party wild style at the third Annual Howling Bash presented by the Wild Bunch. Young professionals are throwing this Halloween costume party to raise funds to support the Zoo and the Zoological Society of Florida's education and conservation programs. Featuring complimentary

bar and hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing and a few wild, interactive and scary surprises...!

Check: [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com) for location

DRESS: Halloween costume chic (animal costumes encouraged!)

COST: \$40.00 per person. Space is limited. For more information please call (305) 255-5551 ext. 117.

RSVP by Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at (305) 255-5551.

#### CONSERVATION CAROUSEL

At the Children's Zoo

10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Ride the new carousel at the Children's Zoo and see how many endangered species you can identify that we have right here at Miami Metrozoo.

Custom-designed by Carousel Works of Ohio, the wooden animals are handcrafted, and no two carousels are exactly alike.

COST: \$2.00 per ride

DISCOUNT: Purchase tickets at admission and get 6 rides for only \$10.00.



#### ADOPT A CAROUSEL ANIMAL

If you are interested in adopting one of the carousel animals, or honoring or memorializing someone through recognition on the carousel, please contact Chip Roberts at (305) 255-5551.

CALENDAR EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

For more information, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551 or visit our website at [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com).



**FREE! Glow-in-the dark Bat at the Toucan Trader Gift Shop!**

Zoo members receive a glow-in-the-dark bat souvenir. Limit one per family.

OFFER EXPIRES OCTOBER 31, 2003.



## MIAMI METROBOO goes bats this year!

You'll be in for shrieks, chills and thrills with *Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats* during the Zoo's Halloween and Fall Fest weekends on Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2.

**DON'T MISS THE FUN!**



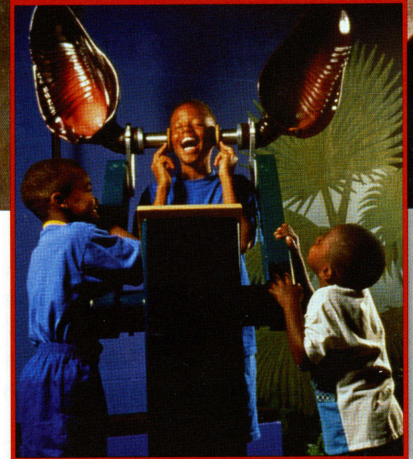
# BATS!... BATS!...and more BATS!

**MASTERS OF THE NIGHT: The True Story of Bats**  
**October 5, 2003 - March 21, 2004**  
**10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**  
**At Dr. Wilde's World**

At Dr. Wilde's World this fall, an imposing bat gargoyle will greet you as you enter through a castle's Gothic portal. Surrounded by the strains of a medieval fugue, you'll see the castle from a bat's-eye view – stained glass windows, furniture, a suit of armor and chandeliers, all upside down. BATS – everywhere! Are all bats vampires? Are they blind? Do they really get tangled in your hair?

Bats are a mystery to many people. Few have ever seen a bat up close, and what most of us know about these creatures comes from folklore, myth or superstition. The truth about bats is they are gentle, beneficial, and amazing animals. Their value has been overshadowed by their tainted reputation – a reputation based on ignorance and fear of the unknown. Nearly 1,000 kinds of bats, almost a quarter of all mammal species, inhabit the earth! Your adventure into their world will answer these and many more questions about these misunderstood animals.

- *Compare the skeleton of a human with a skeleton of a bat and see the striking resemblance!*
- *Dispel the myths and learn the facts about bats.*
- *Investigate a cave, the favorite daytime roost of a number of bat species.*
- *Encounter live bats, snakes, fish and insects that are cave dwellers.*
- *Enter a hollow kapok tree, revealing the hidden life of the bat inhabitants which hang out inside.*
- *Study hibernating bats.*
- *Enjoy hands-on activities*
- *Discover Bats All Over the World.*
- *Try the Feast & Flight interactive video to manipulate images of bats in action.*
- *Discover how bats play a major role in worldwide insect control, and learn how you can help bat conservation efforts.*



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