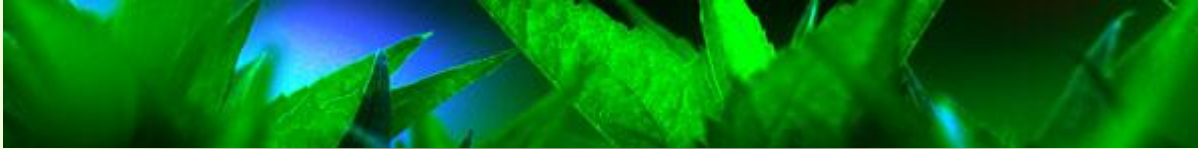


Jackson Zoo News

May 25 2011



Animal Updates

Hippos and Rhinos meet their mates!

As part of the AZA (American Zoo and Aquarium Association) and its SSP (Species Survival Plan) breeding program, the Jackson Zoo recently received mates for two of its rare species.

A male white rhino was transferred from White Oak Plantation in Florida and joined our female recently in their new lush habitat. It took them a while to get used to each other but have now adjusted nicely.



Ronnie (left), our new male white rhino meets his new mate.

Our male pygmy hippo was also given a mate. Our new 2-year old female came to us from the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, TX. They enjoyed each other's company immediately and can be seen swimming and spending time together in their exhibit across from the Chimp Island.

Male Orangutan receives annual physical.

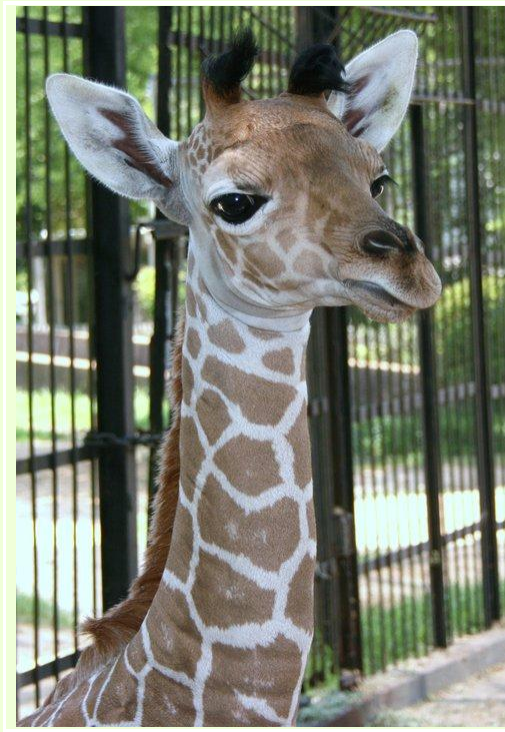
Our animals need 'check-ups' too! Here our male orangutan receives a physical from the veterinarian in our hospital on the zoo grounds. He weighed in at 294 pounds- check out the size of his hands next to his keepers'!!



'Punkin' receives a physical in the zoo's hospital facility.

A New Female Baby Giraffe, Jasmine, is Born!

Keepers were excited to find this little surprise when they arrived at work on Monday, May 2nd! A little female giraffe born to 'Diamond' (mom) and 'Casper' (dad) overnight. This is their second calf together and the zoo has held a 'name the baby giraffe contest' to choose the perfect name and chose 'Jasmine' today. She weighed just over 120 pounds and stood 5'8" at birth. Arrangements are being made to send 'Ruby', last year's female offspring, to Busch Gardens!



New 'baby' female giraffe born May 1st.



Enjoy The Zoo This Memorial Day Week-end

Start your Memorial Day Week-end off right by visiting the zoo and learning how to be sun-safe as zoos around the country are celebrating **'Don't Fry**

Day', Friday, May 27th. Learn how you can protect yourself and your skin from the harmful rays of the sun. Special purchase opportunities available on hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and umbrellas. Children can learn how wild animals protect their skin through fun activities such as a scavenger hunt and fun take-home items.



Summer means 'Zoo Camp'!!

Spots still available for a 'wild time'

Visit with animals, play games, make crafts and discover more than you imagined about nature!

Week long day-camps for ages 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12 start on June 6th. For more information and to check availability, visit www.jacksonzoo.org or email Anne at agrinnan@jacksonzoo.org

