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Penguins Held Over at Jackson Zoo *Penguin Plunge Exhibit extended to September 27, 2009*

The six black-footed penguins native to Africa's southwest coast will stay at the Zoo until Sunday September 27th for those guests who have not had a chance to visit yet.

The penguins are part of a loaned exhibit called Penguin Plunge that gives guests a chance to see these interesting creatures, sometimes referred to as "Jackass Penguins," because their mating call sounds like a braying donkey.

Penguin Plunge is a self-contained exhibit that houses the birds and features a rock-cropped backdrop with nesting stations and a pool for the birds to swim in. Guests of the Zoo will be able to view the penguins during normal visiting hours in the special exhibit installed in the Discovery Zoo at no additional fee. Feeding times are 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

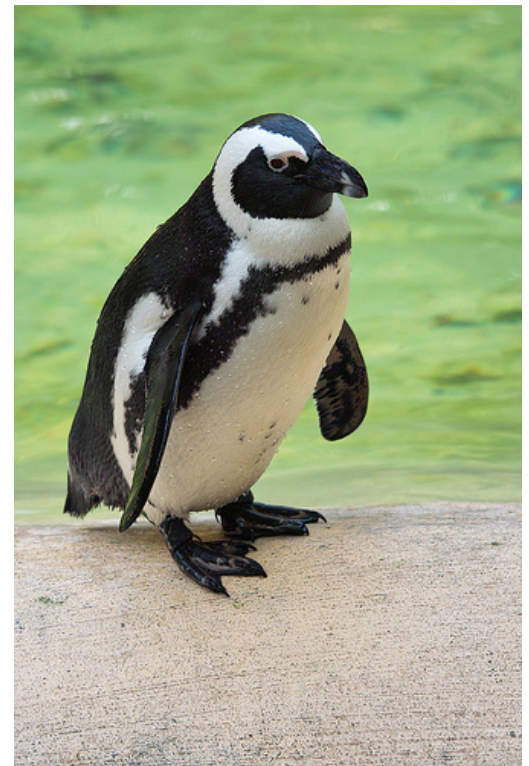
"We felt that with some of the past hot weeks, that everyone has not had a chance to visit," said Zoo Director Beth Poff. "As this is the first time penguins have been on display in Mississippi, and possibly the last, we didn't want anyone to miss the opportunity to see the penguins."

The exhibit will be part of the upcoming Back to "Zool" event on Saturday, August 22nd; Back to "Zool" is an event that features something for the whole family, including water slides, face painting, games, keeper chats, a music performance by Jesse Robinson, and so much more!

Summer hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. are still in effect until 9-7-09. Take a ride on the train or the carousel for a charge of \$2.00. Zoo admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 2-12, and \$7.20 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

For more information, call 601-352-2580 or visit www.jacksonzoo.org. The Zoo is also on FaceBook and Twitter!

Penguin Plunge was created by Animal Interaction Group – AIDG – Virginia Beach, Virginia.



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