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## **Be a 'Claus for Paws'!**

***Make Christmas Brighter for One of the Animals at the Jackson Zoo.***

Jackson, MS - 12/4/09 - The Keepers at the Jackson Zoo would like to make this holiday season a bit more fun for the animals they care for every day. A 'Tug-A-Jar' is on the top of the list for 'Jeanette', one of the zoo's chimpanzees (with a price tag of only \$9), while the Blue and Gold Macaw 'George' has his eye on 'Nuts and Rope' (a bargain at \$10) or how about a 'Boomer Ball' for 'their Girl' one of the Hippos (she has more expensive taste at \$100).

Whatever your budget, your specified gift to one of the animals will be purchased by the keepers and given to the animal of your choice. Please note: since the animals have special safety needs, the items must be purchased by their caretakers. On your next visit to the Zoo, won't you please stop by our 'Claus for Paws' Holiday Tree (located at the playground of the Mississippi area) and pick out a gift for one of the animals and make your donation at the main gate.

For more gift ideas or information, please email [rjalink@jacksonzoo.org](mailto:rjalink@jacksonzoo.org)

Zoo admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 2-12, and \$5.40 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit [www.jacksonzoo.org](http://www.jacksonzoo.org) to check out exciting special events, animal updates, one-of-a-kind education programs, membership and adoption packages, and so much more. The Jackson Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The AZA is America's leading accrediting organization that sets rigorous, professional standards for zoos and aquariums. The AZA is building North American's largest wildlife conservation movement by engaging and inspiring the 143 million annual visitors to its member institutions and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife.

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