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Jackson Zoo Continues to Assist with Crisis in the Gulf

We could use your support!

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The Jackson Zoo is working with it's parent organization, the AZA (American Zoo and Aquarium Association) as a holding site for those birds which are rescued from the oil spill and found to have injuries which render them un-releasable to the wild.

AZA is working to find these birds a permanent home.

The Jackson Zoo is currently holding 11 injured pelicans, 5 of which will be sent to the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago.

AZA Officials Diane Olsen (Asst. Curator, Moody Gardens, Texas) and Joe Smith (DVM, Fort Wayne Childrens Zoo) have been working with the AZA Executive Office to coordinate volunteer efforts.

Select Jackson Zoo staff are qualified wildlife paraprofessionals and continue to travel to the site weekly in Theodore, AL to assist with this monumental task. Rescue and rehabilitation sites in Louisiana have seen the highest number of birds coming in. They have cared for 600 birds and have about 300 pelicans outside prepared for release. They also have about 100 oiled pelicans inside along with smaller species of birds such as gulls and herons.

How can you help? Donate to the zoo's fish fund (pelicans can eat up to 60 fish a day!) Visit the zoo and show your support.



Special summer admission prices in effect until July 31; \$7.25 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 2-12. 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 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 America'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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