



## News from Jackson Zoo!

### Zoo Welcomes Two New Keepers

**Jessica Howard** joined the keeper staff last month after coming to the zoo nearly 6 months ago as a front-line employee. Originally from Orlando, Jessica always had a desire to work with animals. When she learned that there was an opening in the keeper staff department, she saw that as her chance to follow her dream!

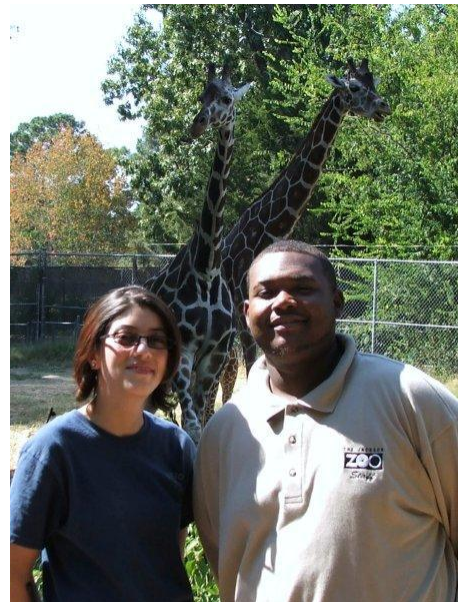
She currently resides with her aunt and uncle and has several animals on the family property including her Siberian husky puppy and several horses.

She is working with her favorite animal, the Siberian Tiger in Area 2 along with our other new keeper,

**Adrian Wallace**, who joined the zoo just last week.

Adrian comes to the zoo as a life-long resident of the area who shared Jessica's desire to someday work with animals. As a graduate of Alcorn State, with a degree in agriculture and business, he visited the zoo and was happy to learn that one additional keeper position was open. He and his wife have been married for two years and have dogs, cattle and chickens at their home. He feels lucky to be working with one of his favorite animals, the orangutan.

Stop by and say 'hi' to Jessica and Adrian on your next visit to the zoo!



**Jessica Howard and Adrian Wallace.**

## **Farewell Party' Plans Underway for Elephants on Saturday, October 9th**

The Zoo will host a 'farewell party' for Rosie and Juno, our African elephants, on Saturday October 9th.

October will be the final month that the Jackson Zoo will house these two magnificent animals. This is your chance to come by and wish them well on their trip to their beautiful new exhibit and herd mates at the Nashville Zoo. The two will be leaving in early November.

Don't forget that your membership to the Jackson Zoo will grant you free admission to visit the Nashville Zoo and check up on them anytime!



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.

The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 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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