CALENDAR ADVISORY

Fall Fecal Fest kicks off today, August 19 Enter online through September 8 for chance to purchase Zoo Doo

WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo kicks off its yearly Fall Fecal Fest today! Now through September 8, enter online to win the chance to purchase the exotic, highly coveted Zoo Doo and Bedspread.

Get those gardening tools back out because Dr. Doo, aka the "Princess of Poo," the "GM of BM" or the "Captain of Caca," has been piling **Zoo Doo** for the last several months and the compost and Bedspread are ready for fall planting.

On August 16, the zoo took a big step toward moving Zoo Doo into the 21st century by celebrating significant upgrades made to the Zoo Doo yard. Modernizing the program means a number of benefits for garden enthusiasts and the planet including more Zoo Doo in the near future, a higher quality end product, a speedier composting process and more.

The sweet, aromatic Zoo Doo is composed of species feces contributed by a variety of the zoo's non-primate herbivores, such as rhinos, hippos, giraffes, mountain goats, tapirs and more; it's perfect for growing veggies and annuals.

Bedspread contains the same species feces and is made from woodchip and wood shavings bedding; the premium composted mulch is ideal for placement on top of garden beds to suppress weeds while gradually fertilizing plants. Compost saves water and reduces the need for fertilizers and pesticides.

Zoo Doo is available by the gallon starting at 5 gallons up to a maximum of 100 gallons or by the truck load, and Bedspread by the truck load only.

As a conservation organization, Woodland Park Zoo is committed to reducing its own ecological footprint and educating the community in doing the same. The Zoo Doo program is central to the zoo's goal of increasing waste diversion from landfill and demonstrating closed loop approach to integrated resource management.

HOW: Starting August 19 through September 8, enter online to win the chance to purchase Zoo Doo or Bedspread. To enter, fill out the online form at <u>zoo.org/fecalfest</u>. Only one entry per person is eligible for each drawing.

Entries will be randomly selected according to supply and demand. Dr. Doo will contact the lucky drawn entries only. Pick-up dates will be **September 28 through October 13.** Phone and mail orders can't be accepted.

- WHEN: Online entries accepted: August 19–September 8 Pick-up dates take place: September 28–October 13
- **COST:** Debit and credit cards, cash or checks will be accepted.

Zoo Doo: 5 gallons \$5; 10 gallons \$10; 32 gallons \$20; 55 gallons \$30; 100 gallons \$50. Pick-up truck: 6x3 bed \$50; 6x4 bed \$70; 8x4 bed \$80. Winners



can purchase one full truckload per person. 2 gallon and pint-sized buckets are available at the ZooStores for \$20 and \$4.95.

Bedspread by the truckload: 6x3 bed \$40; 6x4 bed \$50; 8x4 bed \$60. Winners can purchase up to two full truckloads per person.

INFO: Visit <u>zoo.org/fecalfest</u> for information or call 206.625.POOP (7667).

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> or call 206.548.2500.

Summer hours through September 2: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily. September 3 through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives. The zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the wild through more than 30 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified[™] seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo's long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> and follow the zoo on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

###