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Animals celebrate Valentine's Day the wild way on February 8

WHAT:

Cupid's holiday will be celebrated the wild way at Woodland Park Zoo! Come see snow leopards, penguins, river otters, orangutans, and other animal residents indulge in divine treats such as heart-shaped ice pops made of fruit juice, honey and strawberry, herbal bouquets, or heart-shaped steaks on Saturday, February 8, 10:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

The special treats are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals. The safe activities help encourage natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and provide extraordinary experiences for zoo quests.

And, while selecting Valentine's chocolates and other sweets for the human species, use the zoo's treat shopping guide that will delight loved ones, and save forests and wildlife a world away: www.zoo.org/palmoil. The list features companies that are committed to sourcing certified, sustainable palm oil that is deforestation free.

Many confections include palm oil, the bulk of which is grown in Indonesia and Malaysia. In order to produce palm oil (the most widely used vegetable oil on the planet), tropical rain forest and peat swamps are being converted to agricultural land, confining the animals that live in these areas to much smaller habitat patches and making them susceptible to poaching and hunting, not to mention competition with other animals for limited resources.

Saturday, February 8, 10:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. WHEN:

Sloth bears 10:00 Red panda 10:00

Lions 10:00

Snow leopards 10:45 Komodo dragon 11:00 Orangutans 11:00 Anoa 11:30

River otters 11:45 Grizzly bears noon

Steer 1:00

Kunekune pigs 1:15 Meerkats 1:30 Warty pigs 1:30

Golden lion tamarins 1:45

Penguins 2:00

Ambassador animals 2:00

Wolves 2:15

Enter Woodland Park Zoo through the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. WHERE:

between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50th St. & Fremont

Ave. N.

COST: Valentine's Day celebration is free with zoo admission or membership. Save

> 30% off summer admission rates now through March 31. Adult (13-64) \$15.50; Senior (65+) \$13.50; Child (3-12) \$10.50; Toddler (0-2) Free.

People with disabilities receive an admission discount. Zoo members receive



free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$8 plus applicable state and local taxes.

INFO:

Winter hours through April 30: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. For more information and how to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Accessibility: Information about accessibility and resources, including Zoomazium Sensory Friendly Fridays, one-to-one aides, sighted guides, mobility equipment rentals, and a sensory map and tools, can be found at www.zoo.org/access. For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact zooinfo@zoo.org.

Quarters for Conservation: A portion of your zoo admission and membership is dedicated to funding conservation programs in the wild. Cast your vote for your favorite conservation project at the Quarters for Conservation kiosks located at each entrance.

Mobile app: Download the free Woodland Park Zoo mobile app for iPhone, iPad or Android from your app store. Use it to track your location on zoo grounds with GPS, discover more about animals and daily zoo activities and share the highlights of your visit with friends.

Free Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is available for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco.

Gifts/food: Visit the ZooStores for extraordinary gifts and zoo souvenirs. Stop by concessionaire locations for food and beverages. Open daily during zoo hours.

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