Poop-ular fall Fecal Fest kicks off August 21 Zoo announces new look and "flavor" to traditional Zoo Doo

WHAT: Fall is lurking around the corner and so is the annual fall Fecal Fest, an online opportunity for gardeners to enter a bid to purchase Zoo Doo, Woodland Park Zoo's exotic, highly coveted compost, and Bedspread that Dr. Doo, aka the "Princess of Poo," the "GM of BM" or the "Grand Poopah," has been piling all summer. The fall Fecal Fest kicks off Monday, August 21.

This year's Zoo Doo has a new look and flavor! The sweet, aromatic Zoo Doo is composed of species feces contributed by a variety of the zoo's nonprimate herbivores, such as hippos, giraffes, mountain goats, tapirs and more, and is perfect to grow veggies and annuals. The new recipe includes a percentage of Bedspread mixed in to avoid compaction and help loosen up Zoo Doo and improve water retention. Overall, the new Zoo Doo is a little lighter (which means easier to shovel!) and helps create a crumblier soil.

Bedspread, the zoo's premium composted mulch, is a combination of Zoo Doo, sawdust, and large amounts of wood chips; it is used to cushion perennial beds and woody landscapes including rose beds, shrubs and pathways.

Zoo Doo is available in 5 to 55 gallons and by the truck load, and Bedspread by the truck load only.

Dr. Doo's private reserve of Worm Doo will be sold again. Worm Doo is worm castings made from Zoo Doo and zoo coffee grounds. An exceptional rich soil and microbial diverse soil amendment recommended for seedlings, potted plants or in the garden, Worm Doo has been pooped once by exotic herbivores and pooped again by compost loving worms.

HOW: Due to the high demand for Zoo Doo, gardening fans must 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> starting **August 21–September 10**. Only one entry per person is eligible for each drawing.

Entries will be randomly selected according to supply and demand and Dr. Doo will contact the lucky drawn entries only. Pick-up dates will begin September 23–October 14. Sorry, phone and mail orders can't be accepted.

WHEN: Online entries accepted: August 21–September 10 Pick-up dates take place: September 23–October 14

PRICES: Only cash or checks will be accepted—no debit or credit cards.

Zoo Doo: 5 gallons \$5; 10 gallons \$10; 32 gallons \$20; 55 gallons \$30. Limited to 100 gallons per recipient. Pick-up truck: 6x3 bed \$50; 6x4 bed \$70; 8x4 bed \$80. Winners may purchase one full truckload per person. Pint-sized buckets are available at the ZooStore for \$4.95.

Bedspread: pick-up truck: 6x3 bed \$40; 6x4 bed \$50; 8x4 bed \$60. Winners may purchase up to two full truckloads per person.



Worm Doo: pint-sized buckets \$10. Available at the ZooStores while supplies last, starting August 21.

INFO: Visit <u>zoo.org/fecalfest</u> for information.

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