

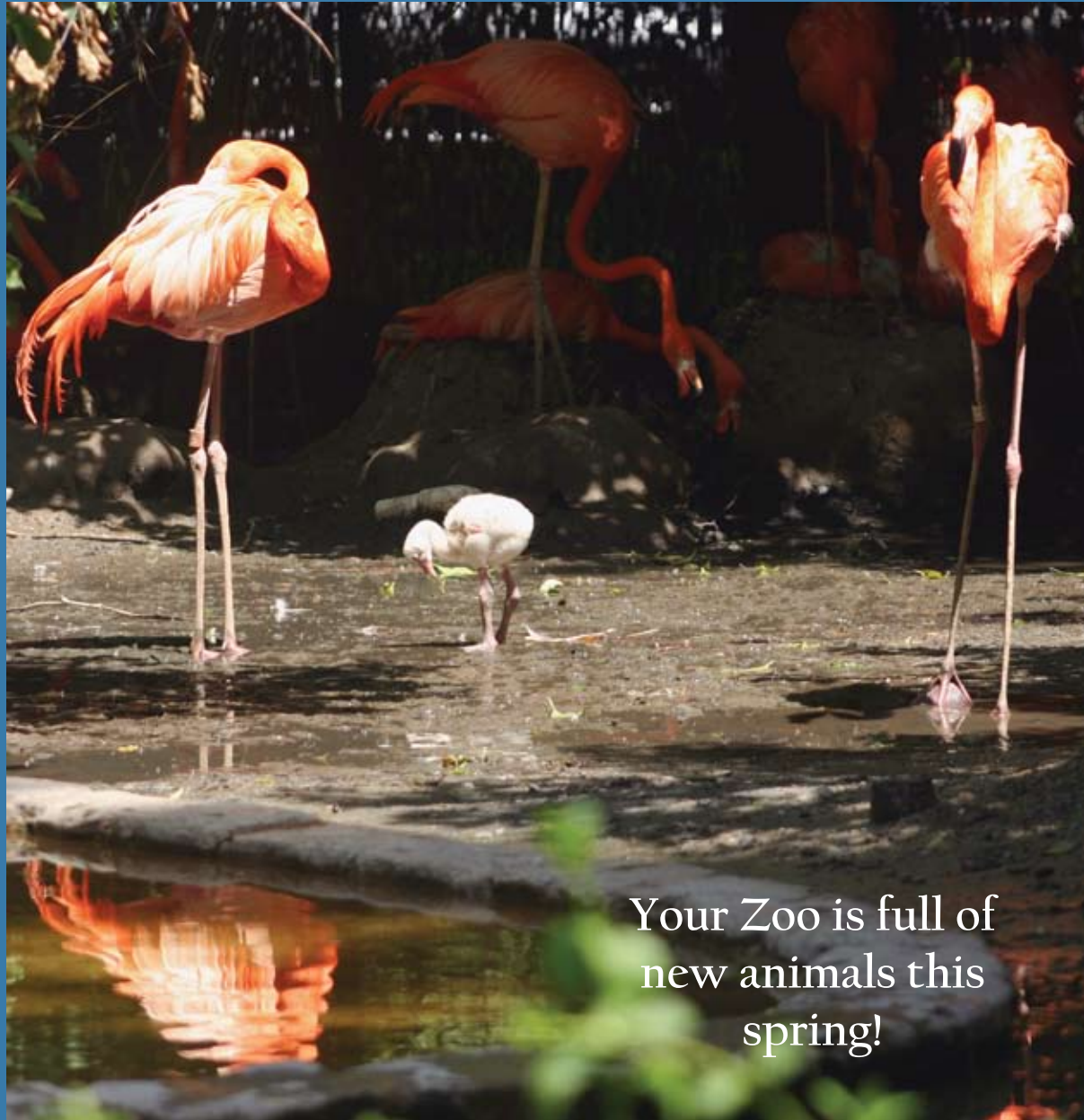


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Your Zoo is full of
new animals this
spring!

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contest! See page 11 for details.

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Message From the Director

In this issue of ZooNews, we celebrate our 2007 successes and look forward to another exciting year by featuring some of our newest faces.



In 2007 the Zoo enjoyed 398,820

visitors which represented a 28% increase over our 2006 attendance. Stingray Bay: A Touching Experience was certainly a big factor since 58% of our visitors who came to the Zoo while the exhibit was open (March 31 to September 30) either paid the additional \$1 admission fee or utilized their membership to enter. This new membership benefit, combined with sales efforts including a direct mail campaign, increased the number of membership households by 31%.

Our 2007 attendance includes the over 64,000 visitors who participated in our on-site education activities, plus another 19,000 people participated in our education outreach programs in the community. Many of these fun and interactive educational experiences could not have been possible without the more than 13,500 hours of volunteer time given by our Docents.

On page 9 you will find a snapshot of the make-up of our animal population.

In 2007 we added 54 species to the Zoo and reproduced 17. We continue to work closely with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) to insure the future of many endangered and rare animals by

increasing the number of species managed by Species Survival Plans (SSP) from 18 to 22. Species that are maintained as part of a Population Management Plan (PMP) rose from 44 to 50 last year. Although we are still waiting for the completion of the Environmental Impact Report to move forward with expansion of the Zoo and construction of major new exhibits, 19 animal habitats were added or modified in 2007.

2008 is already proving to be another great year for Fresno Chaffee Zoo. The stingrays are back and they have brought sharks with them. This seasonal attraction continues to be extremely popular – the exhibit opened March 15 and through April our attendance has soared 17% over last year! Membership also continues to increase and we now have more than 10,000 member households.

We hope you continue to enjoy the benefits of being a member of Fresno Chaffee Zoo and visit us often. See you at the Zoo! 🌿

- Lewis Greene, Director/CEO

What's New at the Zoo

Many new and exciting things are happening at your Zoo! Spring has brought a flurry of breeding among our animal inhabitants and we have lots of new birds, a baby addax, baby northern tree shrews, a new flying gecko and a Taylor's bug-eyed frog.

Besides all the new births and hatchings, we have been fortunate to bring in several new species from other zoos as well. Some of these include new frog species like mossy tree frogs, blue and yellow dart-poison frogs and African bullfrogs.

New Species at Your Zoo

Acquisitions:

Amphibians

- 0.0.7 blue and yellow dart-poison frogs
- 0.0.1 hourglass tree frog
- 0.0.2 ornate horned frogs
- 0.0.2 African bullfrogs
- 0.0.6 dwarf Surinam toads

Birds

- 1.0 ringed teal
- 0.1 sun bittern
- 2.0 blue-faced honeyeaters
- 1.0 red-crested cardinal
- 1.1 Bali mynahs

Invertebrates:

- 0.0.3 tailless whip scorpions

Mammals:

- 1.1 brush-tailed rat-kangaroos
- 0.2 chinchillas
- 1.0 white-nosed coati
- 0.1 black-footed cat
- 0.1 California sea lion
- 1.1 Navajo-Churro sheep
- 1.0 addax

New Sea Lion

All of us were saddened at the loss of our Sea Lion Nadine earlier this year, but we are happy to announce the arrival of Annacapa, a young sea lion that has joined our Zoo family. Our new little sea lion is only about a year old and is just a little thing compared to Pismo and Buck, her new "poolmates". Annacapa was found in the wild with her hind quarters paralyzed and comes to us for watchful care. Read more of Annacapa's story on page 7. 🐾

Reptiles:

- 1.0 Pacific pond turtle
- 0.1 bearded dragon
- 0.0.2 Indo-Pacific geckos
- 1.0 flying gecko
- 0.1 green crested basilisk (lizard)
- 1.2 Jamaican iguana

Births/Hatchings:

Amphibians:

- 0.0.1 Taylor's bug-eyed frog

Birds:

- 0.0.3 American flamingo
- 0.0.1 grey-necked wood rail
- 0.0.1 black-necked stilt
- 0.0.2 pied imperial pigeon
- 0.0.3 sun conures

Mammals:

- 0.0.3 northern tree shrews
- 1.0 addax

Reptiles:

- 0.0.1 flying gecko

Legend: 1.0 = male
0.1 = female
0.0.1 = unknown sex
SSP = Species Survival Plan

*Please note that not all new species may be viewable at this time.

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The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to provide a fun, unique and up-close experience that strengthens the bond between people and wildlife.

Ask Andy...

your animal questions answered by the expert

By Andy Snider, Director of Animal Care & Conservation

Q The flamingos are sitting on big piles of mud. Are those their nests?

A Yes, they are. Flamingos build their nests out of mud, stone, dry grass and feathers, and these nests can be two feet high or more. Three chicks have already hatched this season, and we expect quite a few more! This species hasn't successfully reproduced at the zoo for the last seven years.



Q We saw someone inside the two-toed sloth habitat the other day while the animal was in there. Do you go into all the exhibits with the animals?

A No, definitely not. We actually go into the habitats with very few of our mammals, for safety reasons. The staff is very careful whenever they're dealing with mammals in close proximity, and safety protocols are always followed. The same is true for some of our larger, more aggressive birds, large lizards, snakes, and crocodylians. Of course, the staff is always careful – no matter what the animal is!

Q I saw one of the condors acting very aggressive toward one of the zoo keepers the other day. Why was that happening?

A Condors can be quite aggressive, especially during breeding season. What you saw was our male being very defensive, which we're very happy about! In condor "society," the male is the dominant animal, and our male is typically very calm compared to our female. He's learning how to act like a typical male, and we're pleased to report that our female is currently sitting on an egg. Since this is their first season together, the egg very well may be infertile, but we're pleased with this development nonetheless. 🐣

Do you have a question for Andy? Email askandy@fresnochaffeezoo.com.

Volunteer Corner

Are you looking for a way to get involved and help your Zoo? The Zoo is always in need of volunteers to fill many different capacities such as zoo keeper aide, special events volunteer, phone answering and office help, maintenance and special projects.

If you have some free time and would like to volunteer, please contact the Zoo's volunteer coordinator at 559-498-5945. Below are some of the upcoming special volunteer opportunities:

Stingray Bay: A Touching Experience

Stingray Bay will be open through summer 2008 and we have multiple volunteer positions still available to be filled. We are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are 18 or older and can commit to at least 4 hours a week to volunteer. Application required.

Special Fundraising Events

Are you dependable, organized, have a willingness to serve and the ability to lead? Then you are just the type of person we are looking for to assist with our fundraising events. We need people to help with all aspects of the events, so please give us a call and tell us what you can do!

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 559-498-5945

Email: zooed@fresnochaffeezoo.com



Volunteers at last year's Ice Cream Zoofari had a great time serving up cool treats.



**Saturday, June 21, 2008
7:00 p.m. to Midnight**

This adult event is sure to be a crowd pleaser with food from area restaurants, gourmet beers and wines, and a concert with Papa Doo Run Run! See page 12 for full details.

Yes! Please send me tickets for this wild adult event.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Membership # _____

Member: _____ Adult @ \$65 \$ _____

_____ VIP @ \$100 \$ _____

Non-Member: _____ Adult @ \$75 \$ _____

_____ VIP @ \$130 \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Day of Event (if tickets are still available): \$85

Check Visa Mastercard American Express

Make check payable to Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please mail order to: Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Attn: Development Department
894 W. Belmont Ave., Fresno CA 93728

Or order online at www.fresnochaffeezoo.com or by phone: 559-498-5921

Calendar of Events

Now - September

Stingray Bay: A Touching Experience

Our popular temporary exhibit is back for another season, now with sharks! Come enjoy an up-close encounter with some of the sea's most gentle creatures.



May 26 - September 1

Cockadoodle Zoo

Every Monday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Zoo will open one hour early (8:00 a.m.) for Fresno Chaffee Zoo members only.

June 7

Zoobilation

A free event for Fresno Chaffee Zoo members and Adopt-an-Animal sponsors. Come for an evening that includes a behind-the-scenes open house, animal enrichment and live entertainment.

June 16 - August 15

Summer Zoo Camp Adventures

June 21

Do The Zoo: Sharks in the Park

Our biggest fundraising event of the year! Enjoy the Fresno area's most popular eateries, gourmet beers and wines, and live entertainment featuring Papa Doo Run Run. This year's event celebrates sharks at Stingray Bay and benefits Fresno Chaffee Zoo's education programs. Order tickets with the form above, or see page 12 for more details.



July 12

Cool Zoo Enrichment Day

August 16

Producers Ice Cream Zoofari



Treat yourself to frozen delicacies like bear foot brownie and pink flamingo sundaes

at this all-you-can-eat ice cream zoofari fundraiser. Order tickets with the form on page 13, online or by phone at 559-498-5921.

August 17

Univision's Dia de la Familia

A fun-filled day of events, food, music, informative booths, entertainment, children's activities and free giveaways. Free for Fresno Chaffee Zoo members!

October 17 and 18

ZooBoo

This popular event now has two nights to choose from! Bring your little ones for a fun evening of trick-or-treating, carnival games, a costume parade and live entertainment.



October 25

Stomp 'n' Chomp Enrichment Day

December 13

Santa Paws Enrichment Day

New Animals at your Zoo...

The last few months have brought many new animals and species to Fresno Chaffee Zoo, and we're happy to welcome them home!



Capybara - PMP species. The world's largest rodent. Resembles a large guinea pig. Can be found in relatively large groups in the wild. They are partially aquatic, which is an unusual trait in the rodent family. Photo by Patty Peters.

White-nosed Coati - PMP species. Gregarious and playful, these raccoon relatives are active throughout the day, but will often "nap" during the hottest periods. They love to dig, looking for insects to eat. Photo by Amy Boam.



Look for our "Adopt-a-Coati" special on our website!



Brush-tailed bettongs - PMP species. These "rat kangaroos" are primarily nocturnal, and are not common in US zoos. Photo by Tad Motoyama.



Binturong - PMP species. This species is primarily nocturnal, but is sometimes awake and active during the day. They have a somewhat prehensile tail and to many people they have the odor of burned popcorn. Photo by Amy Boam.

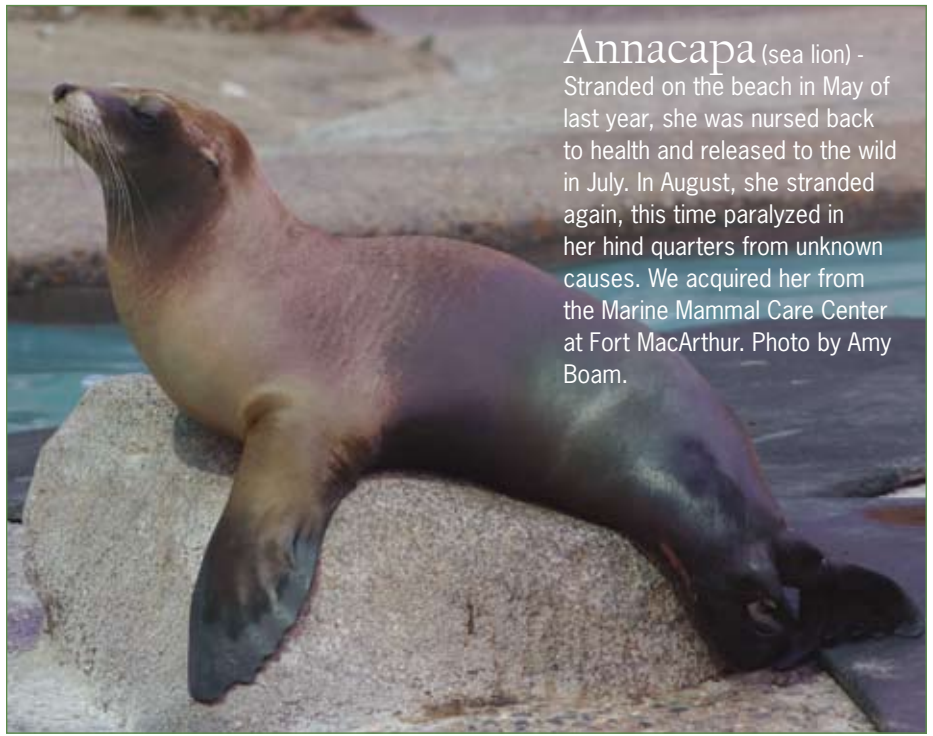


Northern Tree Shrews - PMP species. Our specimens were received from a research colony and have been quite prolific so far. They are small diurnal mammals that mix easily with other species (like birds and other small mammals), and are quite active during the day. Photo by Sandy Pitts.

***PMP = Population Management Plan**



Flamingos haven't bred successfully here for the last seven years. Last year we revamped the yard, adding more "mud" for proper nest-building and adding a sprinkler system to keep the back areas more moist. Those changes, probably plus a wetter winter than in previous years, has made this a banner year for flamingos with three already hatched and more on the way. Photo by Amy Boam.



Annacapa (sea lion) - Stranded on the beach in May of last year, she was nursed back to health and released to the wild in July. In August, she stranded again, this time paralyzed in her hind quarters from unknown causes. We acquired her from the Marine Mammal Care Center at Fort MacArthur. Photo by Amy Boam.



Taylor's Bug-eyed Frog - This is currently the only group of this unusual frog in the U.S. Our group came from the Durrell Wildlife Preservation Trust in the U.K. Our tadpoles represent the first captive-breeding of this species in a U.S. zoo. Photo by Nikolai Orlov.



Two-toed sloth - PMP species. A very slow-moving mammal that will eventually be located in the Maddis House. It only comes to the ground or moves from tree to tree approximately once per week. Photo by Sandy Pitts.



Splash-back dart-poison Frog
A more uncommon species of dart-poison frog. They are quite beautiful and are a relatively hardy species. Photo by Ian Hilerian.

2007 Year - End Report

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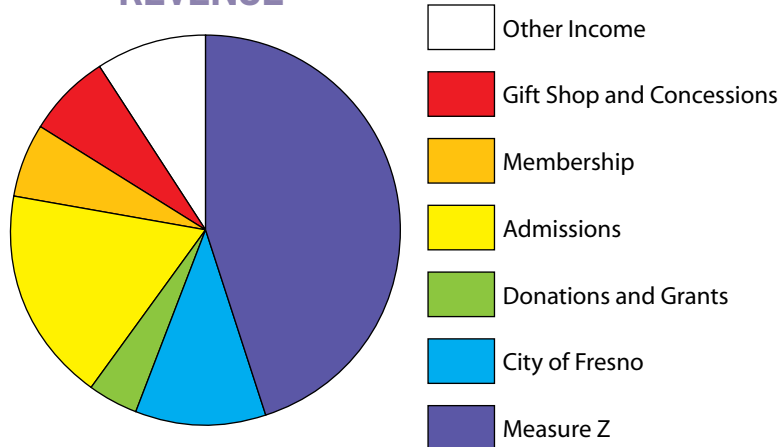
Measure Z	\$4,017,311	45% Note 1
City of Fresno	960,000	11% Note 2
Donations & Grants	365,783	4%
Admissions	1,604,296	18%
Membership	511,257	6%
Gift Shop & Concessions	621,481	7%
Other Income	780,428	9%
Giraffe Feeding	72,098	
Rental Income	118,694	
Education	154,505	
Event Income	143,026	
Investment Income	262,501	
Other Income	29,604	
Total	\$8,860,556	100%

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Transfer from related org	192,255	Note 5
	\$2,239,293	

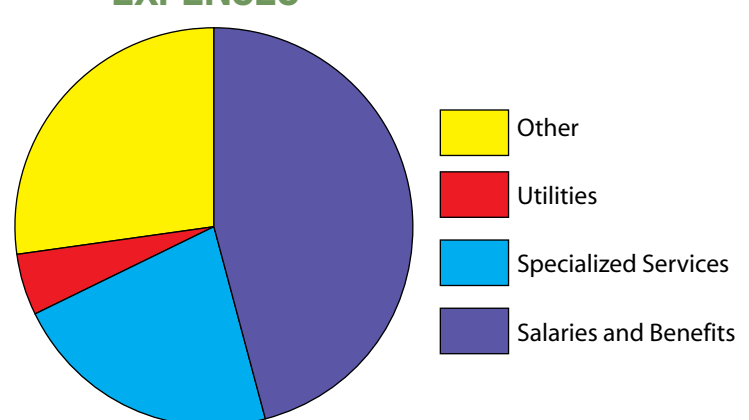
EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$3,133,424	46%
Specialized Services	1,475,699	22% Note 3
Utilities	324,755	5%
Other	1,879,640	27%
Repairs & Maintenance	202,790	
Advertising	145,660	
Insurance	135,449	
Animal Feed	173,343	
Equipment	138,507	
Supplies	154,579	
Security Services	104,898	
Depreciation	62,603	
Fleet	64,227	
Computer/Software	60,172	
Printing	78,726	
Service/Bank Fees	52,218	
Food/Catering	62,114	
Telephone	41,774	
Miscellaneous	402,580	Note 4
Total	\$6,813,518	100%

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Some **HIGHLIGHTS** from 2007:

- ✘ Attendance: 398,820 visitors (28% increase over 2006)
- ✘ AZA Accreditation achieved
- ✘ New Master Plan completed and approved
- ✘ Stingray Bay: A Touching Experience achieved a 58% capture rate (percentage of Zoo visitors who also visited Stingray Bay)
- ✘ 30% increase in membership households
- ✘ 19,000+ participants in off-site education programs
- ✘ 800+ participants in Zoo Adventure programs
- ✘ 13,500+ hours donated by docents

Animal Inventory



Amphibians

15 species
47 specimens



Birds

81 species
284 specimens



Invertebrates

8 species
22 specimens



Mammals

42 species
128 specimens



Reptiles

55 species
139 specimens

- ✘ 54 new species added
- ✘ SSP (Species Survival Plan) species increased from 18 to 22
- ✘ PMP (Population Management Plan) species increased from 44 to 50
- ✘ 17 species reproduced
- ✘ 19 habitats added or modified

Total species: 201
Total specimens: 620

NOTES:

Note 1: Sales tax revenue from Measure Z is available based upon expense reimbursement claim forms that are submitted by the Zoo. During 2007 the Zoo received \$4,017,311 in reimbursements.

Note 2: As part of the transition from the City of Fresno, the City provided funds of \$960,000 to the Zoo in 2007. This annual support from the City will be reduced to \$720,000 in 2008, \$480,000 in 2009, \$240,000 in 2010 and eliminated thereafter.

Note 3: Includes contractual services for programs such as Stingray Bay and Winged Wonders, legal and audit consultants, and renovation of existing Zoo facilities.

Note 4: Includes line items of \$40,000 and under.

Note 5: During 2007 the Zoo received \$56,576 in transferred assets from the former Fresno Zoological Society. Angel Fund revenues of \$135,679 were transferred from the City of Fresno.

Behind the Scenes:

Ross Laird's Winged Wonders Bird Show

Thousands of Zoo visitors each year are entertained by Ross Laird's Winged Wonders Bird Show. Nothing can compare to the thrill of silent owl wings swooping just inches over your head, hearing Peabody's rendition of *I Left my Heart in San Francisco*, or watching two majestic cranes circle the amphitheater. But what goes on behind the scenes to make it all happen is a series of coordinated events executed by skilled staff members both behind the stage wall and up on the hill behind the crowd.

Ross has been performing his Winged Wonders Bird Show at Fresno Chaffee Zoo for 17 years now. He has six employees helping with the show and a total of 35 birds, about 20 of which currently perform. During the peak summer months, Ross and his crew put on up to 18 shows each week, and during the offseason they take the show on the road, visiting schools from Bakersfield to Modesto.

Here at the Zoo, even before Ross or one of his counterparts comes out to greet the audience, several birds fly out to start the show. Bird show employees follow the show order, all carefully written on a big white board backstage, to get things going and make sure each bird is ready for his or her turn to perform. Special bird treats are placed strategically to help the birds know where they need to be, and each bird is rewarded after completing its task. If a bird "forgets" its part, they generally start over at the beginning since birds are creatures of habit and tend to follow a routine.

Ross says his strategy for training the birds is based on positive reinforcement: when they perform the desired behavior, they are given a food reward. Each bird is different, but training usually takes place over a period of several years. For example, it's not too difficult to get a bird to talk on cue, Ross says, but to get it to talk legibly and be entertaining takes quite awhile. Peabody, for instance, learned his song over a period of seven



Birds of prey rest on their perches as they await their turn to perform in the show.

years from another parrot that lived next to him. That other parrot was too shy to sing for the audience, so Peabody got the spotlight.

And is there a favorite bird? Ross admits his favorite is Frankie, the Goffins cockatoo that does the dollar bill routine. 🦜



Ross uses treats to coax Cosmo, a hyacinth macaw, backstage after his flight over the crowd at the beginning of the show.



Ross shakes a container of treats to encourage the East African crowned cranes to come out of their holding area and take flight over the audience.



Enter our Second-Annual ZOOm Photo Contest

Whether you are a young enthusiast or seasoned photographer, this is your chance to take your best shot! This is a wonderful opportunity to show off your shutterbug skills and show pride in your Zoo at the same time.

CATEGORIES: Prizes will be awarded for the best photos in each of six (6) different categories. A Best of Show winner will also be selected.

1. Visitor Experience*
2. Animal Action
3. Composition*
4. Animal Portrait
5. Most Humorous*
6. Zoo Special Events*
7. Youth: Photos in any above category by photographers 11 years old and younger*

PRIZES: A first place winner will be selected within each category and second and third place winners may be chosen within each of the categories. One overall Best of Show will be chosen.

Best of Show – A behind-the-scenes tour of Fresno Chaffee Zoo for a maximum of six (6) people, winning photo featured in upcoming issue of the Zoo's membership magazine and on the Zoo's website, one year family membership to Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

First Place in each category – Photo featured in upcoming issue of the Zoo's membership magazine and on the Zoo's website, one year family membership to Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

Second Place in each category – Photo featured on Zoo's website, four (4) Zoo admission passes.

Third Place in each category – Photo featured on Zoo's website, two (2) Zoo admission passes.

JUDGING: Entries will be judged primarily on the basis of general interest and technical quality. Photographic proficiency, originality, and artistic expression will also

be considered. All decisions made by the judges are final. Contest winners will be notified no later than Friday, November 21, 2008. Please do not contact Fresno Chaffee Zoo regarding contest status.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Only photographs taken at Fresno Chaffee Zoo between April 1, 2008 and October 31, 2008 are eligible for competition.
- Open to all amateur photographers. Employees of Fresno Chaffee Zoo are ineligible.
- There is no fee to enter the photo contest. Entrance to the Zoo is free for members of Fresno Chaffee Zoo. All non-members must pay regular Zoo admission.
- The entrant must take all photographs.
- Entries are limited to a maximum of three (3) per person.
- Your photo entry must be in digital format; it can be taken with a non-digital camera but must be scanned before submittal.
- Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified and/or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

- The photographs may not have been previously displayed or published.

SUBMITTING IMAGES: You may submit digital images via email or mail. Images must be **at least 5 x 7 inches at 300 dpi** (high resolution). Images should be submitted in JPEG (at high quality) or TIFF format. Images not meeting this criteria may still be considered but will not be eligible for the Best of Show or First Place awards.

The following information must be submitted with each entry: name, address, daytime telephone number, date the photo was taken, contest category, and age (youth category only). Digital images should be emailed to photocontest@fresnochaffeezoo.com or mailed on CD-ROM to Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Attn: Photo Contest, 894 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728. All submissions become the property of Fresno Chaffee Zoo and will not be acknowledged or returned.

CONTEST DATES: All entries must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm PST on October 31, 2008. Fresno Chaffee Zoo is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, damaged, incomplete, misdirected or postage-due entries. Winners will be announced on the Zoo's website no later than November 24, 2008.

LICENSE: By entering the contest, you grant to Fresno Chaffee Zoo, and its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual right and license to use, display, reproduce, publish, transmit, and distribute your photograph on Fresno Chaffee Zoo's website, advertisements, publications and/or in any other promotional or educational materials. Your grant and license shall also apply to any reprints, revised editions, or derivative works in any media or format, whether now or hereafter known, including without limitation other kinds of print media and electronic media. By entering the contest, you acknowledge and agree that you will not be paid for such use.

By entering the contest you represent, acknowledge and warrant that (i) the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by you, and you are the sole owner of all right, title, and interest in and to your photograph, including the copyright; (ii) Fresno Chaffee Zoo's publication of your photograph as authorized herein will not violate or infringe any right, title, or interest of

any person or entity; (iii) Fresno Chaffee Zoo's publication of your photograph will not violate any right of privacy or publicity nor create any other liability in tort and that you have obtained a valid model release from any identifiable, individual person who is the subject of the photograph; (iv) you are not a party to and your photograph is not subject to any contract or arrangement that would conflict with your permission herein; and (v) you agree to indemnify and hold harmless Fresno Chaffee Zoo against any damages, losses, or expenses occurring as a result of any claimed breach of warranty.

***MODEL RELEASE FORM:** All contest photos that include people must be accompanied by Fresno Chaffee Zoo's Model Release Form signed by each person depicted. If the subject or subjects are under 18, a parent/guardian must sign the model release form. Photos of people without release forms will not be entered into the contest. Download the Model Release Form (in PDF) from our website www.fresnochaffeezoo.com.

Do The Zoo: Sharks in the Park



Members: you save \$10 off the regular ticket price and \$30 off the VIP price for Do The Zoo!

Saturday, June 21, 2008

7:00 p.m. to Midnight

VIP entrance opens at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrating SHARKS at Stingray Bay and benefiting Fresno Chaffee Zoo's education programs.

Restaurants and Caterers

Serving 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Gourmet Beers and Wines

Serving 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Headline Entertainment

Papa Doo Run Run

Onstage 9:00 p.m. - Midnight

Purchase VIP Tickets for Do The Zoo and enjoy extra amenities

This year's Do The Zoo: Sharks in the Park promises to be a great event for all who attend, but if you want to show greater support for your Zoo and get some extra perks, consider purchasing VIP tickets. VIP ticket holders will receive extra benefits such as:

- Early entry to the event at 6:30 p.m. (VIP area only; event starts at 7:00 p.m.)
- Exclusive VIP area adjacent to the amphitheater
- Dessert and coffee bar
- Exclusive access to frozen drinks such as margaritas
- VIP-only seating area with tables and chairs
- Air-conditioned restroom facilities
- Visits from Zoo education animals
- Musical entertainment, and more!

Use the form on page 5, or order online at www.fresnochaffeezoo.com or by phone at 559-498-4921.

This benefit features specialties from premier area restaurants and wineries, dancing under the stars, live entertainment, a silent auction and a chance to enjoy the Zoo at twilight.

Headliner **Papa Doo Run Run** has been known as California's band for the past four decades. Billboard Magazine commented, "Papa's impeccably smooth vocal harmony and rock solid instrumentation hits of the 60's and 70's, and especially their award winning recreation of hits of Jan & Dean and the Beach Boys, were strictly sensational and left the audience screaming for more."

*Do The Zoo is an event for adults 21 and older. ID required for consumption of alcoholic beverages.



Breakfast with the Animals draws sellout crowd, starts record-high attendance weekend with Party for the Planet and Dia de los Niños

Carl's Jr. Breakfast with the Animals 2008 was a smash hit this year, drawing a sellout crowd of 2,500 guests and starting off a weekend that hosted over 14,000 guests at your Zoo.

On April 19, Breakfast was followed by Party for the Planet, a celebration of Earth Day that featured interactive booths and activities centered around the environment and conservation. Party for the Planet activities were free with Zoo admission and helped bring in 5,400 visitors for the day.

On Sunday, April 20, Univision's Fiesta de los Niños brought over 9,000 guests to the Zoo to celebrate children and Hispanic heritage. The day's events included food, music, live entertainment and children's activities.

"People within our community are recognizing that good things are going on at the Zoo," commented Zoo Director Lewis Greene. "They are catching on to the excitement of what we are doing. More and more people want to be a part of it and support us in our fundraising efforts."



Breakfast with the Animals is one of four major fundraising events held throughout the year to raise funds for animal care and Zoo operations. Do The Zoo: Sharks in the Park, Producers Ice Cream Zoofari and ZooBoo will round out the fundraising event schedule for 2008. 🌱

Carl's Jr. Happy Star greets guests at Breakfast with the Animals on April 19. The event sold out at 2,500 guests.

Thank you to our Breakfast with the Animals event sponsors who helped make this event a success:

Carl's Jr.
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Lyons Magnus



Saturday, August 16, 2008
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Treat yourself to frozen delicacies like bear foot brownie and pink flamingo sundaes at this all-you-can-eat ice cream zoofari fundraiser. Bring the whole family for a tasty experience with over 50 flavors of ice cream spread throughout your Zoo.

Yes! Please send me tickets for this fun family event.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Membership # _____

Member: _____ Adult @ \$12 \$ _____

_____ Child @ \$8 (ages 2-11) \$ _____

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This event sells out! Get your tickets early!

FUN FACTS ABOUT CAPYBARAS

DID YOU KNOW...

Capybaras are the **world's largest rodent!**

Adult capybaras may be more than **four feet** in length and weigh more than **100 pounds**.

They **live** in grasslands and forests **alongside water**, such as rivers and lakes, in South America.

The capybara is a grazing **herbivore**, eating mainly grasses and aquatic plants.

Capybaras are highly social and live in **groups of 6-20**, controlled by a dominant male.

Capybaras are normally **crepuscular**, which means that they are active early in the morning and at sunset. They rest during the heat of the day, often in the water.

Their digits have short, **strong claws** and are partially webbed.

Capybaras are considered **semi-aquatic**, spending much of their time in water. They can dive and may remain **under water** for as long as **five minutes**. They will even sleep in water with only their nostrils out of the water to breathe.

The name "capybara" is derived from a **Greek word** which means "water hog."

The average adult lives for four to eight years in the wild, as they are a **favorite food** of anacondas, jaguar, puma, ocelot, eagle and caiman. In captivity, they can live for 12 years. 🌱

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS SUMMER 2008

All workshops are aligned with California's science standards and include a behind-the-scenes opportunity and Teacher Check-Out Kits. Each workshop offers a 1-semester unit credit through Fresno Pacific University. Workshops will show you how to use the Zoo's animal population to enhance the curriculum. \$50 fee per workshop; \$59 additional for optional credit through Fresno Pacific University.

Please visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.com/education for registration forms and more information, or call Lesley Gates in the Education Department at 559-498-5944.

IND 1147 Voyage from the Sun (4th – 6th grade)

Tuesday, July 1, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Explore the story of Earth's energy – its solar origins, how it is incorporated into living systems and how it flows from plants to animals. Students examine how they use energy, where it comes from, and how human impact on natural habitats builds bridges between biology, physical sciences, math, and language arts. Perfect curriculum to get your students prepared for the Life Science portion of the Grade 5 Science Standards Test (STAR).

IND 1148 Pablo Python Looks at Animals (K – 2nd grade)

Monday, June 23, 2008 **OR**
Tuesday, June 24, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to use the Pablo Python program to build students' skills in reading, writing, math, art and science. The program uses children's natural love of animals to encourage curiosity and to develop the fundamental skill of science observation. Pablo Python curriculum is organized around the following concepts: animal sizes and shapes, animal textures and patterns, animal colors, animal sounds, styles of animal locomotion and feeding, and animal survival needs.

Sign up now for Summer Zoo Camp Adventures

Our summer camp sessions are filling up fast! Take advantage of your Fresno Chaffee Zoo membership to get a discount on camp registration fees. Week-long sessions are still open for all ages and are a wonderful way for children to spend a week during the summer learning about animals and the world around them. Call 559-498-5920 for more information or visit the education section of our website, www.fresnochaffeezoo.com.

TEACHERS!

Sign up now for "Zoo News You Can Use", a teacher e-newsletter sent quarterly to your email. Keep informed on what's going on at the Zoo plus receive lesson ideas and activities you can use with your students.

Go to www.fresnochaffeezoo.com and click on EDUCATION or email lgates@fresnochaffeezoo.com with your name, school, district, and email address.

Kidz Zoo Zone

When the sun goes down and you go to sleep, the night comes alive with nocturnal creatures. Nocturnal animals are most active during the night hours. We are diurnal, which means we are most active during the day. Living in the dark can be challenging. Animals who are nocturnal have adaptations that help them live in the dark.

Match the description of the nocturnal adaptation with the animal it belongs to:

1. The males of these animals must make loud calls during the night to find the females.
2. These animals use echolocation to find their insect dinner in the dark.
3. This animal's excellent eyesight, keen sense of hearing and special feathers for silent flight allow it to hunt at night.
4. This "masked" animal comes out at night to find goodies left in trash cans.
5. This desert reptile sleeps during the day to escape the heat and then comes out at night when it is cooler.
6. These animals have a special membrane (tapetum lucidum) in their eyes that allows them to capture as much light as possible in the dark which helps them to see. Because of this membrane, their eyes seem to "glow" at night.



bat



gila monster



owl



raccoon



cat



frog

Answers: 1. Frog 2. Bat 3. Owl 4. Raccoon 5. Gila monster 6. Cats

Bat photo courtesy www.bat.ru. Gila monster photo by James P. Blair, nationalgeographic.com. Owl photo by Aaryn James. Raccoon photo by George Grall, nationalgeographic.com. Tiger photo by Amy Boam. Frog photo by Nikolai Orlov.

Member Notes

Cockadoodle Zoo

Many members took advantage of the peaceful early morning hour at the Zoo last year and Cockadoodle Zoo is back again this year. Each Monday now through Labor Day, members will have early access to the Zoo beginning at 8:00 a.m. Cockadoodle Zoo is for Fresno Chaffee Zoo members only and is your chance to see the Zoo in the cool early morning hours.

Stingray Bay

Members again receive free admission to Stingray Bay: A Touching Experience and this year we've added sharks! White-spotted bamboo and nurse sharks swim among large southern stingrays and groups of cownose stingrays. If you missed this tranquil pool of graceful rays last year, you'll definitely want to experience these gentle creatures this year. Our knowledgeable narrators provide amazing facts about stingrays and sharks as they explore

their habitat and you! Stingray Bay will be at the Zoo until September 14th. Don't miss this opportunity to touch and learn about these remarkable sea creatures.

Zoo Entry

During peak admission hours at Fresno Chaffee Zoo your membership allows you express entry into the Zoo. When the admission queue line is full, please approach the admission staff person located to the right of the queue line and show your photo ID and current Fresno Chaffee Zoo membership card. Admission staff will verify your membership and allow you to advance to the entrance doors – it's that simple. If you have misplaced your membership card, admission staff can direct you to the next available window where they can verify your membership from your photo ID. Occasionally our queue line fills unexpectedly and we do not have a queue line staff person in place. We ask

that you use the queue line during these temporarily busy moments.

Zoo Adventures Camp

Spaces are still available in the Summer Zoo Camp Adventures. From Cubby Camp to Young Naturalist, Adventure Camp provides amazing and fun week-long day classes for children from ages 3 to 17. Family Overnights offer the whole family an opportunity to share the experience of sleeping in the Zoo. And as a member, you receive special discounted pricing on all your camp adventures. Call 559-498-5920 for more information on available classes or go online to www.fresnochaffeezoo.com for a complete listing of the summer program schedule.

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