

NAPLES ZOO

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Easter Bunny Leaves Treats for Wild Relatives! Lions, Tigers, & Wild Dogs Hunt for Easter Eggs at Zoo

Hunting for Easter eggs is fun for everyone, even the animals at Naples Zoo. While kids are getting ready for exciting egg hunts at various spots around SW Florida, zookeepers are helping out the Easter Bunny by preparing large colorful papier-mâché eggs stuffed with treats for the Zoo's rare animals.

During this special three day event, Zoo guests will enjoy watching animals claw and gnaw into special treat-filled eggs:

Thursday, April 13	12:45 p.m.	African lions
Friday, April 14	2:15 p.m.	Indochinese tigers
Saturday, April 15	3:45 p.m.	African wild dogs

Zoo staff will also hide colorful eggs on the primate islands at 1:00 p.m. each day. Finally, special holiday-themed treats will be given during the 11 a.m. *Planet Predator* presentation at Safari Canyon.

When: Thursday, April 13 through Saturday, April 15

Why: Events like this are part of the daily animal enrichment program. Proper animal husbandry includes not only cleaning, nutritional diets, veterinary care, and daily record keeping, but also behavioral enrichment including toys to play with (or destroy), supplemental foraging activities, and even the use of scents to increase curiosity about objects. By rotating activities, animals consistently engage in something fun and thought provoking.

Where: Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens
1590 Goodlette-Frank Road (across from Coastland Center)

Please note: Naples Zoo is closed on Sunday, April 16.

