

From David Tetzlaff, Zoo Director

News Release

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People & Primate to Name New Zoo Babies

Naples, FL — Naples Zoo has recently seen the birth of two fascinating African animals: a black and white colobus monkey and a yellow-backed duiker, a type of forest antelope. Typically, zoo staff select appropriate names for newborns at the Zoo. This time, however, everyone is being invited to pitch in and the ultimate winning names will be chosen by the new monkey's mother herself!

Names can be submitted for both new babies through Sunday, October 15. As both of these creatures are African species, names that relate to Africa are encouraged. Entry forms are available at The ZOO Gift Shop or online at www.napleszoo.com. No purchase is necessary to enter and you can enter as many names as you like. (Zoo staff and Zoo volunteers are not eligible to win.) Contest is sponsored by Gator Country 101.9, Naples FM Talk 98.9, Groovin' 102.9, and Mix 104.7 radio stations.

Zoo staff will select five potential names for each baby. The names will then be paired, one for the antelope and one for the monkey, and assigned a color. On Thursday, October 19, keepers will place five correspondingly colored treats on the colobus monkey island. Whichever colored treat the colobus monkey mother selects first will determine the winning names.

The two people who submitted the winning names and their immediate families will join Zoo Director David Tetzlaff on an exclusive tour of the zoo featuring an early-morning boat cruise and a special trip to the duiker exhibit. Date will be coordinated with both winning groups and tours will take place at the same time.

Naples Zoo is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from the Coastland Center mall in the heart of Naples. In addition to innovative presentations like Serpents: Fangs & Fiction and Planet Predator, the Zoo offers a historic botanical garden and many rare animals. Guests board the Primate Expedition Cruise to glide by islands inhabited by monkeys, lemurs, and apes living in natural habitats. Admission (\$15.95 adults age 13+ / \$9.95 children 3 to 12, under 3 free) includes all shows and the boat ride. Visitors can also pick up a healthy lunch and snacks at the SUBWAY® Cafe and shop for wild gifts at tame prices in The ZOO Gift Shop. The Zoo welcomes guests daily from 9:30 to 5:30 with the last ticket sold at 4:30. To learn more, click www.napleszoo.com or call (239) 262-5409.

**High resolution images of the new babies available
by request to tim@napleszoo.com**

