

## Holidays Are for Families Ron Glazier, Santa Ana Zoo Director, Retired

One of the blessings of being retired is that I have more time to spend with family, and that is particularly wonderful during the holiday season. Holidays are traditionally time to spend with family and friends, time for "remember when," time to build new memories, time to be thankful, and time to give. It is also a good time for your family to visit our family at the Zoo.

The weather is usually delightful, the pathways less crowded, and the animals more active in the cooler air. The Safari Train and Conservation Carrousel are great fun not just for the children but for the child in all of us. And speaking of fun, don't miss out on *Holiday with the Critters* on December 19 and 26. The Zoo sparkles and glitters with bright and colorful light displays, and holiday music provides background atmosphere for animal presentations, arts and crafts, storytelling, and let's not forget cookies and hot apple cider.

Speaking of families, the Zoo has some of our own. Many monkeys live in family groups and both the red-handed tamarins and white-headed saki monkeys have added to their families this year. One of our smaller families is the crested capuchin monkey family with mom, dad, and the baby born in 2007. However, what is significant is that baby was only the second one born in a U.S. zoo and only one of only 12 such monkeys in the U.S. Hopefully, that family will continue to grow. It is also our hope that our pair of giant anteaters will start a family here at Santa Ana. Look for the grand opening of their new exhibit at Tierra de las Pampas sometime early in the Spring.

One of the principles that guides our



animal collection at the Zoo is to exhibit animals in their natural family groups. Therefore, social animals are always exhibited at least as pairs, in small herds, or family groups. Some animals are solitary by nature, so you may see them displayed alone except in situations where we are trying to breed them, and then they may be displayed as pairs. Incidentally, that is one of the reasons that the Santa Ana Zoo does not have an elephant exhibit. Elephants live in family groups. The group may be as small as 4 to 6 with one or two closely related cows and their offspring. Other herds are much larger with 20 to 30, or even more, that consist of smaller family units within the larger herd. The interrelationships can be quite complex and separating closely related animals can cause them a great deal of stress. It is best to keep at least the minimum number of closely related individuals together and give them adequate space to exercise, forage, and socially interact as

they would in the wild. The amount of space for even the smallest elephant herd would occupy the better part of the acreage that we have for animal exhibits within our present Zoo boundaries.

Likewise, animals such as giraffes, zebras, and rhinos would require larger exhibit spaces because of the numbers required to keep families together or their natural need to move around to graze or browse. On the other hand, we could display a jaguar or a spectacled bear because they are solitary animals and easier to provide for their food habits in a more limited space.

Many other animals do not live in family groups but do aggregate in herds or flocks and because of their social nature are best displayed in groups. These groups provide security as it is more difficult for predators to approach unseen. Interestingly, flamingos in captivity do not successfully nest and hatch chicks unless there is a minimum number in the flock. We display scarlet ibises and roseate spoonbills, for example, in small flocks for the very reason that they group together in the wild. In the Crean Family Farm you'll notice that we keep many of the sheep and goats together in small herds.

So, bring your family herd to the Zoo to see our family herds, and all the other animals, too. Enjoy some time together during the joyous holiday season at the Zoo. Remember to come to *Holiday with the Critters* and join in the festivities. Also, don't forget to stop in at the Zoo gift shop for that unique holiday gift, adopt an animal, or to buy a gift membership for those close family friends so they, too, can enjoy family time together at the Zoo.



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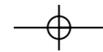


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**Animal Trading Card**  
Can you see why some call her a ghost owl?



**Year in Review**  
Thanks to all who made 2009 a success!



**Baby Rheas**  
Moving to their new home April 17, 2010.

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## Special Events 2009/2010

**EVERY SECOND TUESDAY** of the month: FREE admission for Santa Ana Residents Day. \$1 Train & Carrousel Discount Day (2nd Tuesday only).

- December 19 & 26**  
**Holidays with the Critters** — Holiday family event with music, holiday crafts, lights, and decorations: 6-8 PM.
- "Dreamnight" 12/18: Special invitation only for children living with life-threatening conditions.
  - City of Santa Ana and Seniors Night 12/19: City residents, employees, and seniors (60+) get in FREE.
  - Member Appreciation Night 12/26: Members get in FREE.

**February 3**  
**Membership Appreciation Day** — Members get FREE train rides, crafts, and extra discounts: 11AM-2PM.

**February 20 - 21**  
**University of California Master Gardeners** — Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiast: 11AM to 3PM. FREE with price of admission.

**March 6 - 7**  
**Zoo Birthday Party** — All-Zoo party with music, games and fun: 11AM-2PM — General Public - FREE with price of admission; Members - FREE.

**April 10**  
**Zoo-B-Que and Tierra de las Pampas Member Sneak Peak!** — Sneak Peek of new exhibit. Members get FREE train rides, music, crafts, BBQ hot dogs & hamburgers, opportunity drawing, and extra discounts: 11AM-2PM.

**April 17**  
**Tierra de las Pampas Grand Opening!** — Grand Opening of new exhibit. General Public - FREE with price of admission; Members - FREE. 11AM-2PM.

**April 24**  
**Party for the Planet** — All Zoo event with booths promoting conservation. General Public - Free with price of admission; Members - FREE. 11AM-2PM. *Dates are tentative and subject to change. For additional information on any event, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-855 x12.*

## Holidays with the Critters 2009



Come one, come all to our annual holiday family festival, "**Holidays with the Critters**," open to the general public on Saturdays, December 19 and 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, rain or shine. The Holiday Event prices are \$6 per person or \$3 per Zoo Member. December 19 is City of Santa Ana Night and Seniors Night during which Santa Ana city residents and employees and all seniors (60+) get in for free. Additionally, December 26 is Member Appreciation Night in which Members get in for free.

The event features enchanting animals, beautifully lighted displays, seasonal music, crafts tables, and storytelling placed all around the Zoo entrance and farm area, which are transformed into a winter wonderland! Along with the crafts and holiday decorations, the evenings will feature the music of Steve McGuigan. SAZOO, our Zoo's monkey mascot, will make special appearances throughout each evening. Conservation Carrousel and Zoofari Express Train Rides will be available for \$3 each, and combo tickets for \$5 each.

Come and make the "Holidays with the Critters" part of your family's annual tradition during the holidays. Please call (714) 953-8555 x12 for more information

about this event or become a Zoo Member by calling (714) 953-8555 x13 or logging on to [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org). You can purchase your tickets online, too!

Kicking off this holiday event, the Santa Ana Zoo is once again proud to host "Dreamnight at the Zoo" on Friday, December 18, for children living with life threatening conditions and their families.

The goal of "Dreamnight" is to provide an annual entrance-free evening at the Zoo for these families. Invitations are placed at the disposal of the Children's Hospitals and similar institutions. Only the medical staff can select the children and distribute the invitations. Our honored guests will receive gifts, live music, catered dinner by Parties by Panache, free train and carrousel rides, as well as the opportunity to get up close and personal with the animals. All of the children and their families are warmly welcomed and treated as VIPs. It is a night the children and their families will always remember!

If you would like to help make our "**Dreamnight**" an extra special one, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555 x11. For more information on this international event, visit the official "Dreamnight" website at [www.dreamnightatthezoo.nl](http://www.dreamnightatthezoo.nl).

## Animal Trading Card



**Common Name:** Barn Owl  
**Scientific Name:** Tyto alba  
**Distinguishing Characteristics:** The barn owl has a heart-shaped facial ruff of white feathers with tan feathers along the edge. It appears white from below and golden-brown from above, with black specks all over. Its beak is off-white, and the feet are feathered, yellowish-white to brownish.

**Habitat:** Barn owls are nearly cosmopolitan, living in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, India, Southeast Asia, and Australia.

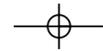
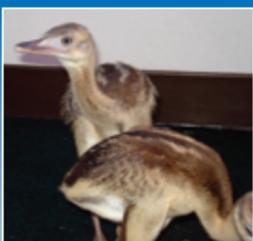
**Wild Diet:** Barn owls specialize in hunting small ground mammals, and the vast majority of their food consists of small rodents. Other prey may include baby rabbits, bats, frogs, lizards, birds, and insects.

**Facts:** Their face feathers create a disc, which works to trap and focus sound. Researchers found that in total blackness the barn owl is still able to find the smallest of prey because of their excellent hearing. Other names for the Barn Owl include Monkey-faced Owl, Ghost Owl and Golden Owl.

## Baby Rheas!

In preparation for the opening of Tierra de las Pampas, the Santa Ana Zoo has acquired newly hatched rheas, who will be moved into their new home on April 17, 2010, in time for the Grand Opening, and where they will join with our guanacos and the other greater rhea.

Currently, the babies can be viewed in the Crean Family Farm in the Yellow Shed on the left after crossing the train tracks, along with a sample rhea egg. They certainly grow up fast!



## Gift Membership Bags Are Back for the Holidays!



Are you looking for the perfect gift for the holidays? How about a membership to the Santa Ana Zoo? Give the gift that lasts for a full 12 months and offers your friends or family many happy experiences at the "Home of the 50 Monkeys!" For a limited time, you can purchase a gift membership and receive a FREE gift bag full of ribbons, *Animal Tales* Newsletter, brochures, Family Club membership certificate printed on winter holiday paper and a SAZOO plush monkey! All of this for just \$55 (or \$60 online). It is the perfect gift for your friends or family.

Purchase gift membership bags at the Zoo's "Treetop Toys" Gift Shop or on the website at [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org). Order now to ensure delivery time, or stop by your Zoo to pick one up!

## Animal Adoptions!

Animal adoptions make great gifts for the holidays, and at \$39 they are just the right price to satisfy any animal lover on your list. Imagine the thrill of your recipients when you take them to the Zoo, where they can see their names on the Adoption Board in the center of the Zoo! And for \$69, you can purchase the Deluxe Package, which includes a photo and a plush monkey of the golden lion tamarin, black and white colobus, or emperor tamarin.

All adoption packages include an animal fact sheet, a certificate of adoption (suitable for framing), and name recognition in the center of the Zoo. Funds from the program are used for habitat upkeep, special equipment acquisition, and animal preservation programs. It's a great way to let the animals know you care about them.

Visit [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org) to view all the available adoption options or call (714) 953-8555 x13 for more information.



Black and White Colobus

Emperor Tamarin

Golden Lion Tamarin

## New Volunteer Train Driver Sign Unveiled



Newly installed, the Volunteer Train Driver sign honors volunteer train drivers and celebrates all the hard work and dedication that they have given to the Santa Ana Zoo over the years. Anyone interested in volunteering to drive the train can visit the website at ([www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org)) to learn all about the excitement of providing this valuable service. Long-time train driver Paul Mac Farland, a nine-year volunteer, is shown here proudly finding his name on the engraved plaques. "I've been driving this train for years, and there is nothing like the thrill of excited guests riding it while touring the Zoo and animal exhibits," said Paul. The Volunteer Train Sign can be seen daily at the Santa Ana Zoo's "Zoofari Express" train depot.

## "2009 Year in Review" Corporate Corner

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## Peggy Ann Baldwin-Butler



Peggy Baldwin-Butler, a continuing Zoo donor and member of Friends of Santa Ana Zoo's Advisory Board of Directors, is one of the Zoo's most dynamic supporters. Peggy graduated from Northern Arizona University with an Education degree, and was President of Orange Unified School District's PTA. She is currently co-owner of the largest women's owned business in Southern California—Villa Ford, in the city of Orange. The Villa Ford dealership was established by her parents, Herb and Wanda Baldwin, and has been family owned since 1970. The Baldwins originally opened an English Ford Dealership in Bellflower, California, calling it Plaza Motors. That dealership sold more imported Fords during the first five years than any other dealer in the United States. Beginning with its first year and continuing for 18 years in succession, Villa Ford in Orange received Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Achievement Award, given in recognition for progressive management, sound practices and high-quality standards of service. By August 1992, Herb felt confident to retire, and in December of that same year, Wanda followed. They sold the business to daughters Karen, Peggy and Brian Butler.

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## Family Adventure Classes

A variety of natural science workshops are offered to the public on Saturdays. All sessions are geared to a variety of ages and provide an exciting opportunity to learn about animals and nature firsthand. **Reservations and payment must be made in advance.** Call the Zoo Education office at 714-647-6562 for information.

### Wildside Tours

Take a walk on the wild side and hear the fun stories about our Zoo animals! Who's Mr. Mom? Who's the oldest animal in the Zoo? Which animal smells like popcorn? During this Saturday morning Zoo tour your guide will answer these and many more questions about our Zoo animals. This single-session workshop is designed for both adults and children of all ages. Workshop meets from 8:30-10 AM. Fee is \$8 per FOSAZ member (\$12 per person non-member). Children two and under are free. Fee includes Zoo admission. Reservations must be made in advance. Space is limited.

Saturday, January 30  
Saturday, February 27  
Saturday, March 27



## Conservation Education Theater

While visiting the Zoo, please stop by and enjoy the animal presentations in our Conservation Education Theater. These presentations are free with Zoo admission. The first weekend of every month will be our "special themes" weekend.

Weekends 12:00 and 2:30 PM

January 2 & 3  
Winter Warmth Being either warm-blooded or cold-blooded, staying warm is important!

February 6 & 7  
Love is in the Air for Valentine's Day

March 6 & 7  
Happy Birthday to the Zoo – We celebrate the Zoo's 58th birthday

April 3 & 4  
Spring brings babies which come in all different forms.

### Scout Patch Program

Designed for Scout groups, this program combines a variety of nature topics such as animal classification, endangered species, and conservation. Topics are chosen to help fulfill requirements for various badges and Try-Its for Cub Scouts and Brownies. Program includes an animal presentation, paper and pencil scavenger hunt, notebook and embroidered patch for the Scouts. Program is offered on select Saturday afternoons from 2-4:30 PM. Fee is \$10 per Scout and \$8 per adult and includes Zoo admission. Advance reservations are required. Space is limited. **Please call Education Department for available dates.**

### Breakfast with the Beasts

Join us early Saturday morning for a light breakfast of cereal, muffins, fruits, and juice. In the new Crean Family Farm everyone lends a hand feeding the animals their breakfast – all before the Zoo opens to the public. This single-session workshop is designed for both adults and children of all ages. Workshop meets from 8:30-10 AM. Fee is \$8 per FOSAZ member (\$12 per person non-member). Children two and under are free. Fee includes Zoo admission. Reservations must be made in advance. Space is limited.

Saturday, February 13  
Saturday, March 20  
Saturday, May 22



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## Family Adventures Reservation Form

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete Mailing Address / Street / Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number(s) — very important \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Date of Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Spaces Reserved \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make Check Payable to  
**CITY OF SANTA ANA**

**Please mail Reservation Form and Payment to:**  
Education Department  
Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park  
1801 E. Chestnut Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92701