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Zoo Animals to Have Pumpkin Fun

Toledo, Ohio—On October 30 and 31, some of your favorite Zoo animals will discover that the Great Pumpkin has paid a visit to their habitats! The pumpkins were used in The Toledo Zoo's Pumpkin Path and Little Boo celebrations, and they'll be the source of some Halloween hi-jinks throughout these two days. Some animals will eat the pumpkins, while some animals might just knock them around. Either way, it's a lot of fun to watch and a great experience for the animals!

Introducing new items such as pumpkins into animals' habitats is a great form of enrichment, in which animals are presented with different stimuli that encourage the animals to explore their surroundings, manipulate objects and engage in naturalistic behaviors. Enrichment is a key component to the Zoo's commitment to excellence in animal care. (The fact that it's a lot of fun for visitors is a bonus!)

For a schedule of pumpkin events on October 30 and 31, visit the Zoo's website, www.toledozoo.org. The pumpkins used during Pumpkin Path and Little Boo come from the pumpkin farms of Sid Delagrange. Over 400 pumpkins were used to decorate the Zoo for these family-friendly trick-or-treat events.

The Toledo Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit www.toledozoo.org or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is building North America's largest wildlife conservation movement.