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Big Valentine's Weekend at The Toledo Zoo!

Toledo, Ohio—Not only is this the season The Toledo Zoo calls **Frozentoesen**, a celebration of all things winter, but there are also a number of great events scheduled for this weekend! It's just one more reason for your family to come out and *dig the cool*.

For starters, all Lucas County residents will receive **free admission** from **Saturday, February 14 through President's Day, Monday, February 16!** It's the Zoo's way of thanking the voters of Lucas County for their continued support for the Zoo. There will also be special coupons offering great deals on future admissions to the Zoo.

Saturday, February 14, is the day the Zoo is calling **Vanimal-tine's Day!** Spend the day watching some of your favorite Zoo animals receive some great treats, and see how the Zoo shares the love on this very special day. From 10:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Zoo animals will explore their exhibits and find papier-mâché Valentines filled with species-appropriate treats. It's a great source of enrichment for the animals, giving them a chance to explore their habitats and use their senses to manipulate objects and engage in naturalistic behaviors. A complete schedule of events can be found on the Zoo's website, www.toledozoo.org.

On **Saturday, February 14**, the Zoo also presents ***For the Love of Animals***, a **Vineyard Adventure** that may be the most exciting ever! Be a part of the romance and fun from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the **Zoo's Museum of Science**. In addition to all the elements that make Vineyard Adventures such a romantic getaway, this year's Valentine's Day Vineyard Adventure offers a chance to participate in a silent art auction featuring paintings by some of your favorite Zoo animals, including the sloth bear, elephant, Burmese python and orangutan. Zoo keepers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the paintings and the animals that created the artwork. Throughout the evening, Zoo staff will present small animal encounters that get you up close to some amazing animals. **Tickets are \$50 per person for Zoo members and \$55 per person for non-members.** For more information or to reserve your spot at this Vineyard Adventure, call **(419) 385-5721, ext. 3092**. For a complete schedule of 2009 Vineyard Adventures, visit www.toledozoo.org.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily 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.

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