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Do You ♥ Animals? Don't Miss Vanimal-tine's Day at the Zoo!

Toledo, Ohio—This is the season for love, and The Toledo Zoo is no exception as **Saturday, February 12 is Vanimal-tine's Day!** Your family will want to be there to share the love as some of your favorite Zoo animals will find Valentine's themed treats throughout the day.

Whether you want to show your sweetie that you're a real tiger, or that you're as cute a couple as the Zoo's cinereous vultures, or that you have as much heart as our octopus (they have three, you know), you'll have a great opportunity to get a little lovey-dovey this Vanimal-tine's Day. The schedule of enrichment encounters is as follows:

| <u>Animal</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Tigers | Tiger Terrace | 10:15 a.m. |
| Gorillas | Kingdom of the Apes | 10:15 a.m. |
| Primates | Primate Forest | 10:30 a.m. |
| Shark | Aquarium | 11:00 a.m. |
| Otter | African Savanna | 11:45 a.m. |
| Octopus | Aquarium | 1:00 p.m. |
| Chimpanzee | Kingdom of the Apes | 1:30 p.m. |
| Vultures | Vulture Exhibit | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wolves | Arctic Encounter [®] | 3:30 p.m. |

The Zoo is holding these Vanimal-tine's Day celebrations in addition to the usual festivities that make up Froentoesen Winter Weekends, presented by Mercy Children's Hospital. With half-price admission, ice-carving demonstrations and Wild Encounters in the Aviary and Nature's Neighborhood, Froentoesen Winter Weekends are the perfect way for your family to shake off your cabin fever!

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 committed to inspiring others to join in caring for animals and conserving the natural world. As part of that mission, The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation. AZA member institutions are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors and a better future for all living things.

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