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HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE AT THE VIRGINIA ZOO

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo’s Holiday Marketplace will open for one day only, Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“This time of year the stores are like zoos, so why not just come to the Zoo to shop for the animal lovers on your list?” said Greg Bockheim, the executive director of the Virginia Zoo.

Located just inside the Zoo entrance on Compass Plaza, the Holiday Marketplace will feature door prizes, special seasonal offers, ornaments, train gift packs, animal art, other fun and interesting gifts, and special animal enrichment presentations. Contribute to an animal’s annual care and feeding by arranging a Zoodoption in someone’s name. Purchase a membership for family or friends, so they can visit whenever they would like. Book a once-in-a-lifetime Zoo tour for someone special. More information on Zoo gifts is available at www.virginiazoo.org.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Zoo projects, including renovations to the Zoo Farm. The new Zoo Farm will ensure the Zoo continues to provide animal residents with the highest quality of life possible, while simultaneously improving the visitor experience.

An accredited Association of Zoos and Aquariums facility, the Virginia Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals on 53 beautifully landscaped acres. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has been committed to education and conservation, and offered a fun-filled day for visitors of any age. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admissions are \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 62 and over) and \$9 for children ages 2-11. Children under 2 admitted FREE! Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.

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Among the wide variety of gifts at the Virginia Zoo's Holiday Marketplace will be ornaments made from hand-blown German glass, including these patriotic ornaments, and proceeds will help fund renovations to the Zoo Farm (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson).

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