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SENTARA DONATES HOSPITAL BED TO ZOO WELLNESS CAMPUS

NORFOLK, Va. – Sentara Norfolk General Hospital donated a hospital bed to the Virginia Zoo Animal Wellness Campus today.

“Sentara’s mission is to improve health every day, and this bed will help the Virginia Zoo provide the best possible health care for our animals,” said Greg Bockheim, the Zoo’s executive director. “We’re very grateful for their donation.”

The bed can support patients of up to 500 pounds, can be easily rolled to different locations and is adjustable.

Dr. Amanda Guthrie, the Zoo veterinarian, said that the bed would be used for transporting animals to and from the Animal Wellness Campus and for doing procedures on larger animals, like lions. “We’ll be able to use this for a wide variety of procedures,” she said during an orientation after the delivery.

The Zoo’s Animal Wellness Campus is scheduled to open to the public this summer, when it will provide visitors with an educational experience in addition to delivering the highest level of animal care. Zoo veterinary services have been operating out of the facility since January.

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Leah Rooker, the Virginia Zoo's veterinary technician, tries out the controls on a hospital bed donated by Sentara Norfolk General Hospital Thursday, March 6, 2014, while Dwain Fisher, bed management associate at Sentara Norfolk General, in the blue shirt, and Tracey Kane, team coordinator for Sentara Norfolk General, far right, give an orientation to Rooker, Zoo veterinarian Amanda Guthrie, far left, and Zoo executive director Greg Bockheim. (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson.)

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As an accredited Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facility, the Virginia Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals on 53 beautifully landscaped acres. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment 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 admission prices 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.