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LOVE IS IN THE AIR AT THE VIRGINIA ZOO!

NORFOLK, Va. – Spring is on its way and Love is in the Air at the Virginia Zoo 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2014.

A follow-on program to February's Kiss & Tail, Love is in the Air is an adults-only program focused on the wild ways of animal courtship. The evening program includes wine, appetizers, a Zoo tour and a presentation on animal courtship behavior by Tidewater Community College biology professor Lisa Behm.

"Love is in the Air is a perfect opportunity to leave the kids with a sitter and come enjoy the Zoo on an adult level," said Greg Bockheim, the Zoo's executive director.

Holding a master's degree in Biology from Old Dominion University, Behm is a former zookeeper and animal registrar at the Virginia Zoo, in which capacity she was also responsible for the veterinary clinic and assisting the Zoo's veterinarian. She began teaching evenings at TCC while working at the Zoo, becoming a full-time biology faculty member in 2003.

Space for the event is limited and preregistration is required. Ages 21 and up only; valid ID required. Cost per pair is \$45 for Zoo members and \$55 for nonmembers. Check-in begins promptly at 3 p.m. The program is expected to end around 6 p.m. For more information or to register, please visit www.virginiazoo.org or call 757-441-2374, ext. 253.

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KISS & TAIL AT THE ZOO



Very eligible bachelor from Singapore with valuable genetic profile seeks single tapir female looking to start a family. Rimba (left) courts Annie at the Virginia Zoo Oct. 14, 2011. The two Malayan tapirs have consistently exhibited courtship behavior and the Zoo is hopeful the pair will produce a baby. (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 receive free admission. Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.