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## **KISS & TAIL: VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE ZOO**

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo will host a special Valentine's Day program 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013.

Kiss & Tail is an adults-only opportunity to learn about animal mating, dating and reproductive habits in an honest and humorous forum. The evening includes wine, appetizers, a Zoo tour and a presentation on animal reproductive behavior by Tidewater Community College biology professor Lisa Behm.

“This is going to be a fun event where couples can enjoy some wine and hors d’ourves while learning about what separates the birds from the beasts when it comes to jungle love,” said Behm.

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. Cost per pair is \$35 for Zoo members and \$45 for nonmembers. Tours begin promptly at 3:30 p.m. The program is expected to end around 6:30 p.m., leaving plenty of time after to make your dinner reservations and discuss the day’s adventure.

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**Love, Zoo-style: Hitam and Bali, the Virginia Zoo's adult siamangs, enjoy a relaxing afternoon on Siamang Island at the Virginia Zoo Dec. 15, 2011. The couple had their first baby in August 2012 (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](http://www.virginiazoo.org) or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.*