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Bank on Your Bonus from Dublin Zoo this Christmas

To wrap up the year in style Dublin Zoo is offering half price admission on all adult and child tickets from Monday 27th December to Sunday 9th January to thank fans and visitors for their support throughout the year.

This year Dublin Zoo has welcomed a bundle of new arrivals from the Family Farm all the way to the African Plains. Among the new arrivals were eight Chilean flamingo chicks, four rearing-to-go red river hoglets, a lovely leopard tortoise, two sulawesi crested macaques, a white crowned mangabey, a new kid on the block at the Family Farm and more recently a Rothschild giraffe calf and southern white rhino calf.

Other major developments for Dublin Zoo included the opening of the newly renovated Family Farm and state of the art Humboldt penguin habitat, the tiger cubs celebrated their first birthday and Kesho, the young male gorilla, was chosen to become the dominant male in London Zoo.

Leo Oosterweghel, Director of Dublin Zoo said, *"It has been a busy year for Dublin Zoo and we want to thank our friends and supporters by offering them half price admission. We are also delighted with all the new arrivals this year as breeding is an extremely important function for Dublin Zoo who currently holds 39 species involved in breeding programmes."*

Dublin Zoo is open every day except for Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day. Opening hours for December and January are 9.30pm – 4pm. The African Plains closes at 3.30pm.

For further information check us out on Facebook www.facebook.com/dublinzoo or www.dublinzoo.ie.

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Notes to Editor:

Dublin Zoo is easily accessible by bus, LUAS, and train and is open everyday with the exception of Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day (26th December). Admission prices and opening times can all be found on the website. Dublin Zoo is accessible by the less-abled and manual wheel chairs are available on request.