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Dublin Zoo Gets Election Fever

Dublin Zoo has gone wild in the run up to Election Day 2011.

More than one commentator has quipped over the last few weeks that you could put a monkey into Dáil Eireann and he would do a better job than some of our elected representatives. With only days to go, Ireland's best loved attraction has seen five of its favourite animals run make a late dash for the Dáil.

The candidates running for election are as follows:

- **Olive the Ostrich** promises not to stick her head in the sand but will eyeball the opposition and tackle the issues that matter
 - o *Her motto is "Working Together with Vision"*
- **Peter the Peacock** guarantees he will show off his flair for flamboyant politics and is sure to ruffle a few feathers in the Dáil
 - o *His motto is "Restoring National Pride"*
- **Sibu the Orang utan** pledges to bring maturity and experience having lead the orang utans in Dublin Zoo and other European Zoo for many years
 - o *His motto is "Peace & Integrity"*
- **Bernadine the Elephant** hopes to trump her way to the top of the polls with a memory that is better than some politicians and honour that will restore favour amongst our European friends
 - o *Her motto is "Putting Family First"*
- **Jack the Wolf** promises to lead his pack to Dáil Eireann and take out some of the sly foxes currently operating there
 - o *His motto is "Leading the Pack"*

Dublin Zoo is urging voters to log on to the Dublin Zoo Facebook page and vote for your favourite candidate.

Voting is open and will remain open until midnight on Friday, 25th February.

For further information check us out on Facebook on 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.