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Love is in the Air...for Valentine's Day at Dublin Zoo

Dublin Zoo Valentine's Weekend Celebrations on 11th and 12th February

Valentine's Day – it's that time of year when even the animals are feeling warm and fuzzy. The passion is alive on Valentine's weekend (11th, 12th February) at Dublin Zoo as the monkeys, tigers, snow leopards and wolves are coupling up at every turn.

Whether you are a hopeless romantic, lovesick kitten or just lucky in love Dublin Zoo is the perfect "Valentine's Day date" for couples of every age. Break the mould of garage-bought carnations and take a trip to one of the city's most unique Valentine's Day destinations, Dublin Zoo, where you might even get inspiration from the animals.

This year the team at Dublin Zoo will put on special keepers' talks and activities to showcase the unique relationships between some of their famous couples.

Special Keeper Talks for Valentine's Weekend (These talks will take place in addition to the normal keeper talks)

11.00am	Sulawesi crested macaques	(Zumo and the girls)
11.15am	Sumatran Tigers	(Kepala and his partner Sigra)
11.15am	Snow Leopards	(Tito & Ciara)
11.45am	Orang utans	(Sibu & long-term girlfriend Leonie)
12.00pm	Gorillas	(Harry and his two favourite ladies Lena & Mayani)
12.30pm	Elephants	(The female elephants are preparing themselves for the arrival of the Bull Elephant)
2.15pm	Sealions	(Meet Danny and his harem)

2.45pm	Wolves	(Mating rituals of the wolves)
2.45pm	Giraffes	(Learn about the relationships which exist in the giraffe herd)
3.00pm	Rhinoceros	(Discover more about the rhinos in Dublin Zoo)

To complete the romantic tour of Dublin Zoo, the Meerkat Restaurant will have some scrumptious Valentine's treats on offer to visitors all weekend (11th and 12th February).

For further information check Dublin Zoo 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.