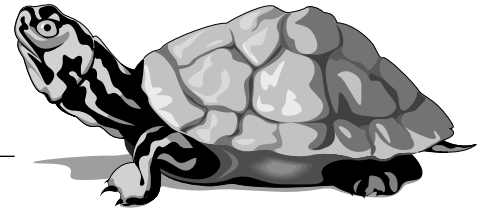


# TURTLE TALK

## NEWSLETTER

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## Essex County Turtle Back Zoo Receives AZA Accreditation!

On September 25 at 4 p.m., Essex County Turtle Back Zoo joined the ranks of the elite as it became one of only 200-plus zoos and aquariums in the world to become accredited by

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the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The granting of accreditation culminates a three-year-long process of getting the zoo up to the high standards set by the AZA. Accredited zoos must not only take the best care of their animals and offer a wonderful guest experience, but also demonstrate a commitment to education, conservation, and research. In addition, accredited zoos must demonstrate sound fiscal practices, long-term planning, visitor and staff safety, and the ability to retain a highly qualified and professional staff.

The official process of applying for accreditation began in February when Turtle Back Zoo submitted an extensive application packet that was hundreds of pages long. In July a thorough site inspection was performed

by a team of zoo professionals. All of the information from the application and inspection was reviewed by the AZA's accreditation commission, which then met with Zoo Director

Dr. Jeremy Goodman, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., and Essex County Parks Director Daniel Salvante. The commission was very impressed with all the zoo is accomplishing and the incredible commitment of County Executive DiVincenzo, and was pleased to grant accreditation to Turtle Back Zoo for five years.

The zoo will benefit from accreditation in many ways. Now members of the Zoological Society can visit more than 110 zoos and aquariums either at no charge or at a discounted admission thanks to the AZA's reciprocity program.

Turtle Back Zoo is now eligible to obtain rare animals that

are maintained by the AZA's species survival plans, and to obtain additional state and federal funding. AZA accreditation is truly an accomplishment to be proud of!

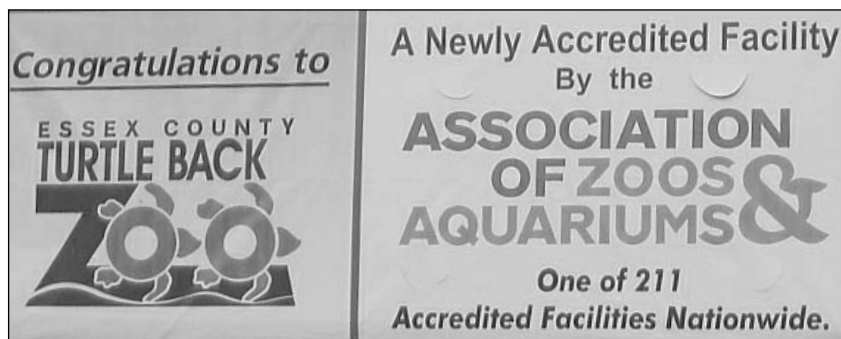


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees of the Zoological Society of New Jersey to congratulate Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Parks Director Daniel Salvante, and last but not least Turtle Back Zoo Director Dr. Jeremy Goodman and the entire staff of Turtle Back Zoo for gaining accreditation in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. This has been a long-term goal, and through vision, leadership, and old-fashioned hard work, this goal has been accomplished. This is another leap forward for Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, and I am proud to say that the Zoological Society of New Jersey played a part in this undertaking. The Society sent two representatives to the AZA convention, President Emeritus Connie Williams and Society Trustee Pat Murphy, so that we could hear the news firsthand. While at the convention our delegates attended meetings and workshops and have brought back a host of ideas that we will be putting into practice. The Society feels this is an important and useful function to further our commitment to Turtle Back Zoo.

This accomplishment is just another example of a dream come true through our partnership with Essex County. Accreditation will allow Turtle Back Zoo to expand and grow to new heights. An immediate benefit to our members is the expanded reciprocal list with zoos and aquariums that belong to the AZA; the list now includes more than 110 zoos and aquariums all over the United States.

You can rest assured that your membership dollars are hard at work improving both zoo exhibits and the quality of life for its residents. The Board of Trustees is busy planning the future of the Society so we can grow as the zoo does. Please support all of the programs the Society has to offer, and keep an eye out as new projects are unveiled. Together, the Society, the County, and the zoo staff will continue to improve Turtle Back Zoo for all to enjoy and to make this jewel of Essex County sparkle and shine as it never has before.

In closing, I ask again that all members continue to support the Society and to visit Turtle Back Zoo as often as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Doeffinger, President

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E-mail: [jdoeffinger@turtlebackzoo.org](mailto:jdoeffinger@turtlebackzoo.org) — for questions and comments about the Society



Web site: <http://www.turtlebackzoo.org> — to download membership applications, Adopt-an-Animal forms, and current and past issues of the Society's newsletter, as well as to learn more about Society special events and fund-raisers

#### If you want Turtle Back Zoo



Phone: (973) 731-5800



Web site: <http://www.turtlebackzoo.com> — to find out what's happening at the zoo, including children's workshops and upcoming special events

### In Memoriam

Members of the TBZ community mourn the recent loss of David McPherson, a dear friend of the Society and the zoo, who passed away in Ft. Worth, Texas. He was the husband of Fran McPherson, a past president of the Society who was instrumental in reorganizing it in recent years. David and Fran were real supporters of the Society since its inception. Our deepest condolences go to Fran and her family.

## SOCIETY TALK

### Open Society Annual Meeting and Elections

The Zoological Society meets in closed session every month with the exception of August and December. Open meetings are held in March, July, and October, and Society members are encouraged to attend. The Society's open Annual Meeting took place on October 24, and the Zoological Society Board of Trustees elections were held during it. Results of the elections can be found on the Society's Website at <http://www.turtlebackzoo.org>. The term of office is 3 years, and a Trustee must be a member in good standing of the Society. Junior members and Society employees are not eligible.

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TBZ has wallabies because of your financial support.

## A Bigger, Better TBZ, Thanks to You Too

As you look at all the animals and exhibits, both old and new, on your next visit to TBZ, you can take pride in the part you yourself have played in bringing this about. Through your monetary support of the Zoological Society, you have made it possible for the Society to contribute to the following major projects at the zoo during the past two years: fencing around the picnic area and upper perimeter of the zoo, hospital equipment, the Bears in Your Backyard Black Bear Exhibit, the North American animal-themed playground, a livestock trailer, design services for the topiary garden near the zoo entrance, zoo banners, library books, a new mascot costume, reptile cages for the Reptile House, and rubberized flooring for the horse stable in the Essex Farm petting zoo.

Also, thanks to Society members, TBZ is now home to many new animals. The Society either purchased or paid for shipping the following animals: 2 great grey kangaroos and 7 wallabies for the Australian Exhibit; the Andean condor, 2 capybara, and 2 black neck swans for the South American Exhibit; the draft horse, ponies, chickens, pig, and donkey for the Essex Farm petting zoo; the reticulated python, poison dart frogs, mossy frogs, red mountain racers, long-nosed leaf snake, matamata turtle, hellbender, chameleons, 2 black dragons, 2 Burmese mountain tortoises, bleeding heart dove, 3 prehensile tailed skinks, spiny turtle, emperor newts, 2 green tree pythons, emerald tree boa, caecilians, 2 baby alligators, Asian water monitors, and legless lizard for the Reptile House; as well as 2 toucans, a raven, screech owl, barn owl, and 2 chinchillas.

Through your generous support of the Zoological Society, Turtle Back Zoo is truly *your* zoo!

## Adopt-an-Animal Party Postponement

The Adopt-an-Animal Party that is usually held in the fall has been postponed. The date and location of the next Adopt Party will be announced in an upcoming issue of *Turtle Talk*.

## The Jim-and-Ronnie Face-Off Money-Raising Challenge

Well-known Turtle Back Zoo supporters Jim Garahan and Ronnie Mount have done it again! Together, they have donated \$40,117.84 for the support of the zoo's new Reptile House. It started off as a friendly challenge at a docent meeting, when Ronnie offered to donate \$15,000 to the zoo if Jim could match it. Since Jim is always up for a little fun and excitement, he accepted the challenge. Jim started in January, and by the end of August, he had collected \$25,117.84!

Jim Garahan never takes a break from his support of the zoo! Since his challenge with Ronnie is over, he has taken up a new zoo cause. His latest goal is to raise money for a Sea Lion Exhibit. He has already collected \$3,000. You can help him raise even more by buying one of his treat-filled surprise bags, or making a donation, every time you visit the zoo.

## Wall of Tiles Donors

Many thanks to the following donors, who contributed to the Wall of Tiles fund-raising project since the last publication of *Turtle Talk*: Chris Altieri, Carl Beck, the Cole Family, Andrea Curley, Richard W. Eytel, George and Lisa Galdonardo, Virginia Haversang, Tara Higgins, Richard Kopelton, Lakeland Bank, Richard Leonardis, Jim Longo, Melissa and Rick Marino, Tom Nice, Robert and Meg Prout, and VLDH. You have chosen a lasting way to show your support for TBZ and your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

The dedication date of this section of the memorial wall will be announced once it is installed in Spring 2007.

## The Zoological Society Is Looking for a Few Good Trustees . . .

. . . who have the time, enthusiasm, and skills to join with us on the Board of Trustees. Currently there are three positions open, with the possibility of more in the future as the board grows to fill the needs of a dynamic and expanding Turtle Back Zoo.

The Trustees are a special group of volunteers who make a substantial commitment in time and talent, ready to serve on or chair committees responsible for the key functions of the board including fund-raising, administration, marketing, membership, finance, and more. Trustees are not involved in the day-to-day operation of the zoo. We meet once a month (committees occasionally meet more frequently, depending on the task at hand). The work is rewarding and satisfying, and the workplace is unbeatable: TBZ is now a preeminent center for natural conservation, education, and recreation, with a fast-growing reputation for its outstanding facilities, habitats, and programs.

To get an application or to recommend someone to the Board of Trustees, contact any of the current Trustees or phone the Society office at (973) 731-5800, ext. 241. If you're ready to "Do for the Zoo," we'd like to hear from you today!

## Meet the New Myrtle the Turtle

Myrtle the Turtle became TBZ's mascot many years ago. She walked the zoo grounds during special events and marched along with Docents, Society members, and zoo enthusiasts in area parades as a symbol of TBZ. This year a gift from the Zoological Society has enabled TBZ to bring back this lovable character. Myrtle has a new kid friendly look that is a perfect fit with the new Turtle Back Zoo. So make sure to look for Myrtle the Turtle during upcoming special events, and don't forget to have your picture taken with her!



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TBZ's ambassador of goodwill, Myrtle the Turtle



## Keys to the Animal Kingdom— What's Old Is New Again

Zoo visitors from the 1960s and 1970s may remember Turtle Back Zoo's Storybooks.

Children were enchanted by the talking boxes that stood vigil in front of the animal exhibits. Each box had something different to say, and the key to those automated personal narrations was right in the child's pocket. The keys could unlock every Storybook the child encountered along TBZ's path. With one turn of the key the child could hear interesting facts about the animals in the exhibit in front of him or her. The best part was that the key to this personal guided tour was the child's to keep and use again and again.

Next Spring the Society is bringing back the talking Storybooks and introducing a new generation of visitors to the joys of unlocking the magical voice of their own personal zoo guide. Selected exhibits will feature a stationary solar-powered Storybook box that can be activated with special Storybook keys.

More information on this exciting new program will be available in Spring 2007, when the keys are expected to go on sale.

The Society is also seeking corporate, institutional, and/or personal sponsors to help in the marketing of the Storybook keys. For more information on Storybook sponsorships, call Brian Flynn, Chairperson, at (973) 731-5800, ext. 241.

### Membership Renewals

All TBZ memberships are valid for one year from the month stamped on your card. To avoid any delays, please fill out your Membership Renewal Form completely and return it promptly with your check, payable to the Zoological Society of New Jersey, Inc., as it takes approximately 3 weeks to process. NOTE: Memberships are now available at the Zoological Society office during office hours.

You must present your Zoological Society Membership Card and an ID to the cashier when visiting the zoo in order to be guaranteed free admittance. Membership cards are not transferable, and there is a \$5.00 replacement charge for a lost card.

## KID TALK

### Can You Tell a Snake by Its Color?

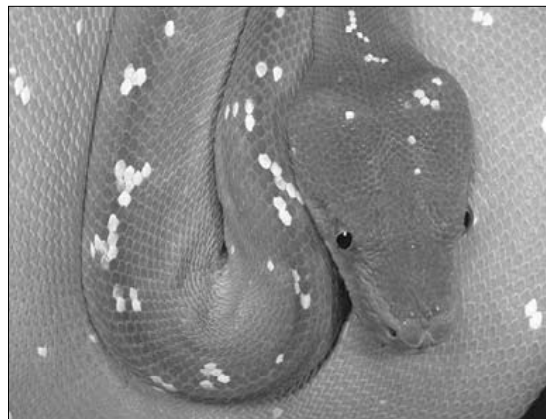
by Evelyn Neuteufel

See the green snakes in TBZ's new Reptile House. They all look the same. But are they? There is a green tree python. And there . . . an emerald tree boa. The python is from Australia and New Guinea, the boa from South America. Why do they look so similar? Each of these snakes is colored to make it hard to spot between the green leaves in its habitat. The snakes are camouflaged to blend into the rain forest. They live in the same ecological niche. Both snakes rest coiled up on a branch with their heads protected in the middle. Being mostly nocturnal, each snake can "see" prey in the dark of the night with special heat sensitive pits on its face. (Can you find those?) Each snake has a prehensile tail, which allows it to hold onto branches high above the ground while lunging toward prey with its long slender body.

Now guess the color of a baby green tree python. Green? No. Tiny red pythons hatch from green tree python eggs. And the emerald boa gives birth to wriggling red young. Some of their young may even have other bright colors. Amazing!



Can you tell the difference between the emerald tree boa (above) and the green tree python (below)?



### Green Tree Snake Fun Quiz

Test your knowledge of TBZ's green tree snakes.

1. What color are freshly hatched green tree pythons?
2. Do emerald boas lay eggs?
3. Why do the young of these green snakes have bright colors?
4. Why do these snakes have a row of pits on their upper lip?

(Answers on page 7.)

### Green Tree Snake Fun Facts

- Many snakes don't make good pets because they need high temperatures and humidity.
- Some snakes need 12 hours of dark and 12 hours of light each day.
- Snakes that live in the tropical rain forests or other warm areas are more active than those that live in colder areas.
- Some snakes only need to eat every few weeks.

## Director's Message

Wow! What a year. As I write this message we are well on our way to hosting more than a quarter million people this season. We could not have done it without you. The season is far from over, so as the weather cools down, make sure to take advantage of all that is going on at the zoo. Our new, spectacular Reptile and Education Center is now available to host your holiday parties, business meetings, and family gatherings in a unique, one-of-a-kind setting. Also new this fall, we will debut a trio of Reeve's Muntjac, a small, elusive Asian barking deer. And back by popular demand to TBZ and on display in the new Reptile House are bats. We will be the only public zoo to exhibit a group of Golden

Mantled Flying Foxes, a species of fruit bat with a two-foot wingspan! Your zoo continues to grow by leaps and bounds, and we are working harder than ever to make your experience here a fun, exciting, and educational one. TBZ is also a healthier zoo now, as the 2006 season marked the first time in zoo history that we are completely smoke free. Please remember that you are our best marketing tool, so tell your friends what a great treasure they have in their own backyards. With your help and support, we will continue to grow and achieve great things. I look forward to seeing you at the zoo!

Jeremy Goodman, Director

## The Exciting New Zoo

The 2006 zoo season witnessed a host of exhibit renovations and openings! The first was the opening of TBZ's much anticipated state-of-the-art, 10,000-square-foot Education and Reptile facility, on June 20. Speaking at the grand opening, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., said: "The opening of our Reptile and Education Building is a significant milestone in the history and revitalization of Turtle Back Zoo. This is a one-of-a-kind facility with a unique collection of exotic animals that cannot be seen anywhere else. It puts Turtle Back Zoo on the map as one of the premiere places to learn about reptiles."

August 7 saw the dedication of two welcome new additions to TBZ: an open-air dining pavilion that accommodates 30 picnic tables comfortably, providing shade and shelter, and the adjacent playground, which has been constructed with a North American woods theme, has a rubber-

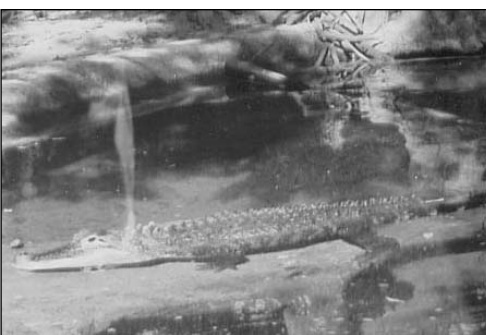
ized safety surface, and is entirely handicap accessible. Two newly renovated exhibits were also dedicated at that time, the Otter Exhibit and the Alligator Exhibit. Artificial rocks, trees, and logs, along with natural landscaping, were added to both exhibits to replicate the natural habitats of the animals. Pool areas were designed to resemble streams and ponds, and views into both exhibits were improved by installing full-height windows to give visitors unobstructed views of the animals.

These improvements and those that are planned for the near future are helping to transform TBZ into a first-class, modern recreation destination for families and groups.

## TBZ Thanks, and Welcomes, Corporate Sponsors

As you tour the zoo, you will see signs acknowledging the financial support of several major corporations, which made the renovations

and/or construction of the following exhibits possible: The open-air dining pavilion and North American animal-themed playground were built with the \$1.2-million project funding provided to the Zoological Society by a Multi-Park Improvement Grant from Green Acres and the Essex County Capital Budget. The Reptile House and Education Center's state-of-the-art audio-visual system, which will enhance educational programming, was made possible through a PNC Bank donation of \$25,000. The upgrades to



Clockwise: Otter Exhibit; Alligator Exhibit, Wolf Woods, playground. Photos by Bernadette Farley

the Otter Exhibit are due to the generosity of the Prudential Foundation, which donated \$125,000. The renovations to the Alligator Exhibit were made possible through a \$25,000 donation from PSE&G. Prismatic Development Corporation of Fairfield installed the new foundations and window frames for both of these exhibits at no cost. The modernization of Wolf Woods, which opened in 1989, was made possible

primarily through a donation of \$100,000 from the Wachovia Bank. The Zoological Society acquired the exhibit's 2 Arctic wolves and also helped fund Phase I of the renovation.

As County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., stated in a recent press conference acknowledging a corporate sponsorship: "Turtle Back Zoo is a tremendous place for families and people of all ages to learn about and gain an appreciation for animals. Our corporate sponsors understand the Zoo is a valuable educational facility, and their generous support is enabling us to provide our animals with modern, natural habitat exhibits and enhance the experience of our visitors."

The Society is seeking corporate, institutional, and/or individuals who may be interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring other exhibits throughout the zoo. If you are interested, please call Turtle Back Zoo's Director, Dr. Jeremy Goodman, at (973) 731-5800.

## Adopt Your Favorite—or Not-So-Favorite—Animal

Which are your favorite zoo animals? Whether it's an old-time TBZ favorite or one of the many new birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects that are part of the zoo's expanding collection, they, and more, are members of TBZ's Adopt-an-Animal Program and are anxious to be adopted by YOU! While their basic dietary needs are provided by a yearly budget administered by the County's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, your sponsorship will help provide them with special dietary items, maintenance, and medical needs, when necessary.

For more information and an Adopt form, use the form on the back cover, pick up a flyer at the zoo, or download one at the Society's Website—and make one of TBZ's animals your special wild friend!



## Why Not Adopt . . . A Bleeding Heart Dove

This beautiful dove, named for the patch of red on its breast, makes its home in TBZ's Reptile House. In the wild, these doves live only in the tropical rain forest of the Philippines. They spend much of their time on the ground foraging for food among dead leaves, and eat

insects, seeds, and fruits. They travel in flocks and communicate by a series of coos.

TBZ's bleeding heart dove is a Luzon bleeding heart dove, which is near threatened in the wild due to the deforestation of its wooded habitat, as well as to hunting and illegal collection for the pet trade. Through its acquisition of a bleeding heart dove, TBZ joins other zoos around the world in trying to preserve this species as well as highlight its plight in the wild.

## A Zoo for All Seasons

Good news for all Turtle Back Zoo lovers! For the first time in its history, Turtle Back Zoo will be open all year round! (See the Zoo Calendar for winter hours.) There is so much to see and so many exhibits that can be enjoyed in any kind of weather, including the Reptile House, Bears in Your Backyard Black Bear Exhibit, Wolf Wood, Essex County petting zoo barn, Monkey House, playground—and gift shop. And remember, when you visit TBZ in cooler weather, you will discover that the animals are more active, because during the summer months they react to hot weather the same way people do—they look for a shady spot and take a nap!

## Party at the Zoo!

For years children have had their birthday parties at Turtle Back Zoo. With its new facilities, unique backdrop, and new zoo caterer—Sweet Concessions—the zoo is now the place to book all of your holiday parties, family reunions, business meetings, and of course birthday parties. Please contact the zoo's guest relations office at 973-731-5800, ext. 221 to book your next event.

Winter zoo hours are from November 1 through March 31  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily (weather permitting)  
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day  
Train operates daily April through October, depending on  
weather and track conditions.

## ZOO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9 ..... Winter Workshop ..... 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## PUBLIC FEEDING SCHEDULE

The public feeding of TBZ's penguins—Gorby, Ferret, Bo, and Susmer—takes place daily: Monday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m.; Sunday noon. Feedings in the Reptile House are Saturday at noon. (Please note that times are subject to change without advance notice.)



## CONSERVATION TALK

### Animal Conservation at Turtle Back Zoo

All of TBZ's animals are ambassadors for their wild cousins and are kept at the zoo to teach people to respect and admire wildlife. In addition to this very admirable job, some of the zoo's residents are taking a more active role in the conservation of their species. Turtle Back Zoo is home to two species that are managed by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) species survival plans (SSP). The zoo's Andean condor and black-footed penguins are all part of a multi-zoo



Eve, TBZ's Andean condor, is helping to ensure that her species survives.

cooperative breeding program to ensure that these rare and wonderful animals can maintain adequate numbers and genetic diversity for many years to come. Recommendations are made to move animals from zoo to zoo for breeding or social purposes and are followed out by participating zoos around the world. Together with the help of zoos around the country and around the globe, Turtle Back Zoo is making a difference conserving wildlife.

# CONTRIBUTION TALK

*There are so many ways to help the animals of Turtle Back Zoo. One of these is right for you!*

## Upgrade Your Membership

When you become a member of the Zoological Society, you are entitled to unlimited free admission to TBZ for one year from the month stamped on the membership card; free admission to all Night Moves; free or discounted admission to more than 110 participating zoos across the country; and a copy of the Society's semiannual newsletter, *Turtle Talk*. Memberships can be purchased at any time during the year, and there is a wide range from which to choose. If you are already a member, consider upgrading your membership; and remember—a membership makes a great gift or honorarium because it keeps giving all year long.

## Adopt-an-Animal Program

The Adopt-an-Animal Program is a special way to remember a birthday or anniversary, say thank-you, or honor someone special. Donations range from \$25 to \$500; shared adoptions are \$30. Animal sponsors receive a photograph and fact sheet about their special animal, a certificate of appreciation, a bumper sticker, a zoo guest pass, and an invitation to the Society's Adopt-an-Animal Party. Their names are also displayed on the Adopt Board located in the front of the zoo.

## TBZ Tribute Cards

Celebration Critters and In Loving Memory tribute cards are a lovely way to tell someone that you are thinking about them—and about TBZ's animals. Just send a check for \$10 for each card with a note giving your name and address, plus the type and amount of each card you want.

## 2 Penny Machines = 8 Perfect Souvenirs

What better memento of your wonderful day at Turtle Back Zoo than one (or more) of the penny machine animals? One penny machine is located just inside the zoo, and the other is to the inside right of the main entrance to the Essex Farm Petting Zoo barn. Put in two quarters and a penny, choose from among the popular animal designs available, and get back a flattened penny stamped with the animal of your choice plus the words "Turtle Back Zoo." A portion of the proceeds from the penny machines goes to the Zoological Society.

## Donate Your Old Cell Phone

The Zoological Society will receive a donation from ECO-CELL, a cell phone recycling company, for every working digital handset it collects. Usable cell phones are then donated to charities, senior citizen groups, and the police. The rest are disposed of responsibly. So bring your old cell phones and/or accessories to TBZ and drop them in the collection boxes that are set up inside the zoo.

## Shop Online at [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com)

Now you can donate to the Zoological Society just by shopping online at [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com), an online mall with almost 500 nationally known stores. At the prompt, enter either the Society's ID number—33538—or Zoological Society of NJ, and start shopping. Up to 27% of each purchase is donated to the Zoological Society.

## Matching Funds and Grants

Many employers have a Matching Funds Program and will match their employees' gift to the zoo. Several members of the Zoological Society have supported TBZ by taking advantage of this program. Your employer can provide you with the necessary form. Just complete and mail it to the Zoological Society with your check, and we will handle it from there.

## Remember Turtle Back Zoo

Including the Zoological Society of New Jersey, Inc., a 501(C) (3) nonprofit corporation of the State of New Jersey and the fund-raising arm of Turtle Back Zoo, in your will or trust is among the easiest ways to offer support of its work for the years to come. You and your attorney may want to use the following wording: "I HEREBY GIVE \_\_\_\_\_ (percentage, or specific amount) TO THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY, INC., A NONPROFIT CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY HAVING ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE AT TURTLE BACK ZOO, WEST ORANGE, N.J. 07052."

If you would like, the Society can provide you with a 501 (C) (3) letter confirming its nonprofit status.

## And Last But Not Least

Please consider sending an additional tax-deductible gift today. No donation is too small.

The Zoological Society of N.J., Inc., is a corporation of the State of New Jersey Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue code. Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable organization may be obtained from the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

**When making a donation or contribution, make checks payable to the Zoological Society of N.J., Inc., 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052.**

## Answers to the Green Tree Snake Fun Quiz

1. Most often yellow or red.
2. No. Unlike the pythons, emerald boas give birth to live young, which are usually red or orange when born.
3. Nobody knows for sure. Most scientists believe that it helps them blend in with brightly colored flowers in the rain forest. Their bright colors may also cause other animals to think they're poisonous, even though they're not.
4. They can sense infrared energy (heat), so that they can "see" warm bodies in the dark.

# ADOPT-AN-ANIMAL APPLICATION FORM

TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

## HOW TO SPONSOR AN ANIMAL OR BECOME A "WILD FRIEND":

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