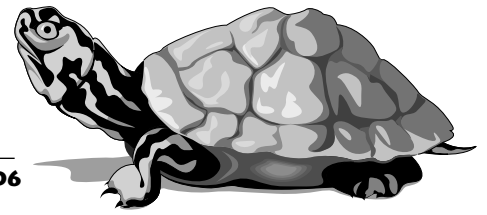


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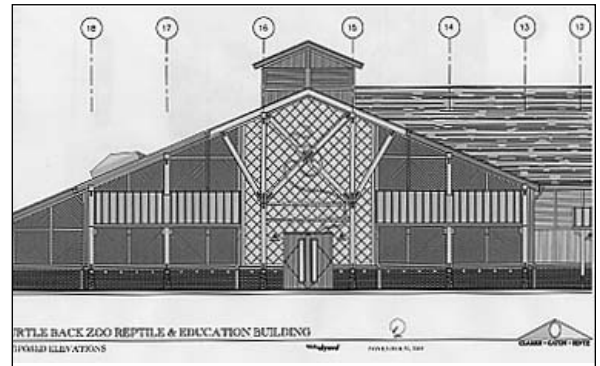
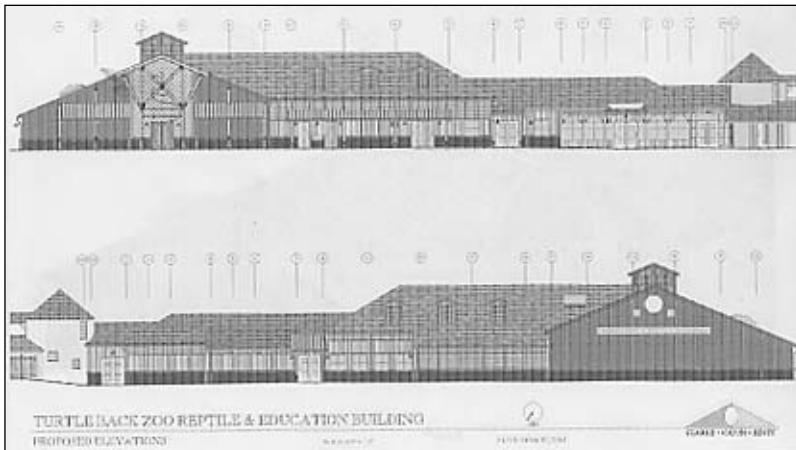
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COMING IN 2006! TBZ'S STATE-OF-THE ART REPTILE HOUSE

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Proposed elevations of Turtle Back Zoo's Reptile and Education Building

Construction is well under way on Turtle Back Zoo's \$5 million reptile house and education center, which is scheduled to open later this year. The new, year-round, 11,000-square-foot complex will include three main indoor exhibit areas and eighteen smaller ones, classrooms for hands-on presentations, and a gift shop. More than thirty-five species of reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates will be on exhibit, including Asian water monitors, a reticulated python, poison dart frogs, and many other exotic animals from around the world.

Needless to say, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., who was instrumental in making this long-anticipated dream a

reality, and TBZ Director Dr. Jeremy Goodman are very excited about the new zoo center, not only because the host of rare animals will attract more visitors to the zoo, but because the classrooms will provide space to educate schoolchildren and the public at large about these animals and the importance of environmental conservation. This educational component is an important step in helping TBZ achieve American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) accreditation. Accreditation will allow the zoo to apply for state and federal funding and facilitate the borrowing or trading of animals from other accredited zoos.

Funding for the project includes \$2.5 million from state grants and \$1.5 million from county funds allocated for the project.



The Reptile House and Education Center under construction

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The members of the Board of Trustees are all looking forward to the new year at Turtle Back Zoo. With great anticipation we await the completion of the new reptile house and education center. This is another example of the cooperation between Essex County and the Society. I would like to thank County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. for all his hard work and dedication toward improving Turtle Back Zoo. Your membership dollars have been working hard over the winter, in part purchasing several species of reptiles and insects to inhabit the new center.

Please take the time to read all the articles in this newsletter, and take them to heart. The editors have done another great job in putting together the latest issue. If you can please consider supporting all of our programs, such as the Adopt-an-Animal Program, Wall of Tiles, cell phone donation, Trustee/Docent Jim Garahan's surprise bags, and our latest endeavor—shopping online at give.com. These are just a few of the many programs the Society is involved in that are highlighted in this issue. Together we can make a difference at the zoo. As always, all the Trustees and I look forward to seeing you at the zoo.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Doeffinger, President

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E-mail: 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 Docent Phyllis Sachs, a true friend of Turtle Back Zoo. Phyllis became a docent in 2002 and helped whenever and wherever needed. She was a member and staunch supporter of the Zoological Society. At the time of her passing, it was requested that donations in her memory be made to the Zoological Society. Phyllis and her love of animals will long be remembered. Deepest condolences go to Phyllis's family.

SOCIETY TALK

Next Society Open Meeting

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 next open meeting is Tuesday, March 28. Open meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the Food Pavilion at the zoo. Informative programs are an integral part of each open meeting. The March meeting will feature a whirlwind tour of Kenya and Nigeria presented by Trustee/Docent Bernadette Farley. Do plan to join us for an enjoyable evening.

Trustee News

The Board of Trustees of the Zoological Society is pleased to announce the reelection of the following Trustees currently serving as Board members: John Doeffinger, Joan Daly, Tommy Nice, Gladys Oderman, and Michael Zichelli, Jr. It is also pleased to announce that Joan Daly has been reelected to the office of Treasurer. A Trustee's term of office is three years, and a Trustee must be a member in good standing of the Society.

At the same time, the Board announces that it has accepted with regret the resignations of Lydia Gnaou, Robert McMurtrie, and Dr. Anthony Scriffignano as Trustees and thanks them for their contributions during their service.

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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!

Your Membership Dollars at Work

Regular readers of *Turtle Talk* already know that one of TBZ's major goals is accreditation by the AZA. But beyond simply qualifying for AZA membership, the zoo is committed to continuous self-improvement. In both efforts the Zoological Society stands behind the zoo and the county, contributing both financially and with strategic planning assistance. In partnership with the county, the Society is committed to helping Turtle Back Zoo be all it can be. Each and every member of the Zoological Society assists the zoo with his or her membership dollars.

During 2005, the Zoological Society has donated \$133,270.40 toward the betterment of Turtle Back Zoo. It purchased a fence that was installed around the dining pavilion and picnic area, and around and behind the Cougar/Bobcat Exhibits. All 1,159 feet of fencing, which cost \$72,360, was purchased with your membership dollars.

In addition, other major Society contributions included the purchase of equipment for the zoo's animal hospital, zoo banners for the parking lot, an animal transport trailer and hitch, and reptile cages for use in the new reptile house. Among the animals purchased were six ponies, chickens, two capybaras, a pig, and two ewes, as well as the funding of the transport of some of the animals.

For helping secure the safety of the zoo's residents and guests, and for improving and expanding the zoo we love, a big "thank you" goes out to every member of the Society.

2005 Corporate Gifts, Grants, and Sponsorships

The Society sincerely thanks the following corporations, groups, and individuals for their gifts to TBZ: Joseph Calabrese, Fidelity Charitable Trust, Goldring Family Foundation, Doris and Sanford Slavin Foundation, Somerset United Way, Time, Inc., United Way, Winston Exter Fund, and the Zickler Family Foundation.

In addition, the Society acknowledges with thanks the following 2005 Exhibit Sponsorships: the Kean University Cougar Care Adopt Sponsorship, the Montclair State University Red-Tailed Hawk Adopt Sponsorship, and the Rotary Club of West Orange South American Exhibit Sponsorship.

2005 Adopt-an-Animal Sponsors

The Society would like to thank the following, who supported animals at TBZ by adopting them for 2005: Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi at Montclair State University, Nicholas Aaron, Anne Anthony, Barbara Beerman, Blee Family, Bunny Blum, Ellie Brennan, Brent Material Co., Elliot Brown, Buchan Family, JoAnne Canoura, Ian Cappelli, Laura Cappelli, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cicchelli, Conner Cheng, Anand Chivukula, Matthew Chuckran, Mary and Andrew Corwin and Family, Tamara Brown-Crockett, Mary Ann Cuoco, Megan and Catherine Davey, Larry Degenshein, Jason Delaney, Scott Delaney, Robert J. Desch, Rebecca DeCanto, Jason DeRuggiero, Annie Duffy, Erin Duffy, Bridget Farley, Colleen Farley, Kevin Farley, Gloria Floyd, Jack Friebely, Thomas P. Giblin, Amanda Gonzalez, Dan Galit, Amy Grimm, Gross Family, Scott Haversang, Hazel Avenue School Grade 3, Ashley Hebble, Annie Hilton, Ethan Hong, Karina Hopkins, Catherine T. Ishimasa, William Jeffrey, Danielle Jones, Libby Keene, Chloe Kent, Zofia Kodrowski, F.V. Kostelnik, Eleanor Levine, Beverly Liebman, Lutz Family, Colin J. Maher, Ryan Mancino, Lianne Mandelbaum, Raymond K. Mann, Erin Marino, Matthew Marino, James and Mary Lou Mayfield, Luke McGuire, Max A.A. McKeon, Kyli McQueen and Cheryl Pinderhughes, Leah Rose Minio, John R. Montana, Jr., Kathleen Nolan, Nathaniel O'Malley, Harold J. Palmer, Anna and Ryan Pekins, Henry Peterson, Adam Present, Calista Polito, Mark Ramseyer, Myra A. Rivera, Roach Family, Bridget Robinson, Morgan Robinson, Allison and Laura Romanski, Kate Rotunda, James P. Ruffalo, Justin and Ava Russo, Samantha Russo, Bill Savino, Freeholder Patricia Sebold, Nancy and Terry Shaffer, Cortney Skelding, Brian, Colin, and Matthew Smith, Naomi and Dick Smith, Rebecca Spicehandler, Elizabeth V. Steinbach, M.D., M.L. Steinbach, John F. Sullivan, Theta Phi Alpha, Mary Ellen Thomas, Purnell and Brenda Thompson, Kathy Tom, 2004-2005 Class of 3L, Ronit Valmanor, Andrea Marie Vibbert, Erin Visalli, Celia R. White, Robert J. White, Mimi Wiles, Emelia Young, Isabel Young, James Zagorski, and Zack Zawatski.

More Penny Machine Animals Now Available

Due to the popularity of TBZ's "penny machine" souvenirs, a second penny machine, this one featuring four popular farm animals, has been installed outside the entrance doors to the Essex Farm Petting Zoo barn. TBZ's original penny machine, featuring images of a cougar, bison, boa constrictor, and otter, is located just inside the zoo. Collect all eight TBZ's penny machine animals! You get a terrific souvenir of your visit, and the Zoological Society receives a portion of the penny machines' proceeds.



What better way to bring home a TBZ animal?

PHOTO BY KEVIN JENNINGS

Wall of Tiles Phase III Donors for 2005

Many thanks to the following individuals and organizations who donated to the Wall of Tiles during 2005: Steve Adubato, Jr., American Bank of NJ, Charles Bahr & Son, S.J. Barer, Wendy Brosse, Peter Brozzese, Roger and Linda Cullari, Andrea Curley, Henry Dillard, Jeanette Casey Erla, Richard W. Eytel, Bernadette Farley, Heather Frieman, Thomas P. Giblin, Ashley Hammond, Ann Marie Heckmann,

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Greg and Geri Imbriaco, Melody L. Kimmel, Sandra Klose, Ann Kronberg, Karen and David Leit, LICH, Ken McKenna, Mary Jane Morella, Jim Moschella, James Robbins, Larissa Rocha, Kyler Schnoonmaker, Bill Savino, Angela Szuch, Joseph Valente, Cindy Wang, Constance Williams, Ruth Wozniwicz, and Craig Ziegler. You have chosen a lasting way to show your support for TBZ. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

NOTE: An announcement will be made regarding the dedication of this section of the Wall of Tiles when Phase III is complete.

Volunteer of the Year

Annie Pavlovich has been named the Zoological Society's 2005 Volunteer of the Year in recognition of her contributions to the Society. For the past 7 years Ms. Pavlovich has designed the Society's fund-raising brochures, including its recent Black Bear Exhibit flyer and Adopt-an-Animal brochure, pro bono. A certificate of appreciation and an honorarium were presented to her at the Society's annual dinner last fall.

While accepting the certificate, Ms. Pavlovich graciously declined the honorarium, saying, "I worked at the zoo in 1973 as a Zooette [a precursor of today's Docent] and saw it decline in the mid seventies. I'm so thrilled that the zoo I loved is becoming the premiere zoo it should be."

Shop Till You Drop — and Help TBZ

Now you can donate to the Zoological Society just by shopping online! Here's how. Go to www.igive.com, an online mall with almost 500 nationally known stores. At the prompt, enter the Society's ID number — 33538 — or just enter **Zoological Society of NJ**. Make your shopping selections — and up to 27% of each purchase will be donated to the Zoological Society.

(And remember, you can also help by spreading the word to family members and friends who shop online!)

THE TBZ CHALLENGE

Jim Garahan has just raised his level of giving for Turtle Back Zoo another notch — and he needs your help!

You all know who Jim Garahan is. TBZ's Bag Man has been selling his treat-filled surprise bags at the zoo year-round, in rain, snow, and sweltering heat. Now he's got a different challenge on his hands. Ronnie Mount, a TBZ Docent as well as a major contributor to the zoo's Black Bear Exhibit, will match whatever amount Jim raises through the end of May. So buy one or more of Jim's surprise bags every time you visit TBZ — or just drop some spare change into his collection jar — because your donation will be doubled!

By the way, Jim's anxious to take on other challengers who are willing to match his fund-raising effort!



PHOTO BY BERNADETTE FARLEY

Help Jim make Ronnie pay up big!

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. 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. Memberships are not sold by zoo cashiers. They are sold by mail only through the Zoological Society. **Membership Cards are not transferable.**

KID TALK

What's a Capybara?

by Evelyn Neuteufel

Its Latin name, *hydrochaeris*, means "water pig." But the capybara isn't a pig! It's a distant relative of the mouse. Yet it doesn't look like a mouse. This water-loving, stubby-legged, big-nosed, fuzzy creature has webbed feet and no tail. Much bigger than a hamster or even a rat, it is the largest rodent in the world. Being 3 to 4 feet long, it may weigh more than 100 pounds (about the size of a large dog).

The Guarani Indians of South America called the capybara *kapijva*, "master of the grasses." A herd of capybaras may graze on a meadow like a cow, but most often these animals will munch on plants in and near the water. They also eat grain and fruit.

PHOTO BY CAROL SINGER



The next time you're at TBZ, take a good look at the capybaras. Do they resemble your pet guinea pig? They might, because these two animal species are related.

Capybaras love company and are usually found in groups of ten to twenty. Why not pay them a visit the next time you're at TBZ. They're housed with the llamas in the South American Exhibit, located on the zoo's upper path.

Capybara Fun Facts

- Capybaras are native to Central and South America.
- They must gnaw to wear down their front teeth, which never stop growing.
- In the wild, farmers consider capybaras to be pests because they love melons and grains.
- You can adopt one of TBZ's capybaras for just pennies a day!

Director's Message

Thanks to you, 2005 was a record-breaking year for Turtle Back Zoo! Our attendance soared to more than 211,000 people coming to see Jelly and Jam and the new Essex Farm. It won't be easy to top, but with your help we can accomplish great things. Along with our new education and reptile center, our front entrance is getting a new look to better serve you (see "What's New at the Zoo" for details). We are also adding several new animals this year as we continue to expand our collection. As the zoo continues to grow, it is critical that we have a solid plan for the future. This year we will be developing a new master plan for the zoo. As part of the planning process, we will be holding an open planning meeting for all of our visitors to attend and let us know what you think. Keep your eyes open for this exciting meeting you won't want to miss!

The zoo's application for accreditation by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) has been submitted. Our zoo will undergo a rigorous inspection this summer, and we hope to receive accreditation for the first time in the zoo's history this fall. Accreditation by the AZA means that we are one of approximately 200 zoos and aquariums (out of more than 2,000 in the U.S.) that hold themselves to the highest standards in the profession.

2006 will truly be a memorable year. I look forward to seeing you at the zoo!
Jeremy Goodman, Director

What's New at the Zoo

by Dr. Jeremy Goodman

As you pull into the zoo's parking lot for the first time this year, you may not recognize us. The old education center and administration building are no longer there. In their place stands a magnificent new building, which will serve as the hub of the zoo's education program. The facility, which features two large classrooms that open into an auditorium and new rooms for our ambassador education animals, will be very busy hosting educational classes, business meetings, and parties. Under the same roof as the new education facility is a 4,000-square-foot reptile center. The new center features twenty-one exhibits, which will display more than thirty-five species of reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates from all over the world. From our giant snakes to insects that look like sticks, there will be animals to amaze and delight everyone. Both the education center and reptile center plan to be open in late spring. The new facility will also feature an expanded walk-through gift shop as well as new restroom facilities. As part of the project, a new visitor friendly ticket booth has been constructed and the Zoological Society and Docent offices have been moved to the front entrance to better serve you.

Thanks to the help of County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. and a Green Acres grant acquired by the Zoological Society, the zoo will be erecting a 2,700-square-foot, covered picnic pavilion, additional bathrooms, and a new animal-themed playground in our zoo's picnic grove. Construction began in March.

In addition to our scaly and slimy friends in the reptile house, Turtle Back Zoo will be exhibiting Reeve's muntjac for the first time ever. These small Asian barking deer, which grow no bigger than the size of a beagle, will be on display opposite our bald eagles. The zoo's wallabies have also been active this year with four new joeys emerging this season from their mothers' pouches. Don't forget to visit last year's babies at the Black Bear Exhibit, South American Exhibit, and Bison Exhibit and see how much they have grown. The zoo is constantly changing and no two visits are ever the same.

TBZ's Animal Hospital Opens

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. officially opened TBZ's state-of-the-art animal hospital on September 20. Among the well-wishers in attendance were TBZ Director and veterinarian Dr. Jeremy Goodman, Freeholder Vice President/TBZ liaison Patricia

Sebold, members of the Zoological Society Board of Trustees, and several zoo Docents.

The 6,000-square-foot building is the first on-site facility at TBZ exclusively dedicated to the care and medical treatment of the zoo's 150 animals. The one-story hospital contains examining rooms, an operating room, a laboratory, and fenced-in outdoor pens. It is equipped with surgical equipment and tables, sterilizing equipment, a variety of diagnostic equipment, lab equipment, and a full X-ray machine and processor.

The Zoological Society donated \$40,000 toward the purchase of medical equipment, and the Goldring Family Foundation donated \$25,000 to purchase the X-ray equipment. In addition, St. Barnabas Medical Center donated medical equipment. Acknowledging these donors during the opening ceremony, DiVincenzo said, "Their support is evidence of the renewed confidence and enjoyment our residents have in Turtle Back Zoo." Dr. Goodman said that opening the hospital was like a "dream come true for Turtle Back Zoo. The hospital and medical equipment will help us enhance the high quality of care that we currently provide to our animals."

South American Exhibit Is Dedicated

As TBZ's herd of llamas looked on, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. announced the opening of a new South American Exhibit on October 21. Also in attendance were Dr. Jeremy Goodman, TBZ's Director; officers and members of the West Orange Rotary Club; and a contingent of Park Rangers from the Edison Museum. The West Orange Rotary Club had donated \$10,000 to the Zoological Society to help create the new exhibit, and has committed to sponsor the exhibit by donating \$2,000 annually for its maintenance. Of the Rotary Club's support, DiVincenzo said, "The Rotary Club has a long history of assisting the community and I am pleased to have them as a part of our growing family of Turtle Back Zoo supporters." Dr. Dorie Cappiello, president-elect of the West Orange Rotary Club, said that the club decided to support the exhibit as part of a community service project that commemorates the centennial anniversary of Rotary International, which was founded in 1905.

The 15,000-square-foot exhibit is currently home to five llamas that were already in residence at the zoo, two rheas donated by New York's Bronx Zoo, and a pair of black-neck swans and two capybaras purchased by the Zoological Society from other zoos. Other recent South American arrivals, including an Andean condor, a toucan, a two-toed sloth, and a red-footed tortoise, are housed in nearby outdoor and indoor enclosures.



Dignitaries who attended the opening of TBZ's South American Exhibit include County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. (second from left) and (from left) West Orange Rotary Club President-Elect Dr. Dorie Cappiello, TBZ Director Dr. Jeremy Goodman, West Orange Rotary Club President David Frank, and Rotary Club District Governor George Mitola.

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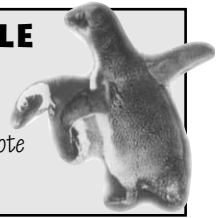
TBZ Marks Record Attendance in 2005

Turtle Back Zoo reached a personal best when five-year-old Rachel Teelman, of North Haledon, visited the zoo on November 1. Accompanied by her grandparents Bill and Mary Egan, her two-year-old brother Christopher, and her mother, Jennifer, Rachel became the 200,000th person to visit TBZ in 2005. Her attendance marked a milestone for the zoo, and represents about a 35% increase over last year's rate.

PENGUIN FEEDING SCHEDULE

The public feeding of TBZ's penguins—Gorby, Ferret, Bo, and Gusmer—takes place daily:

Monday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m.; Sunday 12:00 noon. (Please note that times are subject to change without advance notice.)



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

Which are your favorite zoo animals? The wolves? The bear cubs? The cougars, monkeys, or alligators? Or maybe you like some of the TBZ's other animals best—the ball python, elk, goose, goat, donkey, Scottish Highland cattle, or macaw. Or it may be one of the many new birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians that have been added to the zoo's expanding collection. All of these animals, and more, are part 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, pick up one of the newly updated flyers, which lists all the new Adopt animals, or visit the Society's website (<http://www.turtlebackzoo.org>)—and make one of TBZ's animals your special wild friend.

PHOTO BY BERNADETTE FARLEY



Why Not Adopt ... A Sheep

With their fluffy white wool, picture-perfect faces, and friendly disposition, Essex Farm's flock of lambs and sheep are perfect for petting—and adopting.

As you may have noticed, sheep are very sociable and tend to group together. They are timid animals and tend to follow the leader. In fields, they graze early in the morning, lie down during the day, and resuming grazing later in the afternoon. Because of their thick woolly coats, they seek shade in hot weather, so before the summer heat arrives, the sheep at TBZ are sheared for their comfort.

While sheep graze on grass, plants, weeds, shrubs, and leaves in the field, at TBZ they receive a healthy diet of low copper grain products and hay, and an occasional treat of apples, carrots, and greens.

Zoo spring/summer hours begin Sunday, April 2
(Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.;
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
Train operates daily, depending on weather
and track conditions.

2006 ZOO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

22.....Wolf Birthday Celebration.....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MAY

27.....Conservation Day.....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

JUNE

22.....Night Moves.....8:00 p.m.

24.....Teddy Bear Health Fair.....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

JULY

7.....Night Moves.....8:00 p.m.

16.....Red, White, and Blue Zoo Day.....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

18.....Night Moves.....8:00 p.m.

AUGUST

3.....Night Moves.....8:00 p.m.

23.....Night Moves.....8:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

8.....Night Moves.....8:00 p.m.

30.....Night Moves.....8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

13.....Night Moves.....7:00 p.m.

15.....Pumpkin Patch.....11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

21.....Junior Rat & Bat Night.....Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

27 & 28.....Scary Rat & Bat Night.....Gates open at 7:00 p.m.

TBZ'S EXTRA-SPECIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

This year's lineup of festivals includes a fun-filled mix of old favorites and new.

- Wolf Birthday Celebration (April 22) - Howl like a wolf, sing Happy Birthday to TBZ's wolf pack—and find out about the ways of wolves
- **NEW!** Conservation Day (May 27) - Learn how you can make a difference to the environment and its inhabitants
- **NEW!** Teddy Bear Health Fair (June 24) - Have a sick teddy? Bring him or her to TBZ to get mended—and find out what Jelly and Jam are up to
- Red, White, and Blue Zoo Day (July 16) - Stroll around the zoo—and discover which zoo animals are native-born Americans
- Pumpkin Patch (October 15) - Pumpkins, music, and TBZ animals
- Junior Rat & Bat Night (October 21) - Not-so-spooky zoo fun geared to younger children
- Scary Rat & Bat Night (October 27, 28) - Spookier zoo fun for older children and adults
- Winter Workshop (December 9) - Begin the holidays at TBZ's hands-on crafts workshop

2006 WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Presented by the Docents of Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo

Fee: \$5.00 per child for each workshop.

Checks are payable to: Turtle Back Zoo, 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052

All workshops are for children 3-5 years old with an adult.

Pre-registration is required, as limited space is available.

For more information, call (973) 731-5800.

- Tues., May 21:30-2:30 p.m.Things with Wings: Can All Animals with Wings Fly?
- Sat., June 1010:30-11:30 a.m....Leapin' Lizards (and Other Animals with Scales)
- Thurs., July 61:30-2:30 p.m.Leapin' Lizards (and Other Animals with Scales)
- Tues., Aug. 101:30-2:30 p.m.Awesome Adaptations: Animal Camouflage & Lifestyles
- Sat., Sept. 910:30-11:30 a.m. ...Animals in Winter: Survival in Cold Weather
- Thurs., Oct. 121:30-2:30 p.m.Animal Tales: Meet Live Animals and Hear About Other Animals at TBZ
- Thurs., Nov 91:30-2:30 p.m.Animals in Winter: Survival in Cold Weather

CONTRIBUTION TALK

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

Wall of Tiles Memorial Tiles

The Zoological Society is continuing the fund-raising project that is a wall of tiles being erected on the side of the Otter Exhibit in the middle section of the zoo. Terra-cotta tiles are currently available in the following sizes and price ranges: 6x6" tiles for \$150; 6x12" tiles for \$250; and 12x12" tiles for \$500. Each size tile has room for 2 or 3 lines of copy, with a maximum of 13 characters per line (spaces are considered a character). The tiles will be permanently and prominently displayed on the wall. Order your tile by filling in the form on the back cover of the newsletter and sending it in with your check.

Join TBZ

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 admission to a number of 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, why not consider upgrading your membership? And remember — a membership in the Zoological Society 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, to say thank-you, or to 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 annual 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.

NEW! 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? In addition to the penny machine located just inside the zoo, a second penny machine is now

available outside 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.

NEW! 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.

NEW! Shop Online at www.igive.com

Now you can donate to the Zoological Society just by shopping online at 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

A lasting way to help the zoo animals is to name the Zoological Society in your will. You can also designate it as a beneficiary of your 401(K) or IRA. If you would like to remember and assist the animals of Turtle Back Zoo in this manner, the Zoological Society would be happy to discuss this with you further.

And Last But Not Least

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

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CONSERVATION TALK

Environmental Conservation

This year Turtle Back Zoo introduces a new festival, Conservation Day. Celebrated on May 27, this special event calls attention to how you as an individual can help protect the planet, its resources, and its wildlife.

Some people think that the term "conservation" only means saving rainforest animals or endangered species. While these concerns are important, we can look closer to home, because there are simple things that we all can do to help conserve and protect the wildlife around us. For instance, at Turtle Back Zoo, children are not permitted to tour the zoo

carrying balloons. Why? Because a popped balloon that is ingested by an animal can be fatal. And those innocent-looking plastic six-pack rings aren't so innocent if a curious animal gets its head stuck in one of the openings; so always cut the rings into pieces before discarding them. Speaking of six packs—pop-top tabs belong in the trash, not on the ground. Yes, they are a litter problem; but just as importantly they are a safety hazard if ingested by an animal that is attracted by the shiny surface.

Did these few conservation tips start you thinking of more easy ways that you can make a big difference at home?

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF N.J., INC. WALL OF TILES MEMORIAL TILES

Your support for Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo should be set in stone. Purchase a terra-cotta tile in our Wall of Tiles and your support of Turtle Back Zoo will be on public display for years to come.

To participate, simply fill out this form and mail it along with your much-appreciated payment.

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT TURTLE BACK ZOO AND THE WALL OF TILES.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Amount \$ _____

I would like to order:

_____ 6 x 6" tile, 13 characters per line, 2 or 3 lines _____ \$150.

_____ 6 x 12" tile, 13 characters per line, 2 or 3 lines _____ \$250.

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