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Get in the Swing of Things at Nashville Zoo's Animal Affair

Animal Affair 2008: "Swingin'" is Oct. 4. At this not-so-black-tie event, guests opt for zebra stripes and leopard print over pinstripes and penguin suits as they enjoy the beauty of the Zoo at twilight.

Animal Affair is Nashville Zoo's largest fundraiser, and this year's event celebrates the grand re-opening of the Zoo's recently restored Jungle Gym. Guests will stroll through the Zoo, discovering tasty samplings from area restaurants, caterers and beverage purveyors. Live music will fill the air, and special animal ambassadors will welcome guests to an evening of swinging gibbons, swing dancers and an all-around swinging good time.

Patron-level supporters of Animal Affair attend a pre-party at the African Elephant Savannah where they will meet some unusual animal friends, courtesy of Jack Hanna and the Columbus Zoo. The patron party will begin at 6 p.m. with the main event following at 7 p.m. The Zoo will close at 4 p.m. on Oct. 4 to prepare for Animal Affair.

All proceeds from Animal Affair benefit Nashville Zoo and help fund education programs, animal care, park maintenance and more. Animal Affair is open to adults 21 years or older. To purchase tickets, visit www.nashville.org or call 615-833-1534 ext 129.

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Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, call 615-833-1534 or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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