

# Meeting Our Expanding Needs



Our commitment to the welfare and care of the animals at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is second to none. It is a key part of what ensures our accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). To support that commitment, the Zoo is developing a new animal care and conservation complex.

AZA accreditation means Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo has met and exceeded mandatory, rigorous, professional standards for animal welfare and management, veterinary care, behavioral enrichment, nutrition and staff training. AZA's standards exceed currently established local, state and federal guidelines and are constantly evolving and being raised. Fewer than 10% of the approximately 2,400 animal exhibitors licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture are AZA accredited.

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Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo has more than doubled its size since opening more than 20 years ago. But the veterinary hospital remains the same facility it was when it was constructed.

### The facility our animals and community deserve

Without a new veterinary center we will be unable to support any future growth of the animal collection. With it, we will be recognized as a preeminent comprehensive veterinary medicine facility. In fact, a day will come when visiting scientists will come to Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo on an "in residence" basis to study animals in an environment that can't be replicated elsewhere in the world.

To meet the challenge of maintaining the health of the animals in our care, the planned new veterinary hospital and conservation center includes:

- 12,000 square feet of surgery, lab, and indoor and outdoor holding spaces
- State-of-the-art medical equipment, furniture and fixtures
- Pharmacy and radiology centers
- Conference and staff resource rooms that are potentially revenue generating
- Viewing windows for Zoo guests to see animal care professionals in action
- Gold LEED certification standards—for green buildings

### Welcoming new specimens into the United States

The Zoo's planned quarantine center is designed to be superior to existing facilities of its kind. As one of only six designated Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ) centers, we will be able to accept directly potentially thousands of animals every year into the U.S. necessary for population management. The quarantine center will provide:

- Greater personal care to each animal
- More spacious accommodations while in quarantine
- Increased opportunities for observation of the animals

Establishing this facility will position the Zoo as a leader in sustainability of animal collections. The needs of animals that stay here will be better met. And, as an AZA accredited organization, we will be able to collaborate and support other zoos and aquaria that are also committed to species conservation.

