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### **From Love to Loathe San Antonio Zoo® has Valentine's Covered!**

SAN ANTONIO – Whether looking to forget an ex, hoping to find new love, or looking to have a romantic brunch or dinner with your soul mate, San Antonio Zoo has everything you need to celebrate Valentine's Day in 2021. The zoo is bringing back the Cry Me a Cockroach fundraiser and hosting many celebrations aimed at making San Antonio the new city of love.

The second annual Cry Me a Cockroach fundraiser gives guests the ability to name a cockroach or rat after an ex and have it fed to one of the zoo's animals. In 2019, over 5,000 somewhat bitter donors named rats and roaches from 25 countries and over 2,000 cities representing every state in the U.S. This year, San Antonio Zoo is expanding the fundraiser by adding a vegetarian option for some of the zoo's many herbivores.

President & CEO San Antonio Zoo Tim Morrow says the cockroaches, rats, and vegetables are all a part of the animals' natural diets. This year's proceeds will go towards an improved jaguar habitat and overhead catwalk trail.

"We are very excited to be bringing this incredibly popular fundraiser back this year," said Morrow. "Cry Me a Cockroach gives guests not only the opportunity to forget someone who may have wronged them but also a direct link to the care of our animals. These feeder insects and humanely pre-frozen rodents are already a part of our animals' typical diets. Although small, they really are the unsung heroes of the food chain."

The Cry Me a Cockroach fundraiser will run from January 19th through the entire month of February. Guests can submit names online here: [https://secure2.convio.net/sazoo/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1830&mfc\\_pref=T&1830.donation=form1](https://secure2.convio.net/sazoo/site/Donation2?df_id=1830&mfc_pref=T&1830.donation=form1)

For more information on Cry Me a Cockroach, and to see last year's "honorees," go to the zoo's website:  
<https://sazoo.org/valentine/>

For guests who have already forgotten their ex and are ready to find someone new this year, San Antonio Zoo is hosting a new event called 'Meet Your Next Ex.' The zoo is giving guests 21 and older the ability to join fellow local singles and let "nature take its course." San Antonio Zoo is setting up a wild night with exotic cocktails, mating games to include adult animal trivia, best mating call or dance, and unique animal interactions. Meet Your Next Ex will take place on February 13th. More information can be found on the zoo's website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-your-next-ex-tickets-137045064477>.

For guests looking for a more intimate experience, San Antonio Zoo is offering multiple VIP tours. Naughty by Nature and Drive You Wild are adults-only tours where guests will discover the romantic ways of wildlife. During the Naughty by Nature walking tour, a guide will regale visitors with tails of courtship, copulation, and commitment. Drive You Wild participants will enjoy a zoo after dark cart ride that includes an adult beverage, decadent sweets, a zoovenir fleece, and more! To reserve a zoo-unique encounter with some of the zoo's amorous animals, check out the zoo's website for Naughty by Nature, here: <https://sazoo.org/experiences/naughty-by-nature/>.

To reserve the Drive You Wild experience, go to the zoo's website: <https://sazoo.org/experiences/drive-you-wild/>

Those hippo-ly-in-love guests will have the opportunity to wine and dine among hippos and other animals at the Wild at Heart Dining Experience. Throughout the morning and afternoon (3 seatings), a brunch buffet will be served. At dinner time (2 seatings), enjoy a gourmet plated meal that includes bold red or crisp white wine and culminates with a dessert platter of cannoli's, chocolate-covered strawberries, and house-made macarons. At all these dines, guests have the opportunity to upgrade to the VIP experience of sitting at the window of animal habitats. To reserve this one-of-a-kind experience, <https://sazoo.org/experiences/wildatheart/>.

"Safety of our animals, zoo crew, and guests is our top priority," said Morrow. "Besides being open daily, we continue to provide incredibly unique events, and as always, we are doing everything in our ability to ensure a safe environment. I am excited for all who choose to spend their Valentine's Day with us. We think you're toad'allly going to love it!"

### **About San Antonio Zoological Society**

San Antonio Zoological Society was established in 1929 and is a nonprofit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife. The society operates San Antonio Zoo, Will Smith Zoo School, Edutainment, Center for Conservation and Research at San Antonio Zoo, and Kiddie Park.

Website [www.sazoo.org](http://www.sazoo.org)

### **About San Antonio Zoo**

San Antonio Zoo®, operating since 1914, is a nonprofit zoological facility committed to securing a future for wildlife. Through its passion and expertise in animal care, conservation, and education, the zoo's mission is to inspire its community to love, engage with, act for and protect animals and the places they live. The zoo welcomes more than a million visitors each year and is

open year-round. San Antonio Zoo operates the largest nature based preschool in the country, Will Smith Zoo School, the Center for Conservation and Research, and Kiddie Park. San Antonio Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Zoological Association of America, and Humane Certified by American Humane.

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