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Eurasian Lynx New at Nashville Zoo

Nashville Zoo is proud to announce an addition to our growing animal collection, Eurasian lynx. The new permanent exhibit will open to the public on Nov. 3 with a young female. The Zoo plans to add a male in the next few months.

Nashville Zoo obtained the lynx for the Association of Zoos and Aquarium's Species Survival Program in association with the European Endangered Species Program. The 17-month-old female comes to Nashville from the Gaia Park Kerkrade Zoo in Holland. Nashville Zoo is working with other organizations in the Netherlands to obtain a male partner. Nashville Zoo would like to thank the Kathryn and David Brown family for their generosity and support that made this exhibit possible.

The Eurasian lynx is one of four species of lynx: Canadian, Iberian, Eurasian, and bobcat. All four species are known for the black tufts of hair on the tips of their ears and their short, or bobbed, tail. The back legs of lynx are longer than the front, tipping the animal forward slightly and creating a bobbing action when they run. These expert predators are also known for their sharp vision and hearing, which allows them to effectively stalk both small and large prey.

Eurasian lynx is the second exhibit added to the Zoo this year. In May, four female African wild dogs made their debut. Nashville Zoo welcomed 517,583 guests from Jan. 1 – Oct. 30 of this year with record attendance in March, July, September and October. With the addition of Eurasian lynx, the Zoo expects to surpass 2006 visitation figures and achieve another annual attendance record.

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, please call 833-1534, or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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