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Treats but No Tricks for Zoo Animals

Various Zoo animals will enjoy their own brands of Halloween “candy” on Friday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Nashville Zoo’s animal enrichment committee is busy preparing cricket-filled pumpkins, fruity severed hands (hand-shaped ice treats), paper ghosts filled with meat and other goodies for these unique trick or treaters.

"The [Schmidt’s] guenon seem to enjoy all the parts of their paper pumpkin treats,” said Kelly Denton, one of the Zoo’s primate keepers. “They forage for the fruit hidden with hay inside and then play with the ripped paper. They always manage to make quite a mess!”

Animal Trick-or-Treat Schedule:

10 a.m. – Red River Hog
10:30 a.m. – Rhinoceros Hornbill
11 a.m. – Meerkat
11:30 a.m. – Schmidt’s Guenon
Noon – Cougar
12:30 p.m. – Eurasian Lynx
1 p.m. – Bengal Tiger
1:30 p.m. – African Wild Dog
2 p.m. – Eland / Ostrich / Zebra\

All Day – Lorikeet Landing
Bats in Unseen New World
Critter Encounters
Grassmere Historic Farm

Nashville Zoo uses different types of enrichment daily to stimulate natural, wild behaviors in its animals, ensuring optimal physical and mental health. This enrichment day is **not** part of the Zoo’s Halloween celebration, Ghouls at Grassmere, which ended Oct. 26. A complete animal trick-or-treat schedule is available at www.nashvillezoo.org and posted at the Zoo’s Guest Services Hut.

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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