

Animal Trading Card



Common Name: Ring-tailed lemur
Scientific Name: *Lemur catta*
Distinguishing Characteristics: The ring-tailed lemurs have gray or rosy brown backs and white stomachs. Their faces are also white with triangular black markings around their eyes and black noses. They have very long, black and white tails. The tail is longer than the body, measuring up to 2 ft. They can each weigh between 5 to 7 lbs. Their hind legs are longer than their forelegs.

Habitat: These lemurs are found in southern Madagascar. They live in arid, open areas and forests. They like to spend most of their time on the ground (and less time in the trees) than any other species of lemur.

Wild Diet: They eat leaves, flowers, fruit, and even sap and bark. They feed from many different species of plants and trees, but they prefer Kily trees. Occasionally they will eat insects.

Facts: Ring-tailed lemurs are social animals, living in groups of 12 to 24 individuals. They often interact socially while feeding and sunbathing. They love to lie around in the sun with their legs extended, especially in the morning soaking up the warmth of the sun. Females are the dominate ones in the group. Ring-tailed lemurs are endangered, mainly due to habitat destruction caused by people who clear land for farming and logging.

Reunited! by Kristy Banks

Here is a wonderful story of a white-handed gibbon and his adopted parents who came to the Santa Ana Zoo this past summer.

Southern California residents Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Kalberg enjoy trips to Hawaii, and they always visit the Honolulu Zoo on their vacations. One year they started a tradition of adopting an animal at the Honolulu Zoo each time a grandchild was born. The first adopted animal was a stork in honor of the first grandchild. When their second and third grandchildren were born, they adopted Mycah and Emma, baby white-handed gibbons.

The Kalbergs visited their adopted friends at the Honolulu Zoo with every trip to Hawaii. In 2005, they found that Mycah had been moved to the mainland, possibly to the San Diego Zoo. Unfortunately, after a trip to the San Diego Zoo, they discovered that Mycah was not there either, and they thought they would probably never see him again.

Then, this past summer, their granddaughter participated in a field trip to the Santa Ana Zoo, taking her mom along as a chaperone. When the class reached Monkey Row, Nancy, the Kalberg's daughter noticed a male gibbon and heard him called Mycah!

She quickly asked a keeper if Mycah was really his name, and also wanted to make sure that this was not a common name given to the species. The keeper said yes, this was indeed Mycah, and that it is not a common name given to them.

Excited to hear that Mycah, the gibbon they adopted as a baby was right here at the Santa Ana Zoo, the Kalberg's happily came to visit him, and then reported back to the Honolulu Zoological Society how big and beautiful he has become!

Mycah currently resides with Princess, our female white-handed gibbon on Monkey Row.

Zoo Gifts for the Holidays!

Gift Membership Bags Now Available for a Limited Time!

Are you looking for the perfect gift for the holidays? How about a membership to the Santa Ana Zoo?! Give the gift that lasts for a full 12 months and offers your friends or family many happy experiences to a place that's "real wild, real close." For a limited time, you can purchase a gift membership and receive a FREE gift bag full of ribbons, **Animal Tales Newsletter**, brochures, Family Club membership (12 full months for 2 adults and 4 children) certificate printed on winter holiday paper and a SAZOO monkey plush!!! All of this for just \$55. It's the perfect gift for your friends or family.

Purchase gift membership bags at the Zoo's "Treetop Toys" Gift Shop or on the website at www.santaanazoo.org.

Order now to insure delivery time or stop by your Zoo to pick one up!



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Golden Lion Tamarin Adoption!

Now's the perfect time to buy the gift of the Golden Lion Tamarin Adoption at the "Share the Care" level. Rumors

abound that the collection of golden lion tamarins at the Zoo will soon grow. So now's the perfect time to get on board with an adoption. "Share the Care" level adoptions include purchasers receiving a SAZOO monkey plush, a beautiful photograph of "Joey," our golden lion tamarin, and authentic golden lion tamarin "tracks." Purchase this gift online at <http://www.santaanazoo.org/share.htm>.

Special Buy-One-Get-One-Free Offer on Zoo Bricks!

Finally, for the most permanent gift of all, take advantage of this very special offer. Purchase one brick by the Zoo Wishing Well and get a second brick of the same value completely FREE! Your message can have three lines of text for the smaller brick and up to six lines for the larger one. It's a perfect way to put your permanent "stamp" on the Zoo and

show your support. So buy one now and give the second away to a friend for absolutely free. Or take care of two gifts at once by giving them both away. To take advantage of this special offer, please call Estela Gomez at (714) 953-8555 x13.

Did You Know:

Gunther's Dik Dik by Cathy Miller

- The dik-dik is the smallest of the antelopes. It is found in the dense, dry vegetation and forest fringe of Africa.
- The dik-dik is light gray-brown in color with a white underside. The females of the species are slightly larger than the males, and the males have small (1.5-3.5 inch) horns.
- Male and female dik-diks form pairs and live in defined territories. The pair gives birth to one offspring that lives with its parents until it is chased away.
- The dik-dik is suited for the dry, often hot environment. It has a long proboscis which is used to help cool the animal. Dik-diks are also able to go for long periods without drinking, getting most of their moisture from the plants they eat.
- Our dik-dik can be found in the Jack Lynch Aviary.



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Choo Choo Chatter

By Paul Mac Farland

What makes them go? Looking back through the pages of history, we learn that the first trains really became popular back in the 1850's, and the engines in those days were powered by steam. Think of the engine like having a wood fire in your fireplace at home. Your mother wants some hot tea, so she hangs a pot of water over the fire, and slowly the water starts to get hotter and then it boils. The same thing would happen with an old steam engine—it needed fire and water to make it go!

The first locomotives used wood as fuel—wood and water were stored in the "tender" behind the engine, and the fireman would pump water into the long round tank on the front of the steam engine known as a boiler. After filling the firebox with wood, he would light the wood which heated the water, and that made steam—just like the pot in your fireplace. In this case, the steam pressure would push against some rods and pistons that made the driving wheels turn. No matter how small or large the steam locomotive was, the basic principal of fire and water drove these engines for over 100 years.

Once railroads started to cross the United States, finding the fuel to burn and the water to heat up became difficult. There weren't a lot of trees to cut for wood in the open plains of the Midwest, and looking for water was even more difficult unless there was a lake or river close by. Where did railroad engineers turn for more fuel? Tune in next time for **Part Two** to this story of "What makes them go?" And in the meantime, Keep on Track!



Zoo Info:

HOURS:

Gates Open10 AM
 Gates Close4 PM
 Grounds Close.....5 PM

The Santa Ana Zoo is open daily except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

ADMISSION:

Adults (13+)\$6.
 Children (3-12)\$3.
 Seniors (60+).....\$3.
 FOSAZ members, disabled persons, and children 2 and under are FREE
 Train Rides.....\$3.
 11 AM-2 PM Every Day

Subject to change without notice.
 Call for further information (714) 836-4000.

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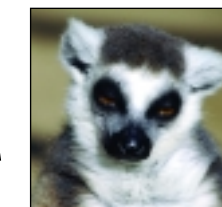
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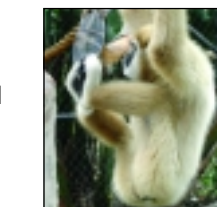
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 Thanks to all who made 2007 a success!



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"Dreamnight at the Zoo" and "Holiday Lights!"

Once again, the Santa Ana Zoo is proud to open its fabulous "Holiday Lights Festival" with "Dreamnight at the Zoo" on December 20.

The goal of "Dreamnight" is to provide an annual entrance-free evening at the Zoo for children living with life-threatening conditions and their families. These invitations are put at the disposal of the Children's hospitals and similar institutions themselves. Only the medical staff can select the children and distribute the invitations. Our honored guests will receive gift bags, live music, food, free train rides, as well as the opportunity to get up close and personal with the animals. All of the children are warmly welcomed and treated as V.I.P.'s. It's a night the children and their families will always remember!

If you would like to help make our "Dreamnight" an extra special one, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555 x12 to find out how you may do so. For more information on the international event, visit the official "Dreamnight" website at www.dreamnightatthezoo.nl.

"Holiday Lights Festival" is open to the general public December 21, 22, 28 and 29 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM, rain or shine. The Holiday event prices are \$6 per person or \$3 per Zoo Member. Additionally, December 22 and 29 are Member Appreciation Nights when Members get in for free and receive \$1 train rides. December 21 is City of Santa Ana Night during which



Santa Ana city residents and employees get in for free while December 28 is Grandparents' Night at which all grandparents get in for free.

The event features beautifully lighted displays, enchanting animals, seasonal music, crafts tables, and storytelling all around the Zoo entrance and farm area, which are transformed into a winter wonderland! Along with the crafts and holiday decorations, the evenings will feature the music of Steve McGuigan. SAZOO, our Zoo's monkey mascot, will make special appearances throughout each evening.

Come and make "Holiday Lights" Festival part of your family's annual tradition during the holidays. Please call (714) 953-8555 x12 for more information about this event or become a Zoo Member by calling (714) 953-8555 x13 or logging on to www.santaanazoo.org. You can purchase your tickets online, too!

Grow The Zoo by Ron Glazier, Zoo Director

As members, you are probably aware that the Zoo's next significant development is Tierra de las Pampas, which will provide a new and enlarged habitat for our guanacos and rheas. Also as part of this exciting new habitat, we are adding

an exhibit for the giant anteater. This project is a joint venture with the University of California, Irvine, the City of Santa Ana, and FOSAZ, and will be the first such collaborative project in the Zoo's history. **continued inside**

Special Events 2007/2008

December 1 Membership Appreciation Day
 Members get FREE train rides and extra discounts: 11-2 PM
White Elephant Sale Gift Shop cuts prices for holiday shopping. Opens 9 AM Members/10 AM General Public

December 8 All-Zoo Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Zoo Volunteers only: 3-5 PM

December 12 Orange County Natural History Lecture Series 7-9 PM, front gates open 6:30-7:15 PM: Sara Schuster - Western Pond Turtles of Orange County. Free to General Public.

December 21, 22, 28, 29 Holiday Lights Festival
 Holiday family event with strolling musicians, holiday crafts, and, of course, lights: 5:30-8 PM
 • "Dreamnight" 12/20: Special invitation only for children living with life-threatening conditions
 • Member Appreciation Nights 12/22 & 12/29: Members get in free and receive \$1 train rides.

• City of Santa Ana Night 12/21: City residents and employees get in free.
 • Grandparents' Night 12/28: Grandparents get in free.

February 2 Membership Appreciation Day — Members get FREE train rides and extra discounts: 11 AM-2 PM

March 1 - 2 Zoo Birthday Party — All-Zoo train-themed party with music, games and fun; 10AM - 2PM - General Public - FREE WITH PRICE OF ADMISSION (\$6 adults/\$3 children); Members - FREE

March 18 Sheep Shearing Festival - Sheep Shearing demonstrations for school groups and the public. 9:30 AM-12 PM - Free with price of admission

April 26 Membership Appreciation Day - Party for the Planet! - Members get FREE train rides and extra discounts and celebrate Earth Day at the Zoo: 11 AM-2 PM

May 4 Zoo-B-Que — Members only event: 4:30-7 PM

Dates are tentative and subject to change. For additional information on any event, please contact Kristy Banks with Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555 x12 or e-mail her at kbanks@fosaz.org.

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