

# Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park

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## **Oldest Federated Women's Club Donates Exmoor Pony to Santa Ana Zoo!**

(Santa Ana, CA) – On Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 2 p.m. the Santa Ana Zoo will recognize the Women's Club of Santa Ana for their donation towards the purchase of an Exmoor pony, an American Cream draft horse, and horse barn for the Santa Ana Zoo through the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ).

The Women's Club of Santa Ana is the oldest federated women's club in the Orange District. The reception will also celebrate the club's 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. 16 members still remain active and they range in age from 70 to 100 years old.

“Danny” a nine year old Exmoor pony gelding arrived on January 15 to the Santa Ana Zoo. Coming in all the way from Canada, “Danny” arrived in great shape and wonderful spirit. Standing at 12.2 hh (hh= hands high, each hand is 4 inches), he is a beautiful representative of the breed. Exmoor ponies have lived on the open moors of southwestern England for thousands of years. Well isolated, the Exmoor remains one of the oldest and purest of the pony breeds. Their special adaptations for survival in cold, wet conditions are now what characterize the Exmoor as a breed. Around the time of the end of the Second World War, their numbers were down to approximately 50 animals.

Today, there are less than 200 of these ponies living free with an estimated total number now around 1,200. There are only about 40 or so Exmoor ponies in all of North America. “Danny” will help the Zoo educate patrons about the plight of rare and endangered domestic animals. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, the Women's Club of Santa Ana, the public will soon be able to enjoy our equine additions in their new home at the Crean Family Farm.

The Santa Ana Zoo is in the process of acquiring the American Cream draft horse and construction of the horse barn and associated fencing of the paddock and pasture area of our family farm are underway.

**Admission is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 3 to 12 years of age and senior citizens; and FREE to children 2 and under, people with disabilities and Members of the Zoo. Elephant rides are available for \$5 and train rides for \$3. Visit the Zoo at our Web site at [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org). for additional information.**

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