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LOVE IS IN THE AIR AT THE MARYLAND ZOO!
Join us for the most exotic Valentine's event of the season

BALTIMORE, MD – Did you know that the queen fire ant controls the number of females and male eggs she lays, the Argentine lake duck has the longest penis of any animal in the world, and that giraffe males have a unique way of selecting a female which involves drinking her urine? These are just a few of the fun facts that you might learn about courtship and mating in the Animal Kingdom at our wildest event of the year! Join us on Thursday, February 14, 2013, for the Adults-Only event, *Sex at the Zoo*.

This wild Valentine's Day event is full of fun and surprises as members of the Zoo's animal staff divulge the secrets, scandals, and shocking facts of jungle love! This year, the zoo's adult-oriented evening will take place on the newly renovated Mansion House Porch with a number of the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors in attendance. The event includes an open bar of beer, wine and soda, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, decadent desserts and live music by the Jazz Caravan.

The event runs from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and is appropriate for those 21-and-over. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$130 per couple and should be purchased in advance at www.marylandzoo.org. Special Valentine's Day "Adopt-an-Animal" packages will be available and there is plenty of free parking in front of the Mansion House. The birds and the bees will be here, and you should be too!

About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat exhibits in areas such as Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the award-winning Children's Zoo. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit www.marylandzoo.org.

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