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SEX AT THE ZOO -- BACK FOR 2016!
Join us for the most exotic Valentine's event of the season

BALTIMORE, MD – Males courting the same female may become violent and fight each other to prove their worth. Once a male is victorious, it's up to the female to woo him! Of course in the case of the rhinoceros, courtship is anything but romantic, involving loud "roaring" vocalizations, chasing and even hitting one another *before* they mate. Warthogs, on the other hand, have a rather comical way of following a female in estrus while making a clicking sound to get her attention. Of course they've been known to fight off other males to make sure the lady in question knows who is the top hog!

On Saturday, February 13, 2016, find out about more unusual animal courtship and mating rituals at our wildest adults-only event of the year, Sex at the Zoo! This wild Valentine's Day event is full of fun and surprises as Amy Eveleth and Amy Demchak, two members of the Zoo's animal staff, present a light-hearted lecture about animal mating habits in the wild.

The Zoo's adult-oriented evening will take place on the Mansion House Porch. The event includes an open bar of beer, wine and soda, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, decadent desserts and live jazz music from the Jazz Caravan Trio. A variety of the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors will also join the crowd during the cocktail hour.

The event runs from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and is appropriate for those 21-and-over. Dress is creative/festive business attire. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$150 per couple and should be purchased in advance at www.marylandzoo.org. Free parking is available 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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