



meet me!

MAMMALS



JULIO

Julio loves running so much that we got him a large wheel so that he can run to his heart's content.

THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO

This is the only armadillo species that can completely curl into a ball.

Conservation Status: Near Threatened

Range: South America

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



MOSI, MCHUMBA, MARY & GARY

Our tenrecs are all trained to target, kennel voluntarily, and get their nails trimmed.

LESSER HEDGEHOG TENREC

Lesser hedgehog tenrecs are one of over 30 different species of tenrec that can be found on the island of Madagascar.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: Madagascar

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



MIRASOL

Mirasol was born in Tanzania at an organization called APOPO. This organization trains rats to sniff out landmines, and sends the rats that flunk out of the program to zoos like ours!

GIANT AFRICAN POUCHED RATS

Pouched rats are named for their huge cheek pouches which can hold items larger than the size of two golf balls.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: Sub-Saharan Africa

ANY EVENT | 30 MINUTES

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BIRDS

AFRICAN PENGUINS

All of our penguins are trained to voluntarily go on the scale once a week!

This is a temperate species—they are adapted to a climate similar to what we have here in Baltimore.

Conservation Status: Endangered

Range: Africa

ANY EVENT | <30-60 MINUTES



ECHO

Echo likes to practice new sounds/words in private, so she will sometimes walk herself from where she hangs out during the day with her keepers to the enclosure she lives in at night so she can practice in peace.

AFRICAN GREY PARROT

This is the largest parrot species found in Africa.

Conservation Status: Endangered

Range: Africa

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



ATHENA

Every year, Athena molts all of her head feathers at once, leaving her with a round fluffy body and a naked, goofy-looking head.

EASTERN SCREECH OWL

Screech owls have serrated flight feathers which allow them to fly silently.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: Eastern USA

ANY EVENT | <30 MINUTES



LOUIE & ODDBALL

One of Louie's favorite things to do is slide down a metal pole like a fireman. On the other hand, Oddball prefers to stay up as high as possible, often watching over Louie's antics.

GREEN WINGED MACAW

Green-winged macaw beaks have about 2000 PSI of pressure and can break a broomstick in half.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: South America

ANY EVENT | <30 MINUTES



PANAMANIAN GOLDEN FROGS

All of our PGFs are named after researchers in Panama who are studying PGFs and their habitat.

They are the national symbol of Panama, like the bald eagle is for the United States.

Conservation Status: Extinct in the Wild

Range: Panama

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



meet me! REPTILES

PACIFIC, FIG & SOLOMON

Pacific and Solomon were the first Embassy animals to have a baby - our third skink, Fig!

PREHENSILE-TAILED SKINK

The prehensile tailed skink is the largest skink species in the world.

Conservation Status: Near Threatened

Range: Solomon Islands

ANY EVENT | <30 MINUTES



JUNO

Juno was confiscated from a traveler bringing him illegally into BWI, and he only weighed 30g (about as much as a pencil!)

GREEK TORTOISE

This type of tortoise only grows to be about 6-8 inches long!

Conservation Status: Vulnerable

Range: Throughout the Mediterranean region

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



BLINK

Even though geckos eat bugs in the wild, Blink is picky and doesn't like eating crickets!

IRAQI EYELID GECKO

When threatened, these geckos are able to drop their tails to make an escape, and will eventually grow a new tail in its place!

Conservation Status: Unknown

Range: Middle East

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



MUFFIN

Muffin loves to hide under the moss in his enclosure, but he always makes a point to stick his head out when his keepers are walking by to say hello!

CORN SNAKE

Corn snakes are one of the 27 species of snakes native to the state of Maryland.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: USA

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



STATLER

You might typically think that turtles and tortoises choose to hide in their shells, but Statler loves napping all stretched out under his heat lamp.

EGYPTIAN TORTOISE

This is one of the most endangered species of tortoise in the world.

Conservation Status: Critically Endangered

Range: Libya

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



JAKE & ELWOOD

Jake and Elwood love exploring throughout our Embassy building, letting us know when they want to come out by going to a specific spot in their enclosure and waiting patiently!

RED FOOT TORTOISE

When males want to attract females, they'll make a clucking noise that sounds like a chicken!

Conservation Status: Vulnerable

Range: South America

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



CHARLOTTE

Charlotte loves napping in temperatures over 100 degrees

SAN ESTEBAN ISLAND CHUCKWALLA

This is the largest species of Chuckwalla, only found on one small island off the coast of California.

Conservation Status: Endangered

Range: San Esteban Island

ANY EVENT | <30 MINUTES



SOUP

This species is also known as a Campbell's Milksnake, which is where Soup got his name from.

ATLANTIC CENTRAL AMERICAN MILK SNAKE

his non-venomous species specific coloring has evolved to mimic the coloration of the venomous Coral Snake.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: Mexico and Northern Central America

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



meet me! INVERTEBRATES

TAPATIO & VALENTINA

Our tarantulas seem to enjoy hanging out upside down as much as they enjoy being right side up!

MEXICAN RED-KNEE TARANTULA

Female tarantulas can live over 30 years, while male tarantulas do not typically live past 10.

Conservation Status: Vulnerable

Range: Central Pacific coast of Mexico

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



MADAGASCAR HISSING COCKROACHES

Our cockroaches are prolific breeders, producing 100s of offspring every year.

Hissing cockroaches get their name from the sound they produce when they push air through the holes along their abdomen.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: Madagascar

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



GIANT AFRICAN MILLIPEDE

These millipedes are part of an Association of Zoos and Aquariums breeding program.

They are the largest millipedes out of over 10,000 species worldwide.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: Eastern Africa

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



CENTRAL AMERICAN GIANT CAVE COCKROACH

All species of cockroaches are detritivores, which means they eat decaying matter, but because this species lives in caves, they specifically eat bat poop!

Although this species has wings, they rarely ever use them. In fact, only the adults grow wings, while the juveniles do not.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: South and Central America

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



BAMBOO

This species of scorpion glows under blacklight, causing them to appear neon blue.

ASIAN FOREST SCORPION

Although they produce venom from their tail, this species of scorpion primarily uses their pincers to grab their prey, rather than subdue it with venom.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Range: Southeast Asia

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES

ANIMAL AMBASSADOR REQUEST FORM FOR EVENTS

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Event Name: _____

Event Date: _____ Event Time: _____ Requested Ambassador Arrival Time: _____

Available Ambassadors from the Embassy at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

MAMMALS

Three-banded armadillo
Lesser hedgehog tenrec
Giant African pouched rats

BIRDS

African penguin
African grey parrot
Screech owl
Green Winged Macaw

REPTILES

Iraqi eyelid gecko
Prehensile-tailed skink
Corn snake
Egyptian tortoise
Red foot tortoise
Greek tortoise
San Esteban Island Chuckwalla
Central American Milksnake

AMPHIBIANS

Panamanian golden frog

INVERTEBRATES

Mexican red-knee Tarantula
Madagascar hissing cockroaches
Giant African Millipede
Giant Cave Cockroach
Asian Forest Scorpion

You may choose TWO animals. Please list requested Ambassadors in order of preference:

AMBASSADOR FEE: \$250

Ambassador 1: _____

Ambassador 2 (optional): _____

Backup (Required): _____

If selecting African Penguin: Two Penguins for 30 minutes ☐ One Penguin for one hour ☐

Total Number of Ambassadors Requested (up to 2): _____ Total Fees Due: _____

Ambassador Appearance Fee: \$250 per animal for up to 30 minutes.

Clients may choose from our list of Animal Ambassadors; however, their appearance is not guaranteed. Should the requested animal be unable to travel for any reason, every effort will be made to provide a comparable substitution at the Embassy Staff's discretion. If multiple animals are chosen, they will appear consecutively. Please follow the above guidelines when requesting multiple animals.

Request for Animal Ambassador must be made within two weeks of returning the signed contract. Payment for Animal Ambassador is due with final payment for venue rental 45 days prior to the event date.

***Hospitals/Medical Facilities** – Please indicate what information, if any, is needed about our animal ambassadors prior to your visit. Please note that we need at least one week's notice to pull and provide medical records.