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RE: NEW GUINEA SINGING DOGS TO JOIN "WILD THINGS" SHOW

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July 24, 2007, West Palm Beach, FL - In June, two year old New Guinea singing dogs "Mic" and "Sydney" were brought to the Palm Beach Zoo. These interesting additions to the collection will be stars in the "Wild Things" show at the zoo's wildlife stage starting Thursday, July 26 at 1 p.m.



New Guinea Singing Dogs (NGSD) are considered an "ancient" breed of dog. Numerous fossil findings prove that this species of dog lived with primitive man over 5,000 years ago. Although they are now considered a recognized breed with the United Kennel Club, they retain many primitive traits. For instance, NGSDs are amazing hunters and have 10% larger, longer carnassials than the average domestic dog. These agile animals are much like cats because they are great climbers and can scale trees and walls with ease. NGSDs also have more reflective eyes than domestic dogs which "glow" in very low light levels.

Of all of these interesting traits and differences, the most unusual (and endearing) is their lovely singing voice. The New Guinea singing dog does not bark but emits a howling, almost wolf-like vocalization. Some compare these unusual sounds to whale songs.

The Palm Beach Zoo is a non profit zoological organization located at Dreher Park in West Palm Beach, housing over 1,500 animals within 23 acres of lush tropical habitat. Its mission is to provide an open-air classroom of living creatures to foster awareness, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

Palm Beach Zoo is located at 1301 Summit Boulevard, just east of I-95 between Southern and Forest Hill Boulevard. Admission: Regular \$12.95, Seniors 60+ \$9.95, Children 3-12 \$8.95, under 3 years and Zoo Members are free. The zoo is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.) For more information visit www.palmbeachzoo.org.

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