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## New Wallaby Exhibit at the Palm Beach Zoo

## featuring dad, three moms and three baby Wallabies

**WEST PALM BEACH, Florida** – Bowser and his family are now on exhibit at the Palm Beach Zoo where visitors can see the kids "joeys" riding in the pouch of their mothers – Dori, Adelaide and Jillie.

Bowser, the male Wallaby, as well as Dori and Adelaide are from the Los Angeles Zoo. Jillie was born at the Palm Beach Zoo 30 months ago. The adult Wallabies and their joeys will be on exhibit starting Saturday, Jan. 30.

Wallabies are close relatives of Kangaroos. When a tiny joey is born, the baby is helpless and undeveloped. The joey immediately crawls inside its mother's pouch and stays there for several months. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often jumps back inside to feel more secure.

Native to Australia, Wallabies are considered a vulnerable species in much of the country and an endangered species in some parts of Australia. The Palm Beach Zoo participates in a Wallaby breeding program as part of its ongoing effort to protect and enhance threatened and endangered species.

The Wallabies at the Palm Beach Zoo are yellow-footed rock Wallabies. They primarily eat grass and plants.

## About the Palm Beach Zoo

The Palm Beach Zoo is a nonprofit zoological organization whose mission is to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to inspire others to value and conserve the natural world. The Palm Beach Zoo, located at 1301 Summit Blvd. in West Palm Beach, is home to more than 1,400 animals. The zoo is nationally accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA). For more information about the zoo, please visit palmbeachzoo.org.

**Admission:** Children under 3 – free. Children, 3–12, – \$9.95. Seniors (60+) – \$10.95, Adults, \$14.95. Free Shows, Free Parking.