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# 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**



## MAKODA

Makoda loves digging, so we frequently hide her food under large piles of mulch and dirt.

### AMERICAN BADGER

American badgers have loose skin that enables them to turn around in tight spaces such as underground burrows.

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

**Range:** Northwest USA

**PRE-WEDDING | 15 minutes**



## SASSAFRAS & APPLESAUCE

Many people think they look exactly the same, but Sassafra's actually weighs a bit more, and Applesauce's eyes are closer together!

### CHINCHILLA

Chinchillas keep their fur clean by rolling in volcanic ash.

**Conservation Status:** Endangered

**Range:** Andes mountain region

**INSIDE ONLY | <30 MINUTES**



## JANET

Janet was rescued from a basement in upstate NY before being brought to the Zoo!

### GENET

A genet's slender frame and impressive balance make them exceptionally well adapted for climbing.

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

**Range:** Africa

PENGUIN COAST LEARNING LAB ONLY | 15 MINUTES



## MOSI, MCHUMBA & 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



## BART, BOOTS & EDWARD

Our rats are all named after famous pirates because they are pi-rats!

### DOMESTIC RAT

Domestic rats are fastidious animals, spending large amounts of time grooming and making sure their fur is clean.

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

**Range:** Domestic

INSIDE ONLY | <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**





## LOUIE

One of Louie's favorite things to do is slide down a metal pole like a fireman.

### 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



## TYSON

Tyson loves when his keepers build him a blanket fort so he can hide and play inside.

### MILITARY MACAW

The name of this species derives from its overall olive green coloration with a striking red patch above their beaks, which is reminiscent of military uniforms.

**Conservation Status:** Vulnerable

**Range:** South America

ANY EVENT | <30 MINUTES



## ATHENA

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



## KLAUS & CLARA

Klaus and Clara were hand raised by their keepers beginning when they were just days old and, because of that, they are very comfortable exploring all around the Zoo.

### VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILLS

When a female is ready to lay eggs, her mate will seal her into the nest cavity with mud and droppings and bring her all of her food for two months while she incubates the eggs and raises the chicks.

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

**Range:** East Africa

PRE- WEDDING FLIGHTS | <15 MINUTES





## HUEY

Huey is named after everyone's favorite Australian - Hugh Jackman!

## SHERMAN

Sherman is named after P. Sherman, 42 Wallaby Way in *Finding Nemo*.

## TAWNY FROGMOUTH

When threatened, tawny frogmouths will do a behavior called "stumping," which involves them tilting their head up, squinting their eyes, and flattening their feathers so they look like a broken tree branch.

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

**Range:** Australia

**INSIDE ELOPEMENTS ONLY | <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**





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# REPTILES



## 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



## 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



## 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





## ELVIS

Elvis makes it clear that she can identify her individual keepers, exhibiting different behaviors depending on who she is with.

### CALIFORNIA KINGSNAKE

Kingsnakes are able to prey on other snakes—including venomous species like rattlesnakes.

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

**Range:** USA

ANY EVENT | <60 MINUTES



## JOHN

John is trained to target, and is able to solve puzzle feeders to find his food!

### EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE

Eastern indigo snakes are the longest snake species native to the United States.

**Conservation Status:** Threatened

**Range:** South East 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





## JUNO

Juno was confiscated from a traveler bringing her illegally into BWI, and she 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**

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# INVERTEBRATES

## CHOLULA, 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**





# 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
- American badger
- Chinchilla
- Genet
- Lesser hedgehog tenrec
- Domestic rat

**BIRDS**

- African penguin
- African grey parrot
- Green winged macaw
- Military macaw
- Screech owl
- Tawny frogmouth
- Von der Decken's hornbills

**REPTILES**

- Iraqi eyelid gecko
- Prehensile-tailed skink
- Corn snake
- King snake
- Eastern indigo snake
- Egyptian tortoise
- Red foot tortoise
- Greek tortoise

**AMPHIBIANS**

- Panamanian golden frog

**INVERTEBRATES**

- Mexican red-knee Tarantula
- Madagascar hissing cockroaches

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

**AMBASSADOR FEE: \$250**

Ambassador 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Ambassador 2 (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Backup (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

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.