

## News Release

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## Alligator Expert Speaking at Naples Zoo on Father's Day

State licensed alligator trapper Dave Regel will be at Naples Zoo Sunday, June 18 to inform guests about the realities of living around Florida's alligators along with offering practical tips. Regel is Collier County's only licensed nuisance alligator trapper. He will answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will give a talk at Noon on Father's Day.

There are 19 alligators that live at Naples Zoo and at 1:30 p.m. daily they become the center of attention. Zoo guests watch the hidden strength of the alligator when the normally placid reptiles power through the water to satisfy their appetite four days per week (Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays). Other days, guests can enjoy an up close encounter as they touch a young alligator (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays).

### "Call for Cologne" Drive Offers Dad FREE Zoo Admission

And all Father's Day weekend from Friday, June 16 through Monday, June 19, dads who bring a bottle of cologne to Naples Zoo get in free. Why does the Zoo want aftershave? For the animals, of course. This annual call for cologne provides new scents for the animals to enjoy all year.

The aftershave isn't used to make the animals smell sweet – it's sprayed in their habitats to provide added stimulation. Dads and their families can watch the animals' reactions to these aftershaves as the scents are used throughout the weekend for animal enrichment.

As many animals perceive the world as much through smell as humans do through sight, a dash of cologne on a tiger-sized toy, a tree, or a path inspires inquisitiveness in the animals to use their skills to investigate their surroundings.

Donated cologne will be used June 16-19 during special Meet the Keeper talks highlighting these enrichment activities.

12:30 p.m.	African lions
2:00 p.m.	Indochinese Tigers
3:30 p.m.	Spotted hyena

If Dad doesn't have aftershave, some of Mom's perfume will work, too. Otherwise, you can print a coupon off the web at [www.napleszoo.com](http://www.napleszoo.com) in place of cologne. Zoo admission (\$15.95 adult/ \$9.95 children) includes admission to this historic botanical garden along with all shows and the boat ride through islands of monkeys, lemurs, and apes.

