NAPLES ZOO *at* **CARIBBEAN GARDENS** **2 February 2010**

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Limited Time! Ride a Camel at Naples Zoo

Travel on a Dromedary During Winter 2010

Naples, FL – There's always something new at the zoo. The newest wild thing to do at Naples Zoo is to climb aboard a dromedary camel. For a limited time this winter, Naples Zoo guests can enjoy a ride on one of these "ships of the desert." Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day, the camels and their riders are guided by a professional handler on a private trail between Royal Palm Walkway and Shoreline Trail in the Zoo. This memorable experience is available to Naples Zoo guests and members for a five dollar fee.

Naples Zoo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization cooperating in conservation programs both in and outside the wild for endangered species. Daily presentations include the hand-feeding of giant reptiles at Alligator Bay, Meet the Keeper Series, Snake Sunbathing, along with two premiere presentations: Planet Predator and Serpents: Fangs & Fiction. Both of these feature shows take place in the Safari Canyon Theater where guests see live animals from feline predators to venomous snakes along with exciting video footage. And one of the zoo's most popular activities is the Primate Expedition Cruise where guests embark on a guided cruise through islands inhabited by monkeys, lemurs, and apes.

The all day pay-one-price ticket includes admission to both the nationally accredited zoo and historic tropical garden along with all shows, botanical tours (offered on Sundays), exhibits, and the boat ride. ($19.95 adults age 13+/ $11.95 children 3 to 12, under 3 free. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age). **Zoo memberships and discount tickets are also available online at www.napleszoo.org.** Visitors enjoy healthy meals at Wynn's at the Zoo and shop for wild gifts at tame prices in The ZOO Gift Shop. Naples Zoo welcomes guests daily from 9:00 to 5:00 with the last ticket sold at 4:00 and is located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from the Coastland Center mall in the heart of Naples. To learn more, click www.napleszoo.org or call (239) 262-5409 or **follow the Zoo at www.twitter.com/NaplesZoo**.

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