

Houston Zoo Fact Sheet

About the Houston Zoo

- The Houston Zoo connects communities with animals, inspiring action to save wildlife
- The Houston Zoo has become a leader in the global movement to save wildlife
- Strive to change behaviors to help protect wildlife
- Provide exemplary animal care, assuring outstanding animal welfare
- Strive to inspire broad community support and collaborations

History

- Opened on September 1922
- Is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums
- Houses over 6,000 animals, including 900 different species.

Popular Exhibits

- African Forest
- Aquarium
- Birds
- Carnivores
- Children's Zoo
- Natural Encounters
- Elephants

Education

- Camp Zoofari: Ages 4-14 can spend the day interacting with different animals
- Collegiate Conservation Program (CCP): 10 interns are picked each summer for a 10-week internship where they train, learn and work at the Houston Zoo
- ZooMobile: Experienced staff travels to schools and community events in the Houston area to showcase different ambassador animals.

Saving Wildlife

- Take Action: Educating people on the different ways they can take action to protect the Earth
- Texas Conservation: Working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to ensure the survival of Texas wildlife through comprehensive conservation strategy

- Global Conservation: Investments in long-term conservation projects
- Travel with the Zoo: Explore exotic destinations and observe wild creatures in their natural realms