

# Zoo offers Unique Way to Say “Be Mine”

This Valentine’s Day the Louisville Zoo has a unique way to send a special message to loved ones and to help make a difference all at once. Now through February 10 you can save \$15 on a special Valentine’s message package through the A.D.O.P.T.S. (Animals Depend on People To Survive) program. A.D.O.P.T.S. participants partner with the Zoo in the care of the animals by “adopting” an animal of their choice for a full year. Funds received from the “adoptions” go directly toward the care and feeding of the amazing creatures in our care. The Louisville Zoo food budget for the animals is over \$400,000 annually and as nutrition is a top priority this includes the highest grades of meat and the freshest of produce, along with hundreds of pounds of fish and other seafood. As the Zoo’s collection grows, so does the food budget. Triton (21 year-old male California Sea lion) alone can eat nearly 50 pounds of fish a day.

**The Lovebird Package \$60.00** (regularly \$75) includes an animal adoption certificate, a picture of the selected animal, the adoptive parent’s name on the Zoo website and a plush animal from the Zoo gift shop.

Animals with special Valentine’s Day messaging include the following:

Grizzly Bear - “I can’t bear to be without you!”

Brazilian Ocelot - “I love you an ocelot”

Amur (Siberian) Tiger - “You’re the purrr-fect Amur for me!”

Western Lowland Gorilla - “I go ape over you!”

African Lion - “I ain’t lion, you’re my Valentine!”

Wart Hog - “Hogs & kisses to you!”

Hissing Cockroach - “I’m your love bug”

African Elephant - “I could never forget you Valentine, I love you tons!”

Barn Owl - “Whooo’s your Valentine?”

Hartmann’s Zebra - “It’s black & white, I love you Valentine!”

Rockhopper Penguin - “I waddle be your Valentine!”

A.D.O.P.T.S. packages are available year-round through the Zoo’s membership office or online at [www.louisvillezoo.org/support/adopts](http://www.louisvillezoo.org/support/adopts).