

# NEWS RELEASE



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## CURIOUS?

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo is partnering with the exhibition “Curious George Saves the Day: the Art of Margret and H. A. Rey” at the Chrysler Museum of Art, 245 W. Olney Rd., Norfolk.

The museum exhibition runs until September 18, 2011, and while supplies last museum visitors can get a coupon good for a free child admission with paid adult admission to the Zoo, where they can meet Curious George’s live primate cousins. The Virginia Zoo features a number of primates including siamangs, orangutans, gibbons, mandrills and squirrel monkeys.

In turn, visitors to the Zoo can get a buy-one, get-one admission coupon for the Chrysler Museum’s Curious George exhibition at any ticket booth or in the Zoo’s membership office, while supplies last.

“Curious George Saves the Day: The Art of Margret and H. A. Rey” features nearly 80 original drawings, book mock-ups, personal photographs and documents that reveal the dramatic story of how Margret and H. A. Rey, the German Jews who created the mischievous monkey, fled Nazi Europe for the safety of the United States. That story of escape and survival became the basis for the best-selling fiction series for children. The exhibition is organized by the Jewish Museum in New York. For more information on this show, see [www.chrysler.org](http://www.chrysler.org).

*As an accredited Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facility, the Virginia Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals on 53 beautifully landscaped acres. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to education and conservation, and offered a fun-filled day for visitors of any age. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$11.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$9.00 for children ages 2-11. Visit [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org) or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.*

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**Dexter, a male white-cheeked gibbon, is just one of Curious George's live primate cousins people can visit at the Virginia Zoo (Virginia Zoo photo by David Totten).**



H. A. Rey, final illustration for "This is George. He lived in Africa," published in *The Original Curious George* (1998), France, 1939–40, watercolor, charcoal, and color pencil on paper. H. A. & Margret Rey Papers, de Grummond Children's Literature Collection, McCain Library and Archives, The University of Southern Mississippi. Curious George, and related characters, created by Margret and H. A. Rey, are copyrighted and trademarked by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. © 2011 by HMH.

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