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TORTOISE VS. HARE

NORFOLK, Va. – It's Tortoise vs. Hare at the Virginia Zoo's Event Pavilion, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22!

The Zoo is partnering with the Virginia Stage Company to bring you the classic fable, and other stories from the animal kingdom: Ants protesting Grass Hopper's wasteful ways, a Lion and a Mouse struggle to find common ground, and more!

"Aesop's animal tales are both fun for kids and meaningful," said Greg Bockheim, the Zoo's executive director, "and what better place for animal tales than the Zoo?"

As part of the event, which is FREE with Zoo admission, there will be animal meet and greets as we honor the worldwide celebration of the Year of the Turtle. Zoo visitors will be able to see, touch, and learn about a variety of turtles and tortoises, including conservation issues and how they can help. Of course, rabbits will be in attendance, as well!

Turtle conservation groups in cooperation with Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, or PARC, have designated 2011 as the Year of the Turtle. For more information on the Year of the Turtle, visit <http://parcplace.org/news-a-events/year-of-the-turtle.html>.

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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 or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.