

# NEWS RELEASE



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## UNIQUE ZOOTIQUE NOW OPEN AT THE VIRGINIA ZOO

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo’s unique new ornament Zootique is now open!

Located inside the Zoo, the Zootique offers a selection of ornaments suitable for any occasion. Prices range from \$1 to \$15, including unique and animal-themed ornaments. Themed sets are also available. The Zootique is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Valentine’s Day.

“Ornaments make great gifts that everyone can enjoy together,” said Greg Bockheim, the executive director of the Virginia Zoo. “Ours are beautiful hand-blown German glass, and the proceeds will help fund our new Veterinary Hospital and Animal Wellness Campus.”

The new Veterinary Hospital and Animal Wellness Campus will help the Zoo continue to provide optimal care for our animals and maintain accreditation with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The facility will also deliver an educational experience, allowing visitors to observe animal treatment, surgery and laboratory rooms, and an animal diet kitchen.

The Virginia Zoo offers many other fun and interesting gifts. Contribute to an animal’s annual care and feeding by arranging a Zoodoption in someone’s name. Purchase a membership for family or friends, so they can visit whenever they would like. Book a once-in-a-lifetime Zoo tour for someone special. Of course, there is always Zoo-themed merchandise for people of all ages at the Zoo’s gift shop. More information on Zoo gifts is available at [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org).

“There’s something for everyone’s holiday wish list at the Zoo,” concluded Bockheim.

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## ZOOTIQUE, 2 OF 3



The Virginia Zoo's ornament Zootique offers a stupendous selection of ornaments suitable for any occasion, including these patriotic ornaments (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson).

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## ZOOTIQUE, 3 OF 3



Unique animal-themed ornaments made from hand-blown German glass are now available at the Virginia Zoo's ornament Zootique, and proceeds will help fund a new Veterinary Hospital and Animal Wellness Campus (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson).

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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](http://www.virginiazoo.org) or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.*