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***ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS* PROMISES EXOTIC EVENING IN THE RAINFOREST**
Guests to Enjoy Food and Fun while Discovering “Birds and Bees”

CLEVELAND – December 17, 2008 - The Cleveland Zoological Society hosts the sixth annual *Animal Attractions*, presented by CHASE on Thursday, February 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in **The RainForest** at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Branded as one of Cleveland’s hottest Valentine’s celebrations, guests will enjoy sampling dishes from Cleveland’s favorite area restaurants, sipping tasty lagers from Samuel Adams and fine wines from Brancott and trekking behind-the-scenes for even closer animal encounters! Also included are fascinating presentations on animal sexual behaviors by prominent Zoo staff and a one-of-a-kind raffle.

Committed to showcasing Cleveland’s abundant local restaurant scene, the event will feature tastings from Blue Canyon, Cleveland Cupcake Company, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, Sammy's, Sans Souci and Paladar Latin Kitchen.

Now in its sixth year, the event benefits the Cleveland Zoological Society, the advancement partner of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. *Animal Attractions* is presented by CHASE with generous support from Samuel Adams, Brancott, Absolut, Cleveland Magazine, Scene Magazine, Cleveland.com and Q104.

Tickets are \$50 for *ZooKeepers’ Circle* Members and \$65 for non-members. *Animal Attractions* is for guests 21 and over.

Visit ClevelandZooSociety.org or call (216) 661.6500, ext. 4421 for more information or to purchase tickets.

The Cleveland Zoological Society promotes Cleveland Metroparks Zoo as a regional funding priority. Zoo Society donors underwrite the Zoo’s margin of excellence through support from the largest membership program in Northeast Ohio (41,500 households), contributing 50% of the funding for capital improvements and 15% to the Zoo’s annual operating budget. The Zoo Society is currently 80% to its fundraising goal for the Zoo’s new elephant exhibit, *African Elephant Crossing*.

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