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**Terrapin Trot 3k set for February**

MELBOURNE, Fla., January 17, 2019 — Runners and walkers of all skill levels are encouraged to race through Brevard Zoo for a “Terrapin Trot” on Saturday, February 9.

Organized by the Running Zone Foundation, the Terrapin Trot 3k will be the 13<sup>th</sup> annual race held at the Zoo. The events have thus far generated \$87,000 for the Zoo’s animal wellness, conservation and education programs.

“We’ve been holding these runs since 2007,” said Michelle Smurl, director of animal programs at the Zoo and a co-organizer of the 3k. “Running Zone does such a wonderful job every year making sure everyone has a great time, regardless of how fast they’re going.”

Participants who can finish in under 20 minutes should opt for the 7 a.m. race, while those who need a little more time can begin at 7:35 a.m. A free “kiddie run” will follow. Registration is available online at [www.brevardzoo.org/terrapi-trot](http://www.brevardzoo.org/terrapi-trot) or in person at the Zoo from 6 to 6:45 a.m. on the day of the race.

All participants receive 50% off Zoo admission on the day of the event (race number required) and the chance to win a \$500 Disney gift card.

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*Brevard Zoo is home to more than 900 animals representing 195 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at [www.brevardzoo.org](http://www.brevardzoo.org).*

*Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at [www.treetoptrek.com](http://www.treetoptrek.com).*