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Brevard Zoo welcomes second veterinarian

MELBOURNE, Fla., September 11, 2019 — Brevard Zoo has added a second full-time veterinarian to its team in Dr. Kyle Donnelly. Hailing from Sarasota, Donnelly was awarded a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine and Masters of Public Health from the University of Florida before completing a residency at White Oak Conservation Center in 2019 through a joint program with the university.

The addition of Donnelly will accommodate the Zoo's growing animal collection due to the late 2019 opening of Rainforest Revealed and 2021 debut of lions, and provide increased mentorship for the Zoo's veterinary internship program. Donnelly joins director of veterinary programs Dr. Trevor Zachariah, who has been at the Zoo since 2010.

"I love the work that the Zoo is doing for local conservation," said Donnelly, "By joining the team, I feel that I am able to make a real difference not just in our animals' lives, but also those throughout Brevard County and beyond."

Passionate about all animals, Donnelly specifically enjoys working with birds, reptiles and rhinoceroses.

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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 <u>www.brevardzoo.org</u>.

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 <u>www.treetoptrek.com</u>.

The Aquarium Project is a plan to construct a world-class aquarium and conservation center at Port Canaveral. More information is available at <u>www.theaquariumproject.org</u>.