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### **Brevard Zoo earns prestigious reaccreditation**

MELBOURNE, Fla., March 26, 2018 — Brevard Zoo has been reaccredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). This is the fourth consecutive five-year AZA reaccreditation earned by the Zoo since it was first accredited in 1998.

“Only the very best zoos and aquariums can meet the ‘gold standards’ set for accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums,” said AZA president and CEO Dan Ashe. “By achieving AZA accreditation, Brevard Zoo demonstrates that it is committed to exemplary animal care and welfare, educational and inspiring guest experiences, and AZA’s mission to conserve our world’s wild animals and wild places.”

The Zoo underwent a thorough review to ensure it has and will continue to meet ever-rising standards of animal wellness, safety and financial stability, and facilitates significant conservation and educational programming. Finally, top officials were interviewed at a formal hearing by AZA’s independent accreditation commission.

The process included a detailed application and a meticulous onsite inspection conducted by a team of zoo and aquarium experts from facilities around the country.

Approximately 10% of animal exhibitors licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture have earned this distinction. The Zoo encourages the public to look for AZA accreditation as an assurance they are supporting a facility dedicated to exemplary animal care and a better future for all living things.

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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).*