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Montgomery Zoo Announces Name of Pygmy Hippo Calf

MONTGOMERY ZOO (Montgomery, AL): The Montgomery Zoo announced the name of its four month old pygmy hippo calf in a ceremony held at the Zoo on August 24, 2016. The winning name, chosen through a public election held on August 23, is Monty. The name Monty was a popular suggestion as it represents the City of Montgomery.

The zoo collected name suggestions from the public through July 31, 2016. More than 500 names were submitted, and the top three were presented for voting. The three names presented were Monty, Henry, and Lyle. Votes were cast in person at the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum and online at montgomeryzoo.com in a one day election held on August 23. The race was close, but Monty, an early favorite, came out on top with the most votes.

The calf was born on April 3, 2016 and made his public debut on July 5, 2016. Since his debut, the calf has been on display daily with his mother, Lola, in a newly renovated exhibit in the South American realm of the Montgomery Zoo.

The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is open daily from 9am-5:30pm with the last ticket being sold at 4pm. Animal exhibits begin closing at 4:30pm. Discount combo admission to the Zoo and Mann Museum is Adults \$20, Children (3-12 years) \$15, and Toddlers (2 years and under) Free. Regular admission to the Zoo only is Adults \$15, Children (3-12 years) \$11, and Toddlers (2 years and under) Free. Military and Senior Citizen discounts are available.

The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is a 42-acre zoological facility located minutes from the heart of historic, downtown Montgomery. The Montgomery Zoo features five continental realms housing over 500 species of animals from Africa, Asia, Australia, North America and South America. Adjacent to the Zoo is the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum, housing the one of the Southeast's largest collections of preserved North American wildlife and artifacts.

The Montgomery Zoo is a Department of the City of Montgomery, Alabama

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