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**Montgomery Zoo Debuts Ring-Tailed Lemurs**

**MONTGOMERY ZOO** (Montgomery, AL): The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is excited to announce the opening of a new ring-tailed lemur exhibit on Friday, January 13, 2017. Join zoo officials in welcoming the troop of five to Montgomery at 10am in the South America realm of the zoo.

“We are proud to be able to introduce this new species to our zoo guests,” said Zoo Director, Doug Goode. “Lemurs are entertaining to watch and will make a great addition to the Montgomery Zoo.”

The lemur exhibit is located in the South America realm of the zoo directly across from the recently opened capybara exhibit. Visitors can view the lemurs daily between 9am and 4:30pm, pending weather and animal husbandry needs.

Found in the wild on the African island of Madagascar, these primates are easily recognized by their vivid black and white ringed tails. Ring-tailed lemurs average approximately 5 lbs and grow to a total length of approximately 40 inches.

They are adept at moving through the trees, but also spend a good portion of their time on the ground. Though their tails are typically longer than their bodies, ring-tailed lemurs are not able to hang by their tails like many of their primate cousins. Ring-tailed lemurs are considered an endangered species largely due to habitat destruction; however, they have been bred successfully in captivity.

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. Regular admission to the Zoo only is Adults \$15, Children (3-12 years) \$11, and Toddlers (2 years and under) Free. Zoo plus Museum Combo, Military, and Senior Citizen discounts are available.

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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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