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### Chance Morgan 36' Wildlife Carrousel Opens at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

Wichita, KS—May 12, 2005— Zoo goers at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida, welcome the new Chance Morgan 36' Wildlife Carrousel. The carrousel, located near the center of the zoo, marks the completion of the first phase in a new exhibit called Kids Zone. Young riders can learn about the carrousel animals by collecting "trading cards." Each card includes educational information about an animal on the carrousel. Dennis Pate, Executive Director, remarked, "Public response to the Wildlife Carrousel has been exactly what we anticipated; people seem to really enjoy it. We actually had guests from 100 miles away come just for opening day. It is a good fit for children who have the opportunity to learn animal names while they have fun."

Riders may choose from 34 animals including the African Elephant, Lowland Gorilla, Cheetah, Tiger, Alligator, Sea Horse, Jaguar, Leopard, Eagle, and Dolphin. The carrousel also includes a custom-made African Lion and a new Swan Chariot that is accessible by wheelchairs. Both were designed by Chance Morgan.

A current capital campaign contributed to the funding of the carrousel. Additional funds have been raised by securing \$10,000 sponsorships of each carrousel animal. Of the 34 animals on the carrousel, 21 are already sponsored. Each donor receives a permanent plaque at the base of the animal.

The carrousel operates during normal zoo hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. It may be rented for evening events. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

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