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**FROM SPECIAL TREATS FOR ANIMALS TO ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TIPS FOR VISITORS, EVERYONE CAN ENJOY "GO GREEN AT THE ZOO" THIS WEEK**

TACOMA, Wash. — With a tip o' the cap to the Emerald Isle, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium is celebrating the color green on Saturday, March 15.

Many of the zoo's animals will receive special green treats or toys.

Herald the Wonder Dog will be dressed, appropriately, in his shamrock bandana. And zoo visitors can learn just how easy it is to be "green."

Each day this week, there will be an environment-friendly "green" Tip O' the Morn to you on the zoo's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/PtDefianceZoo.

Saturday's special events include:

**11 a.m.:** Special treats for aquarium animals.

**11:30 a.m.** Polar bears get green ice treats embedded with food.

**12:30 p.m.** Tigers receive “lucky” watermelon treats.

**1 p.m.** Elephants slurp up shamrock-shaped gelatin treats.

**1:30 p.m.** Herald the Wonder Dog in his shamrock bandana is featured at Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater.

**2 p.m.** Red wolves receive special shamrock-shaped gelatin treats.

At various times throughout the day, animals in the zoo’s Asian Forest Sanctuary exhibit will get special Go Green themed-popsicles. Meerkats and lemurs will receive shimmering gelatin shamrock treats.

All activities are free with zoo admission.

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*Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest’s only combined zoo and aquarium, promotes responsible stewardship of the world’s resources through education, conservation, research and recreational opportunities. The zoo, a division of Metro Parks Tacoma, is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA).*