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### **Animal Avenue – The New Neighbors**

TACOMA, Wash. — Here's the lineup of animals who will inhabit the new Animal Avenue exhibit opening May 31, 2008, at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium:

- Meerkat
- Ring-tailed lemur
- Black lemur
- Damaraland mole rat
- Golden orb weaver spider
- Goliath bird eating spider
- Emerald tree boa
- Green tree python
- Western Bell's hingeback tortoise
- Pancake tortoise
- Ornate horned frog
- White's tree frog
- Hour glass tree frog
- Surinam toad
- Long-legged desert ant
- African emperor scorpion
- Madagascar hissing cockroach
- African cichlids

For more information on Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, visit [www.pdza.org](http://www.pdza.org) or call 253-591-5337.

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*Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest's only Zoo & Aquarium, is located in Tacoma's beautiful Point Defiance Park, 5400 North Pearl Street. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium promotes responsible stewardship of the world's resources through education, conservation, research and recreational opportunities. The Zoo, a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma, is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA).*