



MEDIA ALERT

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UPDATE ON BOMA THE RHINOCEROS

WHO: Zoo officials announced today that Boma, a 23-year-old male eastern black rhinoceros, is in guarded condition despite several days of aggressive treatment by the Animal Management and Veterinary Team.

WHAT: Boma recently began suffering from gastrointestinal upset, resulting in loss of appetite and severe electrolyte imbalance. The Veterinary Team is treating the rhino with intravenous fluids, oral supplements and a specialized diet, and is currently consulting with equine veterinary experts on further treatment.

Born in 1986 at the Zoo Dvur Kralove in the Czech Republic, Boma has resided at Zoo Atlanta since 1989. Additional updates on his condition will be provided as details are available.

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ABOUT: **About Zoo Atlanta**
An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters with more than 1,000 animals from around the world. The Zoo's newest attraction, Trader's Alley: Wildlife's Fading Footprints, featuring the debut of two new sun bears, opened in June 2010. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of western lowland gorillas, the nation's largest zoological collection of orangutans and a global center of excellence. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home. The Zoo is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit zooatlanta.org.