



## MEDIA ALERT

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### ZOO ATLANTA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES

*Murphy brings experience, expertise and passion to the care of Atlanta's wildest patients*

**WHAT:** Officials at Zoo Atlanta are pleased to announce the appointment of Hayley Weston Murphy, DVM, as Director of Veterinary Services. Murphy began work at the helm of the Zoo's Veterinary Team on January 6.

Murphy joins Zoo Atlanta most recently from Zoo New England in Boston, Mass., where she served as Director of Veterinary Services. She has nearly 20-years of experience in the veterinary care of exotic wildlife that also includes positions at Capron Park Zoo in Attleboro, Mass., and Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, R.I.

Murphy, who is an adjunct faculty member of the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Westborough, Mass., also brings an extensive research background to her new role, particularly in the area of primate health and disease, and she has authored or co-authored more than 30 scientific publications. Her knowledge, expertise and passion for wildlife will be extremely valuable assets to Zoo Atlanta, where she will now lead the team responsible for the health care of more than 1,000 mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

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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. Zoo Atlanta is the proud home of Xi Lan, the only giant panda cub born in the U.S. in 2008, and the future home of the Southeast's largest parakeet aviary, an immersive experience opening in April 2009. Other highlights include one of the nation's most recognized collections of great apes and a global center of excellence for the care and reproduction of vanishing amphibians and reptiles. Zoo Atlanta 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 go to [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org).

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