

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 23, 2006

ZOO ANIMALS TO RECEIVE HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS

FRESNO, Ca. – Halloween at the Zoo is for the animals, too! On Saturday, October 28, some of the animals will feast on pumpkins during the Fresno Chaffee Zoo's Pumpkin Stomp 'n' Chomp. Throughout the day animal caretakers will give selected residents palate pleasing treats as part of the Zoo's enrichment program which is designed to stimulate natural behaviors in the animals such as foraging and play. Elephants, orangutans, tigers and birds will be among the animals that will get a chance to pound, pulverize and partake of pumpkins. Zoo visitors can pick up a schedule of feedings as they enter the Zoo on October 28.

9:00	Australian Aviary
9:30	Orangutans
10:00	Elephants
10:30	Tapirs
11:00	Tigers
11:30	Galapagos tortoises
12:00	Chimpanzees
12:30	Hyacinth macaws
1:00	Brown bear
1:30	Guenons
2:00	Camels
2:30	Sea lions
3:00	Birds of prey
3:30	Peccaries

The "gourd"geous treats, donated by Pumpkin King Pumpkin Patch, are part of the Zoo's ongoing enrichment program to help enrich the lives of the Zoo's animals, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally stimulated and provide added enjoyment for visitors.