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# News Release

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## GREENVILLE ZOO ANNOUNCES BABY MONKEY NAMING CONTEST

*Colobus monkey to celebrate first birthday at Zoo*

**Greenville, S.C.** – The Greenville Zoo is launching a new contest that will give the public the opportunity to select a name for a baby male Colobus monkey. Born at the Zoo February 5, 2009, the monkey will celebrate his first birthday with the announcement of his name. The baby monkey is the first offspring of Greenville Zoo Colobus monkeys Lami and Valentino.

The “Name the Baby” contest is open to all ages. Name suggestions must be submitted by January 29, 2010 to [zoinfo@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:zoinfo@greenvillesc.gov) or mailed to: Name the Baby Contest, Greenville Zoo, 150 Cleveland Park Drive, Greenville, SC 29601. The name will be selected by Zoo staff, and the winner will be announced at the Zoo in February. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Zoo’s Safari Shop.

Found across equatorial Africa, Colobus monkeys spend most of their time traveling from branch to branch, high up in the forest canopy. They have elongated arms and legs which make it easy for them to get around in the trees and often perform spectacular leaps of 15 to 20 feet. Visitors to the Greenville Zoo can often see the new baby monkey running and leaping throughout his zoo habitat, sometimes hanging onto mom and dad.

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## **About Greenville Zoo**

Rated one of the best tourist attractions in South Carolina, the Greenville Zoo is an exotic animal kingdom located in downtown Greenville. Operated by the City of Greenville, the 14-acre facility features wildlife from around the world including giraffes, monkeys, giant tortoises and elephants. Visitors can also enjoy one of the Zoo's most popular exhibits, the Reptile Building, which is home to a variety of lizards, frogs, turtles and snakes. Additional attractions include Cleveland Park which features a children's playground, picnic tables, walking paths and plenty of wide open green spaces.

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