

Animal Adoption Scheme at NZP

The establishment of the National Zoological Park, New Delhi was initiated in the year 1952. The vision was to have a Zoological-cum –Botanical Park for the capital in the backdrop of historic Purana Quila. Therefore, on the recommendation of the Indian Board for Wildlife in 1952, the Government of India set up a Zoological Park in the capital region of the country with the objective to have a zoo for the conservation and breeding of the rare fauna, to educate people about conservation and to provide recreation for the people.

The area between the Old Fort (16th Century) and Tomb of Humayun (second Mughal Emperor) was selected for this purpose. Plans were prepared in consultation with Major Weinman, the then Director of Zoological Garden, Colombo, Sri Lanka and Mr. Carl Hagenback of West Germany. The Park was inaugurated on **1st November 1959**.

The Delhi Zoo today owes its existence in the present from to Mr. Carl Hagenbeck, who designed the zoo on the lines of the modern Concept of moated enclosures. The **176 acres area** of the zoo provides visitors an opportunity to see & learn about animals in the naturalistic environment. The zoo presents green lawns, groves of trees, colorful shrubbery which blends with the informal look of a natural woodland which provides a sense of attachment to the nature.

National Zoological Park popularly known as Delhi Zoo, is one of the premier ‘Large Category Zoos of the country. The zoo houses about 1100 animals belonging to 92 number of species of birds, reptiles and mammals which live in an environment that in many ways resembles their natural habitat. The zoo not only provides a home for endangered species, but also helps them to breed well in captivity.

The Zoo’s vision is to have more enriched environment for the animals, quality of animal exhibits, conservation education and sustainable management practices.

The main Mission of the Zoo is to generate awareness and compassion in the society towards wildlife and garner their support for the national conservation efforts.

The National Zoological Park, New Delhi is an institutional member of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

To enhance more public participation in national conservation efforts of our country Animal Adoption Scheme has been started among most of the zoos. One of the positive developments that have come about during the COVID-19 pandemic is that more animals are being adopted than usual around the globe. At National Zoological Park many species of animals and plants, some of which are endangered, may also be offered for adoption.

National Zoological Park is only zoo in the country that is being directly operated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its all collections of money go to

the revenue of central government that revolves back to the zoo for developmental activities. Similarly it is proposed that the revenue generated through this proposed Animal Adoption Scheme may revolve back to the zoo on quarterly basis for welfare activities of its animals and personnel.

INTRODUCTION TO ADOPTION OF ZOO ANIMALS SCHEME:

Animal adoption scheme is an opportunity, where the zoos offer the zoo animals/animal species in their collection to the general public for taking care of them. Through this scheme, the zoos shall be in more direct public contact with enhanced accountability. This scheme will be open to general public, animal lovers, corporate section, celebrities, educational Institutions etc.

Adoption of Zoo animals would help the zoos in involving conscious and esteemed people and companies in bringing more awareness about the plight of the endangered species. It shall be benefited by adopter's interest towards conservation of animal wealth of our globe, the contribution would assist in improving the existing overall facilities for the animals and ultimately for their better care and conservation in the zoos.

A Zoo gets in an Animal Adoption scheme when the Zoo has enough credibility, commitment and confidence in handling and keeping the animals in its care. This is because that this scheme would need a lot of responsibility on the part of the Zoo staff.

PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION:

1. Any interested person or party wanting to adopt animals can choose which animals would interest them and pay for their care, by entering into an agreement (Annexure I) with zoo management after filling up the application form (Annexure III)
2. Payment may be paid by Account Payee Cheque, Demand Draft, Credit or Debit card to the National Zoological Park, New Delhi.
3. Renewal of membership for adoption can be made by auto renewal system against credit card or debit card with applicable renewal charges.
4. Renewal can be made by e-mail.
5. Adoption memberships are neither transferable and nor refundable.
6. If adoption of membership card is lost, new card may be issued on request against payment of Rs 500.
7. If the address of the member is changed it should be intimated to the authority by sending mail informing name, old and new address and adoption membership number. The new ID and display/publication of new details in the display board/local dailies will be made against payment as decided by the Authority concerned.
8. Adoption membership details except those displayed or published shall be kept confidential and shall not be shared with other organizations without prior permission of the concerned adopter.
9. If approached by the media on Zoo grounds he/she should refrain from answering any questions

or sharing his/her opinions on a Zoo matter, unless it has been previously approved by the Zoo management.

10. Adoption of zoo animals will be of one/two years. The adopter may withdraw his/her adoption at any time. But in that case, no money will be refunded.
11. The adopter may select the animals for adoption as rate provided in Annexure-II
12. Adoption membership will be terminated, if any misconduct, misbehavior, misuse of the membership of adoption is observed or any criminal case pending against adopted in the court of law or submit any false information. No claim of refund will be entertained.
- 13. Visit of adopter may be stopped during any outbreak of a pandemic or zoonotic disease, etc.**

BENEFITS TO BE GIVEN:

1. Adopter will be provided adoption membership card with photo identity proof. In case of Educational Institutions, Companies etc., adoption membership card with photo of authorized person and Identity proof will be provided.
2. Three additional names can be enlisted on the membership card and two children under the age of 12 years may be allowed to enter the Zoo during visiting hours once every month on any working day.
3. The adopters will be provided soft copy of Annual Report of the zoo (for reducing cost and conserving natural resources)/
4. On completion of the adoption membership tenure official certificate will be provided to each adopter of zoo animal/species.
5. The adopter can enjoy peace of mind being a member in the Zoo for conservation of our country's rich heritage.
6. The adopter may make a great gift of adopted animals for birthdays or anniversaries to family members of friends, children or relatives.
7. Information about the adoption will be communicated to the local dailies for publication.
8. Adopter name & company logo will be featured in a signage in front of the adopted animal enclosures, so that his/her or company's name can also reach lakhs of visitors of the Zoo.
9. The noble effort of the adopter will certainly help us to fight against wildlife extinction.
10. The adopter will get a adopt packet containing a photo of adopted zoo animal (s), a write up of the adopted animal(s), characters, feeding habit, behavior, distribution, conservation status, importance in the ecosystem etc., and the membership card for adoption.
11. Lastly it's joy and pride of taking care of an animal species, which we know are in need of conservation & protection, so that future generations can also see them.

ANNEXURE I

NON JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER OF RS 50.00

AGREEMENT FORM FOR ADOPTION OF ANIMALS

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____ between the National Zoological Park, Mathura Road, New Delhi (Delhi Zoo) represented by its Director of the authorized representative and hereinafter called the first Party of the One Part.

AND

Shri / Smt/ Ms. _____ resident of _____
having his permanent address/
correspondence address at _____ Pan Card No. ____

_____ Telephone /Mobile No
_____ hereinafter called the Second Party of the Other Part.

WHEREAS a programme for the adoption of mammals/ birds/ reptiles has been launched by the First Party and under the said programme any mammal or bird or reptile housed in the aforementioned National Zoological Park, Mathura Road, New Delhi may be adopted by corporate houses or individuals or any interested entity.

AND WHEREAS this programme has been initiated so that the people can participate and involved in the welfare of the mammal/bird/reptile; and mammal/ bird/ reptile lovers intending to look after the needs and welfare of the mammals / birds / reptiles may adopt any mammal or bird or reptile.

AND WHEREAS the Second Party being desirous of adopting a mammals/ birds/ reptiles has entered into an agreement to adopt a mammal/ bird/ reptile with the First Party on the following terms and conditions :

Now the agreement witnesses

1. That the Second Party shall adopt _____ (Name of the animal/ Group ID) for the year _____ commencing from _____ to _____.
2. That the money required for the cost of aforementioned animal/ bird/ reptile is being paid by the Second Party to the First Party vide Cheque No./DD No. / Online Payment Transaction details/ UTR No. _____ dated _____ of Rs. _____ (in words) (Rupees _____ only).

3. That the First Party has acknowledged the payment of Rs _____ (in words) (Rupees _____ -- only) by Receipt No _____ dated _____.
4. That this agreement for adoption shall remain valid, binding and operative for only the period mentioned above that is from _____ to _____ and shall commence from the day this agreement is executed.
5. That the expiry of the agreement period as stipulated, the Second Party may enter into a new agreement with the First Party. The rates of the adoption charges and other new provisions, if any, of the agreement shall be decided by the First Party.
6. That this agreement shall not entitle, for any purpose whatsoever, the Second Party of his/her family members to feed, touch, handle, fondle or carry any animal/ bird/reptile outside its enclosure nor shall it entitle the Second Party or his/her family members to enter the enclosure of the animal/ bird/reptile or do such other act which violates the animal laws and Wildlife Protection Act - 1972.
7. That however the Second Party which entitle the Second Party and his/her family members (not more than 4 in numbers) to visit the Zoological Park once every month by presenting the same at the main gate on any day at any time during visiting hours, specified by the Zoo management.
8. That however the Second Party shall neither insist on visiting the Zoo during non-visiting hours nor shall he/she claim any other facilities and amenities from the first party apart from those stipulated in this agreement.
9. That the First Party shall put up a board outside the enclosure of the adopted animal/ bird/reptile exhibiting clearly the name of the Second Party and illustrating that the particular animal/bird/reptile has been adopted by him/her for the period from _____ to _____. The dimension of the board shall not exceed 2' x 1.5' in any case. In case of adoptions of different animals of the same species housed in same enclosure the boards may needed to be clubbed together or display arranged accordingly.
10. That the First Party shall also mention the name of the Second Party in Annual Report of the Zoo and the First Party shall also grant a certificate to the Second Party showing the details of the animal/ bird/ reptile adopted by him/ her.
11. That the Second Party shall not claim any right over the ownership of the adopted animal/ bird/ reptile or its offspring or for any part/ parts of any animal/ bird/reptile.
12. That on the death or exchange (with some other zoo) of the adopted animal/ bird/ reptile before the expiry of the stipulated period of the agreement, the money which had initially been paid by the Second Party as adoption charge shall be forfeited to the First Party and the Second Party shall not be entitled to refund of the same nor shall the Second Party be entitled to adopt some other animal/ bird/ reptile with the initial adoption charge paid by him/ her.
13. That if the Second Party intends to terminate the agreement before the expiry of the period as aforementioned, the Second Party shall give one month's prior notice in writing to the First Party and shall thus be entitled to terminate the agreement. However, in such case, the Second Party not is entitled to refund of the adoption charge paid by him/ her.

14. That the Second Party, shall not, in any way, interfere in the management and administration of the First Party. All management practices resets solely in hands of the First Party and all management and administrative decisions shall be taken by the First Party.
15. That in any case of any minor disputes and differences that will be settled between both the parties mutually and amicably. Decision of the Director, National Zoological Park will be final.

IN WITNESS HERE OF Shri _____ Designation _____ acting in the premises for and on behalf of the First Party National Zoological Park, Mathura Road, New Delhi (Delhi Zoo) or _____ any respective area and Shri/Smt . _____ on Day of _____ Herein, above mentioned.

Signed by

Signed by

For on behalf
of.....
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In Presence of:

1. .

2. .

ANNEXURE II

ADOPTION RATE OF ZOO INMATES PER YEAR

(To be approved)

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Per Year
1	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	40,000
2	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Rucervus duvaucelii</i>	
3	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	
4	Sambar Deer	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	
5	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	
6	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	10,000
7	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	
8	Peafowl (leucistic)	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	
9	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	
10	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>	
11	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	
12	Black Partridge	<i>Melanoperdix niger</i>	
13	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	
14	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	
15	Lady Amherst's Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	
16	Edwards's Pheasant	<i>Lophura edwardsi</i>	
17	Golden Pheasant	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	
18	Silver Pheasant	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Per Year
19	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	12,000
20	Blackbuck (leucistic/white)	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	
21	Indian Hog Deer	<i>Hyelaphus porcinus</i>	
22	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
23	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	
24	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	
25	Indian Crested Porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	
26	Pygmy Slow Loris	<i>Nycticebus pigmaeus</i>	
27	Hamadryas Baboon	<i>Papio hamadryas</i>	
28	Indian Bison,Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	
29	Indian Jackal	<i>Canis aureus indicus</i>	1,20,000
30	Indian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus pallipes</i>	1,80,000
31	Asiatic Wild Dog, Dhole, Indian Wild Dog, Red Dog	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>	75,000
32	Chinkara	<i>Gazella bennettii</i>	15,000
33	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	
34	Bonnet Macaque	<i>Macaca radiata</i>	
35	Bengal Hanuman langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	
36	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyeros birostris</i>	
37	Indian Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Per Year
38	Lion-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca silenus</i>	18,000
39	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	
40	Chital/ Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	
41	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	45,000
42	Himalayan Black Bear	<i>Ursus thibetanus laniger</i>	
43	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	3,60,000
44	Eld's Deer (Brow-antlered Deer)	<i>Rucervus eldii</i>	24,000
45	Himalayan Goral	<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>	
46	Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	21,000
47	Four-horned Antelope	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>	
48	Common Rhea, Greater Rhea	<i>Rhea americana</i>	
49	Sika Deer	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	
50	Siamese Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus siamensis</i>	
51	Asiatic Lion	<i>Panthera leo persica</i>	
52	Tiger (leucistic/White)	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	6,00,000
53	Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	
54	Indian Rhinoceros (Greater One-horned Rhino)	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>	
55	Indian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	
56	African Elephant, African Savannah Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Per Year
57	Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>	,
58	Fox Common	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	
59	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	30,000
60	Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	
61	Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>	
62	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	
63	Checkered Keelback	<i>Fowlea piscator</i>	2,000
64	Spectacled Cobra	<i>Naja naja</i>	
65	Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>	
66	Red Sand Boa	<i>Eryx johnii</i>	
67	Common Sand Boa	<i>Gongylophis conicus</i>	
68	Diadem Snake	<i>Spalerosophis diadema</i>	
69	Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	6,000
70	Blue-and- gold Macaw, Blue-and- yellow Macaw	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	
71	Military Macaw	<i>Ara militaris</i>	
72	Sun Conure, Sun Parakeet	<i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>	
73	Bare-eyed Cockatoo, Little Cockatoo, Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	
74	Grey Parrot, Jacquot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Per Year
75	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	4,500
76	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Ancer indicus</i>	
77	Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	
78	Black Swan	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	
79	Red eared slider	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>	
80	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	1,500
81	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	
82	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	
83	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	9,000
84	Common Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	
85	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	3,000
86	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	
87	Rose-ringed Parakeet (color morph)	<i>Psittacula sp.</i>	
88	Cockatiel	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	
89	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	2,40,000
90	Indian Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	3,500
91	Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	48,000
92	Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	700
93	Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	

S.No.	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Per Year
94	Common Ostrich, Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	90,000
95	Common hippopotamus, Hippopotamus, Large Hippo	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	3,00,000
96	Jaguar	<i>Panthera onca</i>	

ANNEXURE III

ADOPTION OF ZOO ANIMAL APPLICATION FORM

1. Name :

2. Father's Name :

3. Date of Birth :

4. Nationality :

5. Address :

6. E-mail ID :

Mobile no :

7. Name of Animals to be adopted :

8. Tenure/ Period of Adoption : From _____ to _____

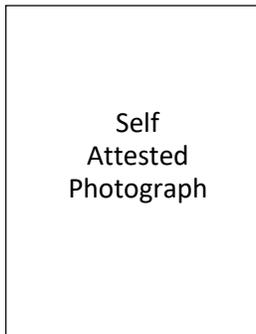
9. Amount :

10. Mode of Payment:

A/c payee Cheque_____

A/c Bank Demand Draft /Account Transfer

Account Transfer/ Online payment



The information in this application is true and complete and I have not knowingly withheld any information. I understand that misrepresentation may cause for dismissal. I authorize verification of all information contained in this application. I understand that as an adopter of the Zoo animal, I will be expected to maintain an environment of integrity for people and for animals at the zoo. As an adopter of zoo animal, I agree to follow all zoo guidelines and policies.

Date -----

Signature-----

Place -----

Name-----

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N.B.: Payment may be made in favour of Director, National Zoological Park payable at New Delhi.