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HENSON ROBINSON ZOO DEBUTS BABY SPIDER MONKEY

[Springfield, Illinois] — The Henson Robinson Zoo is pleased to announce the public debut of the new baby Brown Headed Spider Monkey on Thursday, April 10th at 11:00 a.m. The baby, who is named Rudy, was born on December 17, 2013 to parents Oscar and CoaCoa. The birth was a recommendation of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Brown Headed Spider Monkey Species Survival Plan (SSP). The SSP helps ensure the genetic diversity of the captive species population.

Zoo visitors will be invited to visit the baby for the first time over the weekend. The zoo will be hosting a Monkey Baby Shower Saturday, April 12th and Sunday, April 13th and invite visitors to bring gifts for the baby. Each family bringing a gift will receive one free child admission. Acceptable gifts would include small baby toys (no liquid or small pieces inside), lengths of natural rope (10 feet or more), Shop ‘n Save gift cards, fruits & vegetables, Lowe’s or Menards gift cards and Petsmart gift cards.

Depending on the weather, the monkeys will be on exhibit 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Temperatures must be above 55 degrees for the monkeys to be outside.

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