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Black & White and Cute All Over! Zebra Colt Debuts at Lincoln Park Zoo

Chicago, IL (June 4, 2010) – There is a lot of oohing and aahing at Lincoln Park Zoo these days. Today, an endangered Grevy’s zebra colt, born on May 28, made his public debut. All the visitors on site for his grand entrance agreed – he is black and white and cute all over!



The colt’s name is Enzi, which is Swahili for “power” or “might.” He is the first offspring for his 3-year-old dam named Adia. He is also the first zebra foal to be born at the zoo in quite a few years. The last was 2001. For the past week, animal care staff has kept the pair off-exhibit so they could bond appropriately and could be monitored closely to ensure their health and wellbeing.

Dave Bernier, curator of mammals at the zoo says the duo is doing very well. “Adia is demonstrating excellent maternal care and behavior towards her offspring,” he said. “The foal is very healthy and active and the two zebras are inseparable as you would expect from a protective mare and healthy foal.”

Adia and Enzi are currently being housed separately from the rest of the five-member herd.

“Grevy’s zebras tend to be less social than other species of zebra,” explained Bernier. “We want to minimize the chance of any aggression towards the youngster from the other zebras, so for the time being we’ll keep Enzi and Adia in their own exhibit. When Enzi gets a bit older we’ll start introducing him to rest of the females.”

For zoo visitors who are particularly enamored with the youngster, they can help support his care by “adopting” him. The special ADOPT-an-Animal package includes a zebra baby plush toy, certificate of adoption, fact sheet, photo and magnet. The ADOPT program is a unique way for people to bond with the animals, and help support the care of these



unique creatures. ADOPTing an animal is also a way to support the zoo's efforts to keep admission free year round. Enzi's ADOPT package is \$40 (plus \$6 S&H) and is available on site or through the zoo's Web site www.lpzoo.org. Enzi and Adia can be seen on exhibit daily at the Antelope and Zebra area of the zoo.

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Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic Chicago landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation's only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call 312 -742-2000 or visit www.lpzoo.org.