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NEWS RELEASE

El Paso Zoo Raising Orangutan Awareness with M.O.M. Event on Mother's Day

EL PASO, Texas – The El Paso Zoo invites the public to participate in the international Missing Orangutan Mothers (M.O.M) campaign that brings attention to the plight of orangutans in the world from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 12, at the zoo.

Join El Paso Zoo staff and volunteers as they celebrate and honor the zoo's orangutans and take action to help those in the wild. Every day, orangutan mothers go missing due to poaching, the black market pet trade and palm oil farms that encroach on their living space. Hundreds of orphaned baby orangutans are cared for in rescue centers in Sumatra and Borneo.

There will be zookeeper presentations and animal enrichment at the orangutan exhibit, as well as activities and poster displays at the Asia Discovery Center.

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