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## **Zoo Is Tickled Pink to Announce New Flock of Flamingos**

May 19, 2016-- *Jacksonville, FL* – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) is pleased to debut 36 African Greater flamingos on exhibit along the African boardwalk. The flamingos arrived Wednesday, May 18 from Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo and include 14 males and 22 females. This group has a history of breeding and are expected to continue this behavior at JZG in the next few years.

Flamingo Lake RV Resort is the fitting sponsor for the Zoo's 3,600 square foot flamingo habitat. The exhibit is located at the entrance to the African boardwalk and housed Nile crocodiles until 2011. The flamingos' new home has two banks that surround a two-foot deep marshy lagoon for them to spend their day in flamboyant grace, with necks bent down for eating, drinking and posing for pictures.

Greater flamingos are the largest of the flamingo species, with lighter feathers and vibrant streaks of pink and black in contrast to the all-over coral of the American flamingos which are on display in JZG's Range of the Jaguar. Greater flamingos are also the most widespread of the six flamingo species, with a range from Southern Europe and Southwest Asia to Africa.

"Flamingo Lake RV Resort is delighted to sponsor Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' new Greater Flamingo Exhibit. As a family oriented recreation lake and campground, Flamingo Lake shares the excitement with our Zoo in bringing children and family delight in our area," said Flamingo Lake co-owner Michael Fisher.

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### **About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens**

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit

organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit [jacksonvillezoo.org](http://jacksonvillezoo.org).