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## GETTING STARTED

Welcome to Zoo Tycoon®. You can now build your ultimate zoo! Stock it with all kinds of exotic animals, put in tons of objects, and include all sorts of attractions to attract more guests as you build your perfect zoo.

### To install Zoo Tycoon

- 1 Insert the Zoo Tycoon disc into your CD-ROM drive.
- 2 Drag the Zoo Tycoon icon to your Hard drive.



## PLAYING ZOO TYCOON

When you first start Zoo Tycoon, you're given a tutorial to follow. After you complete the first tutorial, or after you exit it on your own, you will be given the following options at the Main menu.

**Play Scenario Game** Begin playing scenarios—win-or-lose games with predetermined goals.

**Play Freeform Game** Let your imagination run wild—the only way to lose is to run out of money.

**Load Saved Game** Load a Zoo Tycoon game you've saved earlier or downloaded from the Internet.

**Continue Saved Game** Return to the game you last played.

### Freeform Game Zoo Maps

If you're new to Zoo Tycoon, choose a small zoo because it will be easier to manage. You can preset how much money your zoo will have before you start playing. The less money you have when the game starts, the more challenging the game will be.

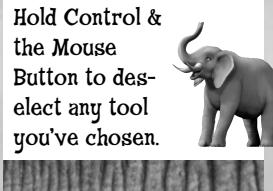
# USING THE ZOO TOOLS

Design exhibits that keep the animals happy. A well-cared-for animal is more likely to frolic and generally seems "happier" to guests. Guests will stay longer in your zoo if they see playful animals in attractive exhibits. This means more money for your zoo because guests buy more food, beverages, and gifts the longer they stay in the zoo. More money allows you to build bigger and better exhibits and to stock them with more exotic animals.

A good zoo manager:

- Constructs exciting exhibits.
- Makes animals and guests happy.
- Manages funds effectively.
- Hires hardworking staff members.
- Oversees research and conservation programs.
- Makes the zoo beautiful.

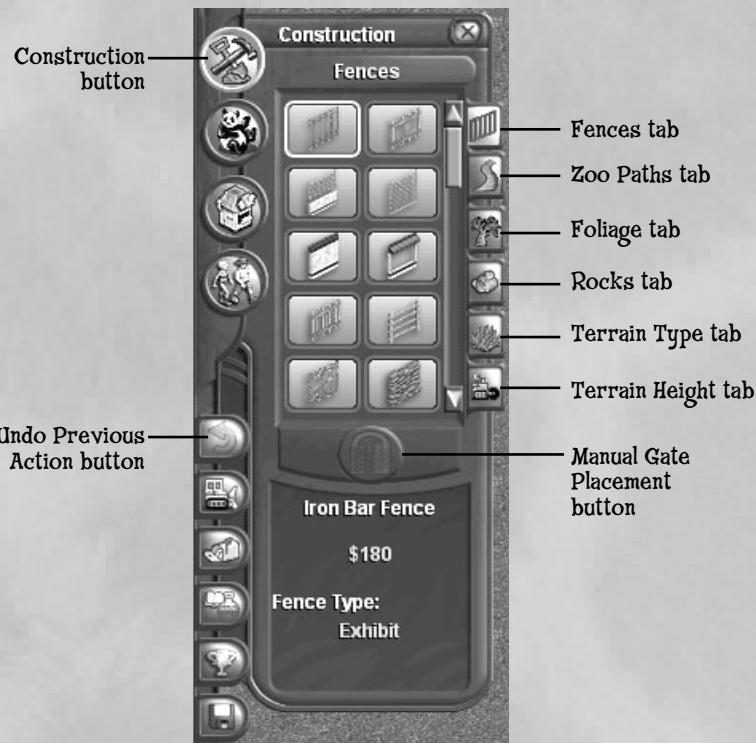
The zoo tools help you perform all of these tasks. The Zoo Tycoon interface has four large buttons, located along the upper-left side of the screen. You will use these buttons in building your zoo. Names and descriptions of each button follow.



## Construction



Building a good exhibit means giving the animals adequate space, allowing guests to see the animals clearly, stocking the exhibit with the right foliage and terrain features, and making sure that zookeepers have easy access to the animals. Clicking the **Construction** button opens a panel containing a set of zoo tools that allows you to do all of these activities.



## Fences Tab

Fences define the boundary of an exhibit. The fence must fully enclose an area in order for the exhibit to house animals. The outside back cover of this manual contains instructions for building a fence.



Guests prefer a fence that gives them an unobstructed view of the animals in the exhibit, as well as one that allows them to feel close to the animals. Some animals, however, like the privacy that a solid fence provides. You will have to decide which fence type is best for each exhibit and animal.

As exhibit fences age, they wear out and must be replaced to prevent animals from escaping. Maintenance workers repair fences, or you can replace them yourself.

### Fence Types

You can choose to build tall or short fences. Tall fences keep big animals from escaping but are harder to see past than short fences. Short fences won't restrain big animals, but they're easier to see past. Short fences will not hold back animals that can climb or jump.

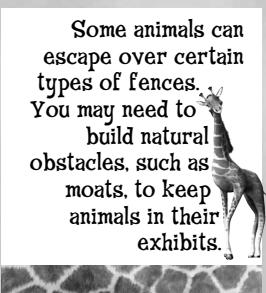
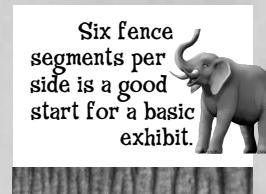


Exhibit fences are used to contain animals. You can also build decorative fences that will beautify your zoo.

## Exhibit Space

Most animals are happier with larger exhibits, but large exhibits are expensive to build. You must judge for yourself how much space is adequate to keep the animal from becoming unhappy. You can start with a small exhibit and then make it larger by adding additional fence segments later.



Some animals require more space than others, with cheetahs requiring the most space and chimpanzees, gazelles, and wildebeests requiring the least.

### Exhibit Gates

The exhibit gate is used by zookeepers to enter exhibits so they can care for the animals. You can get information about the exhibit by clicking the gate, which produces the Exhibit List panel (see page 30). The game automatically puts a gate in the exhibit's fence, or you can place it yourself.

#### To place a gate in a new location

- Click the **Manual Gate Placement** button, and then click the segment of fence where you want the gate to be located.

The closer exhibit gates are to each other, the more efficient the zookeepers will be in tending to the animals. Don't block the exhibit gate with objects; zookeepers need to easily get in and out of the exhibit.

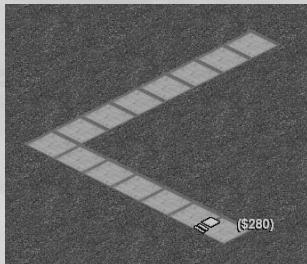
## Zoo Paths Tab



Guests will become lost if they don't have paths to follow. Staff members don't need paths.

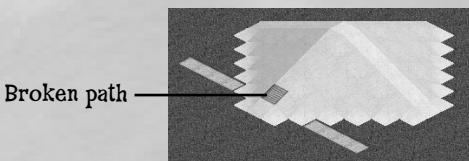
### To build a path

- 1 Click the Zoo Paths tab, and then click the type of path you want.
- 2 Move the cursor to the area of the zoo where you want the path to start, click and drag the cursor to build a section of path, and then release the mouse button to end the path.



If you're not satisfied with the path you've built, you can remove it by clicking the **Undo Previous Action** button.

Paths will connect with each other as long as the terrain is flat or slopes gently. If it doesn't, you may be left with a broken path (see illustration below). If there are sharp inclines or cliffs, smooth the terrain with the terrain leveling tools (see page 13).



## Foliage Tab



Clicking the **Foliage** tab gives you access to a variety of trees and bushes that are important to the happiness of the zoo animals. Check the selected plant's habitat and location information (located at the bottom of the Foliage panel) to make sure an animal will like the foliage in its exhibit.

Don't put a tree next to a fence if you have animals that can climb—they'll use the tree to escape!



### Topiary

Topiary (plants shaped to look like animals) is expensive but worth it if you're interested in beautifying your zoo.

Try not to place trees in front of areas where guests are likely to stop to view the animals. If guests can't see the animals, the guests will become unhappy.



### Flowerbeds

Colorful flowerbeds add to the beauty of your zoo and please guests.



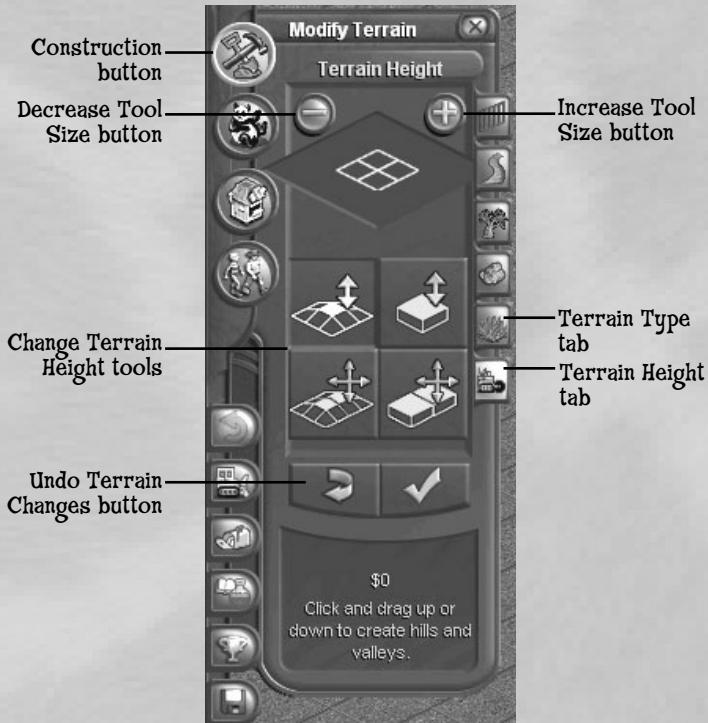
## Rocks Tab



Some animals enjoy climbing on rocks. If an animal likes rocks but doesn't find any—or enough—in its exhibit, it may not like the exhibit and become unhappy. Note that both foliage and rocks can be placed in an exhibit for animals—but foliage and rocks can also be placed around the zoo grounds to beautify them.

## Modifying the Zoo Terrain

Animals are happy when their exhibit matches their natural habitat. You can change the exhibit's surface or elevation by clicking the **Construction** button, and then clicking either the **Terrain Type** or **Terrain Height** tab.



## Terrain Type Tab

Choose this tab to convert the existing surface type into the kind the animal prefers. (See page 15 to learn how to determine what the animal likes.)

### To change terrain type

- 1 At the top of the Terrain Type panel, select the size of your tool by clicking the **Increase Tool Size (+)** button to increase its size or the **Decrease Tool Size (-)** button to decrease its size.
- 2 Click the type of terrain you want to use.
- 3 Place the cursor over the area you want to change, and then click and drag the cursor to modify the terrain.
- 4 Click the **Accept Terrain Changes** button to make the change permanent, or click the **Undo Terrain Changes** button to start over.

As you convert terrain, a cost appears in the lower portion of the Terrain Type panel. This is a running total and you are not charged this amount until you click the **Accept Terrain Changes** button, deselect the terrain tool, switch to a new tab, or close the Construction panel.

As time passes, the animals will wear away the surface terrain in their exhibit, and you will have to replace it.



Terrain is changed by applying a "terrain tool" to the landscape of your zoo.

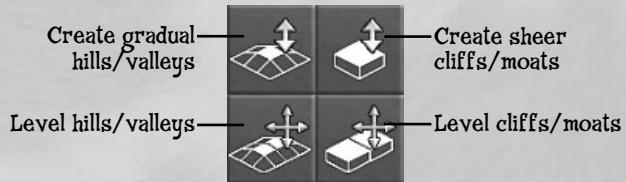


## Terrain Height Tab

This tab contains options that allow you to build hills, valleys, cliffs, and moats. Some animals, like the markhor, like lots of elevation in their exhibit. The tool functions much the same as the Change Terrain Type tool.

### Change Terrain Height Tools

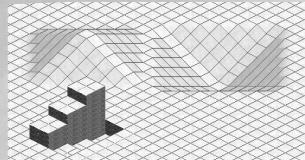
- The upper-left tool creates gradual changes in terrain height, producing hills and valleys.
- The upper-right tool creates abrupt changes in terrain height, producing cliffs and moats.
- The lower-left tool levels gentle terrain by leveling hills or by filling valleys.
- The lower-right tool levels steep terrain by leveling cliffs or by filling moats.



Use a small shovel  
when making  
changes—it's  
easier to control  
your changes



Note that a grid appears when you click this tab. The grid will help you plan your changes.



### To alter terrain height

- At the top of the Terrain Height panel, select the size of your tool. The tool can be as small as 1 square by 1 square, or as large as 5 squares by 5 squares.
- Select the tool appropriate for the kind of change you want to make. The tools are described on page 12.
- Place the cursor over the area you want to change, and then click and drag the cursor horizontally across the area to level the terrain or upward to raise the height or downward to lower it, depending on the tool you've selected.

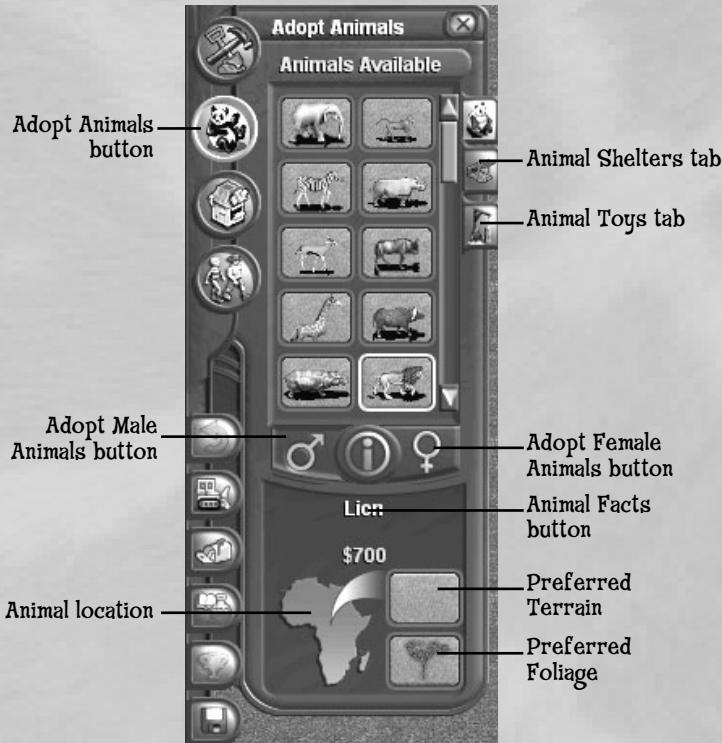
If you're not happy with the changes you've made, click the **Undo Terrain Changes** button, which will erase your changes, leaving your zoo unaffected; otherwise, click the **Accept Terrain Changes** button.

Note that you cannot undo a terrain change after you switch to another tool or deselect the **Terrain Height** tab.

## Adopt Animals

After you've built an exhibit, it's time to adopt animals to place in it. There is a wide variety of animals to choose from, ranging from less expensive, commonly available animals to expensive, rare animals. More animals will become available as you fund research and conservation programs (see page 23).

Clicking the **Adopt Animals** button opens the Animals Available panel.



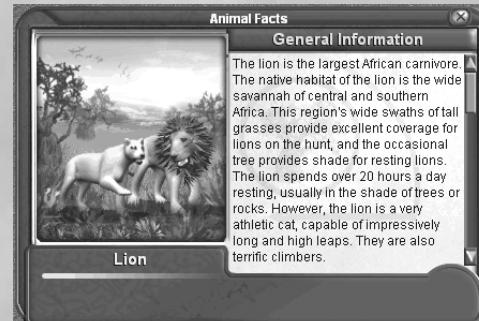
When you select an animal in the Animals Available panel, a brief summary—the animal's cost to adopt, the geographical location in which it is naturally found, its habitat, and the kinds of exhibit features it prefers—appears at the bottom of the panel.

Put male and female animals in the same exhibit to increase the chance of baby animals

For additional information about that animal, click the **Animal Facts** button.

### Animal Facts Panel

This panel contains a large image of the animal you've selected, as well as detailed information about the animal, including what it likes in its exhibit and its behavior in captivity.



**Animal Shelters Tab**

Some animals like to have their own house within their exhibit. They may become too excited by the crowds or need a quiet place to sleep.

The Animal Information panel (see page 32) provides details about each animal, including whether it requires a separate shelter, as well as the kind of shelter it prefers.

Not all types of shelters are available at the beginning of the game. As your zoo funds research, better shelters will become available.

**Animal Toys Tab**

Click this tab to see the toys you can place in exhibits. Some animals love toys (monkeys love monkey bars, for example). More toys become available through research programs (see page 23). Toys increase animal happiness.

**Placement of Objects in Exhibits**

When you place objects, such as a shelter, foliage, rocks, or animal toys, in an exhibit, you can choose which direction they face.

**To place objects in an exhibit**

- 1 Click the object you want to place, and then move the cursor to the area of the exhibit where you want the object to be placed.

Rotate object  
counter-clockwise



Rotate object  
clockwise

If you want the object to face a different direction, click one of the Rotate Object buttons to turn the object around. (Note: The image of the object will rotate in the panel, not on the gameplay screen, and you must rotate the object before you place it.)

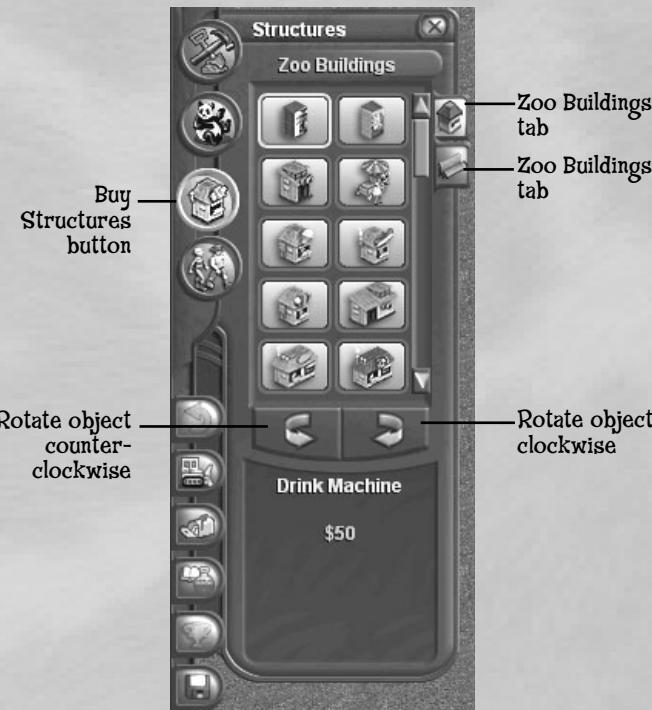
- 2 Click to place the object. If you're not happy with its placement, click the **Undo Previous Action** button, and then place the object again.

When you place an object in an exhibit, a green happy face or a red sad face may appear. A sad face means placing the object makes the animal unhappy. A happy face means it makes the animal happy. If neither face appears, it means the animal feels neutral about the object.



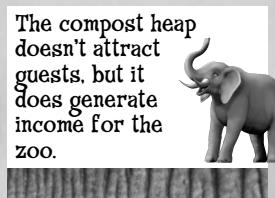
## Buy Structures

Click the **Buy Structures** button to open the Structures panel, which has two tabs: Zoo Buildings and Zoo Scenery. Use these tabs to place buildings and to beautify your zoo.



## Zoo Buildings Tab

All zoo buildings generate income, except restrooms, which keep guests happy, and the Duck Pond, Petting Zoo, and Japanese Garden, which attract guests. Not all buildings are available at the start of the game. By funding research projects, you can add more buildings to your zoo.



After you place a building, click it to display its Building Information panel. If the building sells anything, the items it sells will be pictured on the bottom of the panel. Click the up or down arrow to change the price charged for these items. Or click the green dollar symbol to sell the building and remove it from the zoo. In addition, the panel may contain the following informational tabs.

<b>Status</b>	Shows how many visitors or customers have visited the building.
<b>Finance</b>	Presents the zoo's financial information by last month, current month, and total.
<b>Change Color</b>	Provides optional colors for the building's roof.



## To change a building's roof color

- 1 Click the building to access its information panel.
- 2 Click the **Change Color** tab, and then click the colored square to display the colors that can be substituted for the current roof color.
- 3 Click any of the new colors shown to change the roof's color. (Note: The color doesn't change until you close the Building Information panel.)

### Zoo Scenery Tab



An inviting zoo environment, complete with extras, keeps guests happy.

**Bench** Conveniently located benches allow tired and unhappy guests to sit and relax. As they relax, their energy replenishes, thereby encouraging them to continue walking around your zoo—and to spend more money buying food and gifts and visiting attractions.

**Exhibit Sign** Signs beautify the zoo and educate guests about exhibits.

**Picnic Table** Without picnic tables, guests have to stand to eat, which makes them unhappy.

**Trash Can** Conveniently placed trash cans help keep zoo paths clean. Without trash cans, guests throw trash on the ground. Trash cans are emptied by maintenance workers.

**Observation Areas** These additions help beautify your zoo.

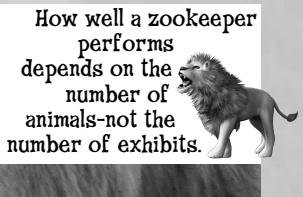
## Hire Staff



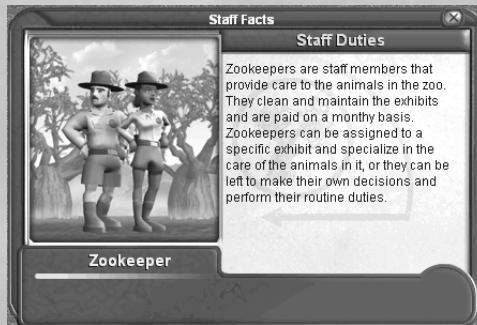
As zoo manager, you'll oversee the work of three types of employees: zookeepers, tour guides, and maintenance workers.

### To hire staff

- 1 Click the **Hire Staff** button, and then click the staff member you want to hire.
- 2 Move the cursor to the area where you want the staff member to begin working, and then click to place the staff member.



Click the **Information** button to display the Staff Facts panel, which provides specific information about each worker's duties.



**Zookeepers** Feed, heal, and clean up after the animals. They have the highest salaries, so don't hire too many too quickly.

**Tour Guides** Share information about the zoo with guests.

**Maintenance Workers** Repair exhibit fences, pick up trash, and clean up after animals.

# MANAGING YOUR ZOO

Manage your zoo by using the tabs along the lower-left edge of the gameplay screen.

## Undo Previous Action Button



Click this tab to take back the last object you placed.

## Clear Objects Tab



Choose this tab to clear any object from your zoo (except for animals, guests, or staff). Note that clearing an object this way sells the object. You get back part of the money you spent on the object.

To clear multiple items, draw a box with the cursor—all the zoo objects inside the box will be deleted when you release the mouse button.

To clear an object

- 1 Click the **Clear Objects** tab, and then place the cursor over the object you want to clear.
- 2 Click to clear the object.

## Message List Tab

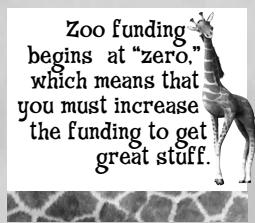


This tab lists the on-screen messages that have been generated about your zoo. Click it once to display the list of messages; click it again to hide the list.

## Research and Conservation Tab



If you're playing a freeform game, your zoo will begin with simple technology and limited availability of animals. By researching the latest in zoo methods, your zoo can use advanced features and adopt rare and endangered animals—thereby attracting more guests.



The panel's three tabs display information about the current conservation and research programs. The project's title, an image representing it, and the estimated time to complete it are displayed for each program. The more funding you give to a program, the quicker it will be completed.

## Scenario Information Tab



If you're playing a scenario, the background and goals of the scenario are displayed here. (Note: This tab is only available when you're playing a scenario.)

**Game Options Tab**

Clicking this opens a panel containing the following tabs.

**File Options** Loads a previously saved game, saves a game in progress, returns to the main menu, or exits Zoo Tycoon.

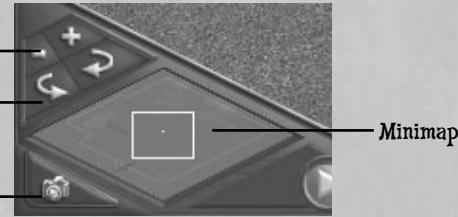
**Sound & Video** Controls the sound volume, screen size, and video resolution.

**Help Options** Displays long or short tool tips (text that appears when your cursor hovers over an item). Long tool tips are on by default.

**About** Displays information about your copy of Zoo Tycoon.

**Map**

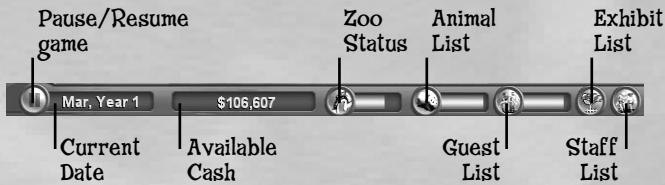
In the lower-left corner of the screen, you will see a green, diamond-shaped area. This represents a minimap of the zoo. The white square represents what is on the gameplay screen at the moment. Click the minimap to move to any place in your zoo. Zoom in or out by clicking the **Zoom In (+)** or **Zoom Out (-)** button. Change your perspective on the zoo by clicking the **Rotate Clockwise** or **Rotate Counter-Clockwise** arrow.



Click the **Camera** button to take a snapshot of your zoo that you can then share with other players. The image is saved in a screenshots directory in the Zoo Tycoon folder.

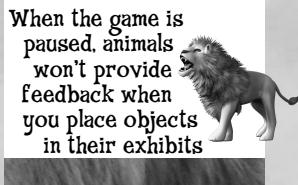
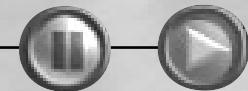
# ACCESSING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ZOO

The buttons and bars along the bottom of the screen help you monitor your zoo.



## Pause/Resume Game Button

Click this button to pause Zoo Tycoon; click it again to resume your game. You can also press the SPACEBAR to pause the game.



## Current Date Bar

This shows how much time has passed since your zoo started. It begins counting at January, Year 1.

## Available Cash Bar

This shows how much money you have available to spend on improvements to the zoo.



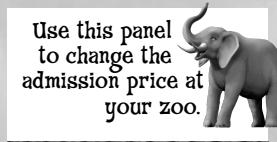
## Zoo Status Button

Clicking this button opens a panel that contains the following tabs: Zoo Information, Income/Expenses, Zoo Graphs, and Zoo Awards.



## Zoo Information Tab

This tab shows the admission price and the number of animals, exhibits, attractions, guests, staff, and zoo benefactors. It also allows you to rename your zoo.



## Zoo Marketing

Click the **Increase Marketing Funding (+)** or **Decrease Marketing Funding (-)** button to change the amount of money your zoo spends on marketing activities, which will increase the number of guests coming to the zoo.



## Income/Expenses Tab

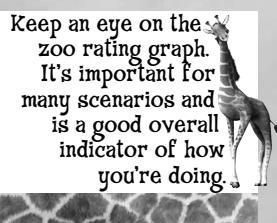
This tab shows a list of the zoo's income, expenses, cash on hand, and total financial value.

## Zoo Graphs Tab



Click this tab to display the following useful information about your zoo.

**Rating over Time** Shows your zoo's rating over the past several months. Your zoo earns a higher rating if you have lots of happy animals and guests.



**Zoo Donations** Lists how much money has been donated.

**Zoo Profit** Shows how much money the zoo is earning.

**Zoo Attendance** Shows the number of admissions during the past few months.

You can also change each topic's format by clicking the **Line Graph** or **Bar Graph** button on this tab.

## Zoo Awards Tab



The awards your zoo has won are displayed here.

Awards are only given in freeform games.

## Animal List Button



Clicking this button reveals a list of the animals currently on exhibit in your zoo. To sort the animals, you can apply one of several different filters: all animals, sick animals, animals that are unhappy with their exhibit, angry animals, hungry animals, or escaped animals.

## To sort the list of animals

- Click a filter button to display a list of animals that matches the filter.



## Animal Happiness Bar

This bar, located to the right of the **Animal List** button, indicates the average happiness of all of the animals. It measures the animals' satisfaction with their exhibits, how well they're fed, their health, and other factors. The longer the bar, the happier the animals are in the zoo.

## Guest List Button



Clicking this button opens a panel listing all the guests in your zoo. To sort the guests, follow the same procedure as for the animal list to apply one of the following filters: all guests, thirsty guests, guests looking for a restroom, angry guests, hungry guests, or guests who are tired (low on energy).

## Guest Happiness Bar

This bar, located to the right of the **Guest List** button, measures the average happiness of all the guests, based on their energy level and how well their needs for a restroom, food, and drinks are being met.

If the bar is yellow, it means the guests are unhappy. If it turns red, it means the guests are angry.

## Exhibit List Button

Click this button to show information about any exhibit. You can choose from a list of all exhibits in the zoo.

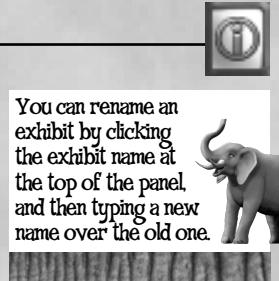
The fence icon depicts the condition of the exhibit's fence. If the icon is green, the fence is in good condition. If it's yellow, the fence is in bad condition. If it's red, at least one segment has been worn away or trampled.



## Exhibit Information Tab

This tab contains information about the zoo's status.

**Popularity Rating** 1–5 stars—more stars means more popularity.



**Donations** Donations during the last month and in the current month, as well as total donated.

**Upkeep** Amount spent last month and in the current month, as well as total spent.

**Constructed** When the exhibit was constructed.

**Zookeeper** Whether a zookeeper is assigned to the exhibit.

## Animals Tab



This tab shows all the animals in the exhibit.

## Thoughts Tab



This tab lists guests' thoughts about the exhibit.

## Staff List Button



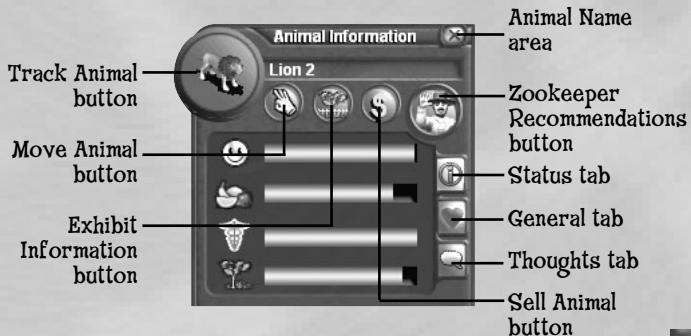
Clicking this button displays a panel listing all staff members in the zoo. To sort the staff members, apply one of the following filters: all staff, unassigned staff members, assigned staff members, zookeepers, maintenance workers, or tour guides.

# ANIMAL, GUEST, AND STAFF INFORMATION PANELS

When you click an animal, guest, or staff member, a panel appears that contains a variety of information about the selected animal or person. Much of this information can also be found when you click the Animal List, Guest List, or Staff List button along the bottom of the screen.

## Animal Information Panel

Clicking an individual animal displays the Animal Information panel, which has three tabs that show a variety of information about the animal.



### Status Tab

This tab measures four areas of animal satisfaction: happiness, hunger, health, and exhibit suitability.

### General Tab

This tab gives the animal's gender and how long it has been since it ate and slept.

### Thoughts Tab

This tab lists guests' thoughts about the animal.

In addition, you can click these buttons to perform the following activities.

**Track Animal** Track the selected animal's movements. Click the button again to stop tracking.

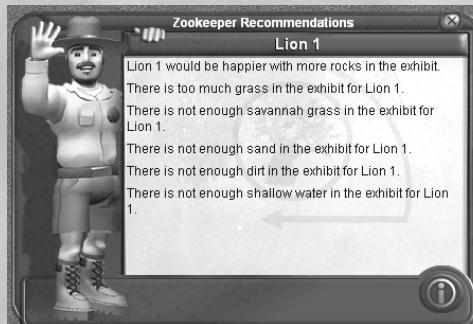
**Animal Name** Give the animal a new name.

**Move Animal** Move the selected animal to a new location. You cannot place an animal outside an exhibit. You can also double-click an animal to pick it up.

**Exhibit Information** Display the same information as the Exhibit List button on the bottom of the screen.

**Sell Animal** Sell the selected animal. Unhappy animals earn less money when they're sold.

**Zookeeper Recommendations** Display recommendations from the zookeeper for improving exhibits.



## Guest Information Panel

Clicking an individual guest displays the Guest Information panel, which has three tabs that show a variety of information about the guest. You can track the guest's movements by clicking the **Track Guest** button or rename the guest by typing a new name in the **Guest Name** area.



### Status Tab

This tab displays an array of meters showing the guest's satisfaction level. The longer the bar, the better the guest feels. Five areas of guest satisfaction are measured: happiness, drink needs, food needs, restroom needs, and energy. It's important for a guest's satisfaction to keep all of these bars as full as you can.

If a guest's restroom bar is short, it means there are no restrooms near the guest. If the energy bar is short, try placing more benches and picnic tables to give the guest a place to relax.



### General Tab

This tab displays the length of time the guest has spent in the zoo, the guest's favorite animal, and what the guest is carrying.



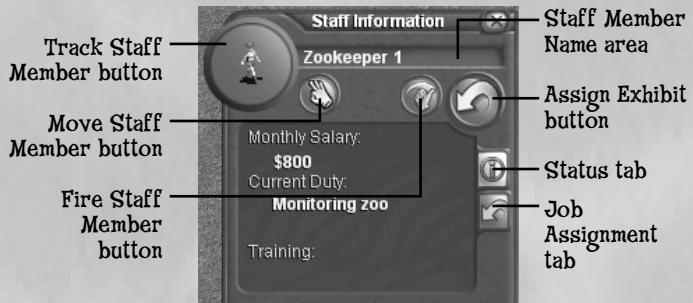
### Thoughts Tab

This tab displays the guest's thoughts. Use this information to see what you need to provide your guests.



## Staff Information Panel

Clicking an individual staff member displays the Staff Information panel, which has two tabs for managing the staff member's work.



### Staff Status Tab

This tab displays the following information: monthly salary, current duty, and what training has been completed through research and conservation programs.



## Job Assignment Tab



You can use this tab to add or subtract assignments. In addition, clicking the following buttons enables you to perform these activities.

**Track Staff Member** Track the selected staff member's movements. Click the button again to stop tracking.

**Staff Member Name** Give the staff member a new name.

**Move Staff Member** Move the selected staff member to a new location. You can also double-click staff members to move them.

**Fire Staff Member** Fire a staff member who is no longer wanted.

**Add Exhibits to Schedule** Add exhibits to the worker's schedule.

### To add exhibits to a worker's schedule

- Click the **Add Exhibits to Schedule** button, and then
- Select the exhibit you want to add to the worker's schedule.

Staff members will care only for the exhibits on their assignment lists and will ignore all other exhibits. If you want your staff members to care for all exhibits, do not assign any specific exhibit to them and they will share their time among all exhibits. Zookeepers assigned to specific exhibits, however, become better at treating the animals in those exhibits. You cannot assign maintenance workers to specific tasks.

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