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GIANT PACIFIC OCTOPUS NEWEST ZOO RESIDENT

An octopus on exhibit at the Birmingham Zoo! An octopus named "Clint Eastwood" (because he's fully armed). The Zoo's first octopus.

Assistant Zoo Director Jeff Cook, who has had extensive experience with the care and needs required by this species, has been able to set up the exhibit with a system to provide the necessary environment of salt water chilled to a temperature of approximately 50 degrees. An adjacent 500 gallon holding tank of salt water will replenish the tank housing the octopus. Funding for the octopus exhibit was provided by the Alabama Zoological Society with funds raised at Zoobilee '92.

The Birmingham Zoo giant pacific octopus (who is a very personable octopus according to Assistant Director Cook) arrived from Oregon, and, although only 5 pounds now, he will quickly achieve a weight of 30 to 50 pounds....and some go to 100 pounds!!!

Since biologist consider the octopus the most intelligent of the invertebrates, with eyes similar to man's that aid him in feeding and camouflage, this should prove to be a fascinating attraction at the Zoo.

Surprise additions abound at the Birmingham Zoo and more are arriving every day! The Birmingham Zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except for Zoobilee Day on October 9th, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children ages, 2-17 years.

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For special you...Come tomorrow (Friday) at 9 a.m. for a special introduction.....see "Clint"...see him up very close.