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Jack Hanna and Animal Friends to appear at AAA Great Vacations EXPO

Columbus, OH – Jack Hanna, Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and host of *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild* and *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*, will appear at the AAA Great Vacations EXPO. Hanna will appear at 3 p.m. on Kids Day, Saturday, January 23, 2010, when he will give his lively, high-energy presentation on the AAA Travel Stage. He will discuss his work with animals on TV and with the Zoo and a few of his favorite animal friends from the Columbus Zoo will join him on stage. Hanna will sign autographs for EXPO guests following his appearance.

The AAA Great Vacations EXPO will take place at Franklin County Veterans Memorial in downtown Columbus. Billed as a one-stop shop for everything related to travel, the EXPO offers information and EXPO-only deals and the very best travel values on everything from cruises and European vacations, to affordable escapes that are close to home. With more than 150 exhibits, attractions and events, guests will feel like they're on vacation the moment they enter the EXPO doors. Favorite travel destinations will come alive with interactive events and experiences that will be as entertaining as they are helpful and educational. In addition to the hundreds of travel-related exhibitors, attraction areas within the EXPO will include The Great Outdoors adventure area, the Great American Road Trip area, the EXPO Casino and more.

Jack Hanna is famous for his nationally televised appearances as wildlife correspondent and regular guest on multiple TV shows, including *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Good Morning America*, *Larry King Live*, and *FOX News*. His nationally syndicated program, *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*, aired in the United States and 62 other countries for more than 10 years. In 2007 he launched a new show, *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild*, which airs on more than 100 stations in the U.S.

Hanna also has written two books: *Jungle Jack: My Wild Life* and *Passport Into the Wild*, which are available in bookstores and on amazon.com. He served as executive director of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium for 14 years, from 1978 until 1992, when he was named Executive Director Emeritus.

The AAA Great Vacations EXPO opens Friday, January 22 and runs through Sunday, January 24, at Franklin County Veterans Memorial in downtown Columbus. Show hours are Friday 2-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or beginning November 15 at any AAA Ohio Auto Club office for \$8 or \$4 for any AAA member. Children 12 and under are admitted at no charge. Additional details and consumer information on the EXPO are available at www.AAAGreatVacations.com.

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