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DISCOVER THE TOOTHY SIDE OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM AT THE 'JAWS AND PAWS' FAMILY FESTIVAL

BALTIMORE, MD (May 3, 2010)— Discover the world of animal teeth during **Jaws and Paws**, a family festival devoted to our furry friends and their unique choppers, on **Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** at that **National Museum of Dentistry**. Talk to animal experts from the Maryland Zoo and Fidos for Freedom and enjoy a day of family fun. See a prehistoric shark's tooth as big as a baseball glove, and explore a special exhibit on the mysterious narwhal, the Arctic whale with the six-foot long tooth! Plus play toothy games, dress up like your favorite animal, and make animal masks and puppets to take home.

Jaws and Paws is free with regular Museum admission (\$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, & \$3 for children). Call 410-706-0600 or visit www.smile-experience.org for more information.

"The variety of teeth in the animal kingdom shows us how different animals use their teeth for different jobs," said National Museum of Dentistry Executive Director Jonathan Landers. "It also teaches us how important it is to preserve our own teeth."



Just as human teeth adapted through time to tear off a chunk of food and chew it, the teeth of elephants, beavers, snakes, and lions evolved to perform specialized tasks. Elephants use their mighty tusks—incisors that can weigh up to 150 pounds—as weapons. Beavers use their teeth to cut down tree to make lodges. The fangs of some snakes inject poison into their victims. Lions use their teeth to transport their young, defend themselves, and catch and tear apart food.

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See amazing teeth feats, marvel at George Washington's choppers, sing along to vintage toothpaste commercials, and discover fascinating hands-on exhibitions about the power of a healthy smile. Enjoy field trips, home school days, special events, and more. An Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, this one-of-a-kind museum is located at 31 South Greene Street, a short walk from the Inner Harbor. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and students with ID, \$3 for children age 3-19; and free for age 2 & under Open Wednesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 1–4 p.m. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and major holidays. Call 410/706-0600 or visit www.smile-experience.org.

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