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Ghost Hunters Investigate the 'Haunted' Zoo

The Isle of Wight Zoo is set to play host to spooky specialists **Vectis Investigations into the Paranormal** for an after-dark exploration into the truth behind rumours of spirit activity. The 150 year old fort that houses the zoo is the setting for the investigation, and was reported to harbour several different spirits during the preliminary study.

Opinion amongst the zoo staff is divided, but they definitely agree that the fort is an eerie place to be, even in daylight. Being there at midnight as the clock ticks over to Halloween will be a whole other experience. If spirits are going to appear, this will be the optimum time, and the team will be ready for them.

Even Curator Paul Bailie admitted that "there are places around the zoo at night you think twice about going into. You get that chill at the back of your neck, whether it's a lion looking at you or a ghost walking past."

This is the first study that members of the public have been invited to; while VIP will be running the paranormal side of things, the Zoo will provide a hot meal opposite the lion enclosure, giving intrepid ghost hunters plenty of time to get nervous under the eyes of the predators. Survivors will be released at 1am, hopefully a little closer to knowing the truth.

The study will take place on 30th October, 8.30pm-1am. Tickets cost £20pp, over 16s only.

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Notes to editors:

Isle of Wight Zoo aims to promote the survival of endangered species through first class educational and recreational experiences, exemplary animal management, conservation and research. The Zoo is best known for its work with exotic cats. As a centre for surplus or rescued big cats, all have come to the Zoo at different stages of their lives and from a variety of backgrounds. The Zoo strives to encourage the social development and natural behaviour of each cat in their care. Every species of big cat residing at the Zoo is currently under considerable threat in its natural habitat. Isle of Wight Zoo is currently home to 10 tigers, 4 lions and 2 jaguars.