

Fire-walking at Edinburgh Zoo – are you brave enough?

✘ Ancient legend tells that brave rhinos walked on fire to stamp out flames to protect their habitat, and now Edinburgh Zoo is calling for volunteers to perform a legendary fiery feat of their own.

Edinburgh Zoo is holding a fundraising fire walk challenge tomorrow Friday 14 October 2011 and is inviting supporters to take part in this exhilarating test.

Are you brave enough to walk across 20 feet of burning embers to raise funds?

A number of the Zoo's veterinary team and staff will take part, and the money raised will go towards buying specialised veterinary equipment, including a small animal ventilator, ECG machine and a flexible gastroscope.

Donna Brown, Veterinary Nurse for the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, "I'm very excited about taking part in the challenge, it's nerve wracking, but I know it's going to be totally exhilarating – especially as I'm doing it for such a good cause. We're hoping to raise enough to buy a small animal ventilator for use during surgery, a pulse oximeter and ECG machine for monitoring anaesthesia and identifying heart problems, and a flexible gastroscope which would be used to examine stomach and small intestines during surgery.

Anyone interested should get in touch with Louise Dickson on 0131 314 0334 or ldickson@rzss.org.uk for further details and to sign up.