

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
COLCHESTER ZOO
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Colchester Zoo, what a wonderful place,
With so many animals and lots of space.
All their conservation work they do to assist,
To make sure animals don't go extinct or be missed.

Most of the zoo keepers are all volunteers,
So when they do their talks we listen all ears.
They make sure their enclosure habitats are as close to home,
And customer service is always amazing in face and by phone.

I remember the days when they had a White Tiger,
And the single Brown Bear and I always tried to find her.
When the Zeedonk would stand in the Africa zone,
And giving endangered animals a forever home.

There's so many animals for all to see from Elephants, Otters and Deers,
But we can't forget some of our favourites who we've lost through the years.
Including Billy-Joe the lovely Chimpanzee,
And Orangutan, Rajang was a favourite to see.

The Zoo like everywhere has had its up and downs,
But with the support of residents from nearby towns,
They got through COVID-19 with smiles on their faces,
And it'll forever be one of everyone's favourite places.

We all thank you Colchester Zoo for 60 years of magic,
And a special thanks to the staff for being heroic.
We can't wait to see the future of the Zoo,
It's going to be amazing whatever you do.

