



Good morning! – We had an enthusiastic crowd of Chattanooga Chuck fans gather at the Tennessee Aquarium this morning to hear his Groundhog Day 2019 prediction. With nary a cloud above downtown Chattanooga, Chuck needed sunglasses as he cast a long shadow. After thrilling Aquarium guests with his appearance, but perhaps not his forecast, Chuck headed back to his burrow. After getting a belly full of kale and bananas, he immediately went to sleep, presumably for another six weeks. – Thom

Chattanooga Chuck's 2019 Groundhog Day Forecast

Good morning to all! It's the best day of the year!
This woodchuck's big moment is finally here.
I bet you're all wondering just what Chuck has to say,
on this magnificent Groundhog Day.
In January it felt like we experienced all four seasons.
People used to look to animals for weather reasons.
Did you know frogs tend to call on rainy days?
And sharks seek deeper water just before a cold wave.
Butterflies are more likely to appear when the weather is fine
And eels are more active right before a storm arrives.
But this morning I awoke and what a surprise...
My shadow was there right before my eyes.
So six more weeks of winter is what I will choose
Before I snuggle back in my burrow for another snooze.
But when those chilly six weeks are over and done,
I'll emerge rested and ready for some island-hopping fun!

The new *Island Life* gallery opens at the Tennessee Aquarium March 15.