



MEDIA ALERT

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NEWBORN GOLDEN LION TAMARIN PASSES AT ZOO ATLANTA

WHAT: One of the twins born to 5-year-old golden lion tamarin Robin on March 18 died on March 22, 2010. While newborns of any species are fragile, golden lion tamarins are known to carry an increased risk of infant mortality in offspring born to individuals without previous parenting experience. Robin and her mate, 4-year-old Theo, were both the youngest offspring in their families, and thus did not have the opportunity to participate in infant caretaking, which in their species is a behavior learned through practice and observation. Zoo staff believe this inexperience led to the pair's inability to adequately care for two offspring.

Robin and Theo's remaining infant appears to be thriving, according to the Animal Management and Veterinary Teams, who continue to monitor the family closely.

WHEN: March 23, 2010

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ABOUT: About Zoo Atlanta

An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters with more than 1,000 animals from around the world. An all-new carnivore complex, featuring the exciting debut of two new sun bears, is scheduled to open in summer 2010. Zoo Atlanta is also the proud home of Xi Lan, the only giant panda cub born in the U.S. in 2008, and the popular Boundless Budgies: A Parakeet Adventure, the largest interactive experience of its kind in the Southeast. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of great apes and a global center of excellence for the care and reproduction of vanishing amphibians and reptiles. Zoo Atlanta is open

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