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WARTHOG PIGLETS BORN AT ZOO ATLANTA *Shirley delivers signs of spring with her fourth litter*

WHO: Some look to wisteria, daffodils and dogwoods for signs of spring, but at Zoo Atlanta, the welcome return of a new season can generally be timed with the annual birth of warthog piglets. Shirley, a 4-year-old warthog, gave birth to her fourth litter on March 29, 2011.

WHAT: The litter was Shirley's largest yet, with six piglets, three of which did not survive. Infant mortality is not uncommon for newborn warthogs in their fragile early days of life. The Animal Management and Veterinary Teams continue to closely monitor the surviving three piglets, two females and one male.

Shirley and her offspring will have the opportunity to bond behind-the-scenes for about two weeks before meeting their father, 4-year-old Vern. The piglets are expected to begin exploring their exhibit in the Zoo's African Plains in late April or early May.

Stay tuned for updates on when Members and guests can see the Zoo's newest arrivals.

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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. Complex Carnivores, a new series of exhibits featuring bush dogs, fossa and binturong, opened on April 1. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home: Lun Lun's newest cub, Po, born November 3, 2010, made his public debut in spring 2011. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of western lowland gorillas, the nation's largest zoological collection of orangutans and a global center of excellence for the care and study of vanishing reptiles and amphibians. The Zoo is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit zoatlanta.org.

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