



MEDIA ALERT

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UPDATE ON NEWBORN BORNEAN ORANGUTAN AT ZOO ATLANTA

WHAT: The Zoo Atlanta Animal Management and Veterinary Teams continue to closely monitor the infant born to 18-year-old Bornean orangutan Miri on March 30. Although Miri is an experienced mother, there were initial concerns that the infant was small and not as active and alert as expected. Based on observations made during a veterinary exam on Thursday, April 1, and a lack of improvement in his appearance on Friday, April 2, Zoo officials decided to remove the infant from Miri for hand-rearing by the Animal Management and Veterinary Teams. The infant is currently under round-the-clock care and monitoring, and at this time, his condition remains guarded.

Additional updates on the newborn's condition will be provided as details are available.

WHEN: April 5, 2010

WHERE: Zoo Atlanta
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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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