



MEDIA ALERT

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UPDATE ON NEWBORN WARTHOG PIGLETS

WHAT: Three of the five piglets born to Shirley the warthog on April 7, 2010, passed away overnight on April 8. Although the piglets appeared to be active and feeding normally, infant mortality is not uncommon for newborn warthogs in their fragile first days of life.

The Animal Management and Veterinary Teams continue to monitor Shirley and her remaining two piglets, which appear to be doing well.

Stay tuned for updates on when Members and guests will be able to see the new arrivals.

WHEN: April 9, 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 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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