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WARTHOG PIGLETS DEBUT AT ZOO ATLANTA

See the Zoo's exciting new arrivals this weekend

WHAT: If Atlantans have by chance forgotten the singular joy of warthog piglets, Zoo Atlanta presents two unusually endearing reasons to remember. Two male piglets born to Vern and Shirley on April 15 have joined their parents full-time on Zoo Atlanta's African Plains.

If the 2008 debut of the piglets older sibling, Georgia P, serves as any indication, the recent arrivals are certain to delight Zoo Members and guests with their playful behavior and curious exploration of their surroundings. Future outings will include their first introduction to their parents' favorite summer spot – the large, mud-filled wallow in the center of their habitat.

Zoo Atlanta's newest stars also have a brother and a sister who are currently being reared by staff. The Animal Management and Veterinary Teams will begin family introductions after the latter two are weaned and ready to explore the great outdoors.

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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. The Zoo's newest attraction, Boundless Budgies: A Parakeet Adventure, opened in April 2009. The interactive new experience is the largest of its kind in the Southeast. Zoo Atlanta is also the proud home of Xi Lan, the only giant panda cub born in the U.S. in 2008.

Other highlights include one of the nation's most recognized collections 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 go to zooatlanta.org.

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