



## MEDIA ALERT

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### ZURI THE GIRAFFE TAKES A ROAD TRIP

*10-foot traveler leaves Zoo Atlanta for a new home in Kansas*

**WHO:** Zuri, a 1-year-old female giraffe, departed Zoo Atlanta for her new home at Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure in Salina, Kan., on October 18. The move was recommended by the Giraffe Species Survival Plan (SSP).

**WHAT:** The young giraffe, who now stands around 10 feet tall, left the Zoo early Tuesday morning on a more than 40-foot truck equipped with a 16-foot-long trailer tall enough to ensure a comfortable journey. The Zoo Atlanta Animal Management and Veterinary Teams have confirmed that she arrived safely in Salina and is adjusting well to her new surroundings.

Born to Glenda on July 13, 2010, Zuri was the first giraffe calf born at Zoo Atlanta. She is the older half-sister of 3-month-old Lily, who was born to Mona on July 21, 2011. Lily can be seen on exhibit daily in her African Plains habitat, which is also home to zebras, ostriches and waterbuck.

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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](http://zoatlanta.org).

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