



MEDIA ALERT

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PO TURNS 1!

Happy birthday to the only giant panda cub born in the U.S. in 2010

WHO: Po the giant panda cub turns 1 on Thursday, November 3, and while he may not know it yet, he'll celebrate this milestone with a habitat full of festive surprises.

Fans are encouraged to stop by the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation Giant Panda Conservation Center between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to find out how the celebrated birthday boy responds to his treats.

WHAT: The third and youngest of Lun Lun's and Yang Yang's offspring, Po has been described by his keepers as the most cautious of the Zoo Atlanta pandas, treating new items with suspicion if his mother has not already interacted with them – making it difficult to judge just who will play with the birthday novelties first!

Po's arrival in November 2010 marked the first in a year-long succession of high-profile animal births at Zoo Atlanta. His fellow Zoo babies include Remy, the 11-month-old surrogate son of Sumatran orangutan Madu; Merry Leigh the western lowland gorilla, born to Kudzo on May 9; Sohni and Sanjiv the Sumatran tiger cubs, born to Chelsea on July 5; Lily the giraffe calf, born to Mona on July 22; and Mbili the waterbuck, born to Kokopelli on August 24. All of the youngsters are on exhibit regularly.

WHEN: Thursday, November 3, 2011
Po will be offered his birthday surprises between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

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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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