



MEDIA ALERT

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GIANT PANDA CUB UPDATE *Lun Lun's newborn is nursing and thriving*

- WHO:** The 2-day-old cub born to giant panda Lun Lun on November 3 continues to thrive. Based on observations made by Carnivore Keeper II Heather Roberts on November 5, the cub's movements and vocalizations are normal and healthy. The newborn has been observed nursing, as is also apparent by its round belly.
- WHAT:** Lun Lun has not left the cub since the birth. Wild giant panda mothers do not leave their cubs for at least a few days after giving birth; during this time, they typically refrain from eating or drinking. This behavior is fascinating, considering that giant pandas feed almost exclusively on bamboo and, unlike most other bear species, do not accumulate significant fat stores. Lun Lun was recently offered and accepted a drink of water, although she has yet to put the cub down.
- While Lun Lun and the cub are not expected to make their debut to Members and guests until spring 2011, web users can follow the pair on PandaCam presented by Earthcam, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fans are encouraged to stay abreast of all things panda by following Zoo Atlanta on our website and on Twitter, joining the Zoo Atlanta Facebook community, and registering for biweekly *eUpdate* newsletters.
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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, Trader's Alley: Wildlife's

Fading Footprints, featuring the debut of two new sun bears, opened in June 1010. 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. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home. 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 zooatlanta.org.

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