



MEDIA ALERT

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PO!

The only giant panda born in the U.S. in 2010 turns 1 today

WHO: Po the giant panda cub turned 1 on Thursday, November 3, and he celebrated the milestone with a habitat full of festive surprises and a crowd of adoring fans.

WHAT: Unbeknownst to the birthday boy, his keepers had been hard at work creating handmade treats for Po's big day. Accompanied by his mother, Lun Lun, the cub entered their dayroom to find a gift box full of goodies and a colorful ice "cake" made with frozen banana and sugarcane bits, topped with a layer of cinnamon.

Po and Lun Lun are on exhibit daily in the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation Giant Panda Conservation Center, as are Po's father, Yang Yang, and older brother, Xi Lan.

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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 zooatlanta.org.

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