



MEDIA ALERT

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GIANT PANDA CUB UPDATE

The only giant panda born in the U.S. in 2010 is one week old today

- WHO:** Lun Lun's new cub, who turned 1 week old on November 10, has exhibited the first of many exciting milestones to come: the ability to remain calm when left by Mom for brief intervals. These behaviors indicate that Lun Lun is becoming more comfortable leaving the cub – a progression that will facilitate the Veterinary Team's ability to perform a preliminary checkup.
- WHAT:** Lun Lun has begun placing the cub on the floor for short periods of no more than 60 seconds, but up until now, the cub has vocalized loudly when left alone. On November 10, when placed on the floor, the cub appeared alert but remained quiet. During its short time on the floor, keepers observed that the cub appeared to be robust and that its trademark black-and-white coloration has already begun to develop.

"The cub did very well overnight. Lun Lun's appetite and activity levels are starting to increase," said Hayley Murphy, DVM, Director of Veterinary Services. "She has still spent all her time with the cub, but is getting more willing to move, and she has consumed more food and water than in previous days."

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 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 2010. 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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