



MEDIA ALERT

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EXCLUSIVE MEDIA PREVIEW OF COMPLEX CARNIVORES *Exciting new debuts for spring range from bush dogs to Bruster's*

- WHO:** On March 29, 2011, members of the media are invited to an exclusive preview of Complex Carnivores, the new series of exhibits opening at Zoo Atlanta in April 2011. The preview will include sweet treats from Bruster's Real Ice Cream, Zoo Atlanta's newest on-site partner.
- WHAT:** Opening April 1, 2011, Complex Carnivores will welcome three new mammal species to Zoo Atlanta: bush dogs, binturong and fossa. The animals won't be the only new carnivores in the Zoo; adjacent to their habitats, a carnivorous plant bog will showcase predatory plants, including Venus fly traps, pitcher plants and sundews.
- Complex Carnivores also features updated interior viewing of the Zoo's Sumatran tigers and clouded leopard, as well as a tiger training panel. New tiger training demonstrations, never before presented on public view at Zoo Atlanta, will provide guests with a close personal view as animal care professionals share the tools of their trade in working with these magnificent cats. Tiger training demonstrations will begin in summer 2011.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011
10:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Zoo Atlanta
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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. Opening in April 2011 is Complex Carnivores, a new series of exhibits featuring bush dogs, fossa and binturong. 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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