



MEDIA ALERT

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GIANT PANDA CUB UPDATE

WHO: The giant panda cub born to Lun Lun on November 3, 2010, continues to grow and thrive, affording increased visibility for observers as 24-hour monitoring of mother and cub continues.

WHAT: Last week, Zoo staff had only fleeting glimpses of the cell phone-sized newborn, with a complete view only available in the instant following the cub's birth at 5:39 a.m. In subsequent days, keepers, curators and veterinarians had only occasional views of a tail or hind leg. With the cub's continued growth, observers and fans watching on PandaCam are now being treated to exciting sightings of the cub's head, as well as its developing foot pads and claws. Once Lun Lun becomes comfortable with setting her offspring down, the Veterinary Team plans a preliminary checkup that will confirm the cub's sex, weight and other vital statistics.

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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