



## MEDIA ALERT

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### IT'S A BOY ... AND A GIRL!

*Sumatran tiger cubs have been named Sohni and Sanjiv*

**WHO:** Recently confirmed to be one male and one female, the 7-week-old Sumatran tiger cubs at Zoo Atlanta have been named Sohni (female) and Sanjiv (male). The cubs' sexes were determined during a veterinary checkup on August 17.

**WHAT:** The monikers were selected by Zoo donor and former Board of Directors member Larry Westbrook, who named the cubs for his grandchildren. Sohni (*SOHnee*) means "beautiful," while Sanjiv (*SahnJEEV*) has a number of meanings, among them "love," "long life," and "reviving."

The newly-named cubs were given brief physical exams on August 17, along with their first vaccinations. Sanjiv weighed 12.25 pounds; his slightly smaller sister weighed 10.84 pounds. Sohni and Sanjiv were then returned to their mother, who continues to provide excellent care in two off-exhibit indoor dens.

Guests can currently see Sohni and Sanjiv live on camera from the Tiger/Sun Bear Terrace at Zoo Atlanta, as well as on Tiger Cub Cam. Tiger Cub Cam will be available 24/7 on [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org) until the cubs make their debut in early September.

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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 [zoatlanta.org](http://zoatlanta.org).

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