



Pandas International December 2007 Newsletter

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Dear Santa,

This is a list of what our veterinarians need to take care of us in 2008. Please send us these items:

General Needs:

- Basic supplies for our hospital
- Surgical tape & stretch tape
- Disposable syringes & catheter needles
- Worming Medicine – Ivermedtin, Strongid
- Anesthetics – Isoflorine

Nursery needs:

- Formula for the babies
- Maybe more incubators

Major needs:

- Reintroduction of some of our friends back to the wild
- GPS Collars & GPS data base monitoring system
- X-Ray equipment

Santa, please help us!

Thanks!
The Pandas



To the tune of
Jingle Bells...

**Panda Bears
Panda Bears
They've almost
gone away;**

**If we don't help,
if we don't give
They won't be
here to stay**

**Be Saint Nick
this Christmas time
And send a check today,**

**The money you give will
help them live
And you'll feel good
you did!**

Give a Gift with Heart — Give a Gift that Matters

An alternative gift is a contribution to a charity that you make in honor of someone instead of buying them a material present.

Special Gifts for the Holidays
Sponsor a Panda

All sponsorship levels will receive extra gifts for the holidays.

[Click here to sponsor a panda >>](#)

[Click here to make a year end tax deductible donation](#)

This is the time of year to say "THANK YOU" to all of our Santas!

The first thank you goes to the dedicated veterinarians, caretakers and staff of the Wolong and Bifengxia Panda Reserves, who spend their lives caring for the pandas!

The next thank you goes to you our supporters and members who make our work possible!

A special thanks to everyone who has adopted a panda, providing for their care and bamboo.

A HUGE Thank you to two foundations which have provided grants to Pandas International this year to help us purchase new incubators:

Messengers of Healing Wind provided a grant for incubators

The Build-A-Bear Foundation made a donation to purchase incubators

Thank you to the businesses who support us — please support these businesses in return!

The following companies have either made a generous contribution to Pandas International or have pledged a percent of their profits to us:

TeamHusar Wildlife Photography
<http://www.teamhusar.com/>

Daughter Earth sells eco-conscious products and part of the proceeds from the panda tee is donated to Pandas International.
<http://www.daughterearth.net/>

ShirtSeed Sustainable textile t-shirts for kids
<http://www.shirtseed.com>

Planet Zoo — Building a Better Planet One Image at a Time
<http://www.planetzoo.net>

Kim's World Travel specializes in Individual and Group travel to Asia and the pandas
[http:// www.orientvacations.com](http://www.orientvacations.com)

DATE CHANGE

The date for the Annual Dinner has been changed to **Saturday March 1, 2008**

Please mark your calendars and let us know if you have an auction item or would like to be a dinner sponsor.

Year of the Rat

Special thanks to those who have adopted pandas:

5 adoptions -"Hua Mei" and 4 of her twins adopted by Ellen in CO

"Jasmine" adopted by Wayne in Australia

"Marlee" adopted by Helene in NJ

"Qi Wang" adopted by Ingrid in Victoria Australia

"Mei Mu" adopted by Mike & Lisa in WI

"Village" adopted by Village School in CA

"Willard" adopted by Willard Elementary school in CT

"Lei Mae" adopted by Padua Academy in DE

"Reve" adopted by Chris for his sister Laura in Ireland

"Zhao he" adopted by Mirella in CA

"Hasu" adopted by Amy in CA in memory of Sasu through matching program at ING

"Peek-a-boo" adopted by Moses Beach Elementary school in CT

"Freedom" adopted by Elaine in Leeds, UK

"Ethix the Panda" adopted by Institute of Business Ethics for Simon in London UK

"MandaPanda" adopted by Gayle & Steve in FL

2 adoptions- "Lucky- Xing Yun" & "Good Forturne-Hao Yun" adopted by Sally in CA

"Chun Chun" by Sharon in Omaha, NE who went to see Chun Chun this year

"Kusala" by Karen in Australia

"Darling" adopted by Anita in CA

"Yoon Ping" adopted by Chet in Malaysia who visited Yoon Ping this year

2 adoptions -"Earl" in memory of Earl and "Dotty" in memory of Dotty

adopted by Catherine and Nancy in TX

"Monmouth" adopted by Monmouth Academy in NJ

"Benji" adopted by Dinah in CO

"Bubba" adopted by Kerryn in Australia

"Pandemonium" adopted by Karen in PA

"Hai Zi" adopted by Linda in CA

"Oreo" adopted by the Village School in PA

2 adoptions - Su-lin" & "Ar-lin" by Susan and Ronald in AZ

Oscar" by Chris for Shaun in Australia

Preeya in CA from her birthday party

Peace" adopted for Emery Tang

"Chun Chun" adopted for Sharon by Michelle in NE



"Qian Qian" adopted by Judy in NY (photo above) who went to see Qian Qian this year

"Harvey" adopted by Jerry & Suzanne in CO in memory of Harvey

"Lun Mei" adopted by Steve CA

Poppy" adopted by Rachel in MA

2 adoptions "Sun Nu Ming Mei" & "Sun Er Mei Miao" adopted by

John and Karen in WY for their grandchildren

Gismo" adopted by Lisa for Andy in England

2 adoptions- "Tan Tan" & Ling Ling" adopted by Damon and Teri in MN

2 adoptions "Joy" and "Hope" adopted by a foundation

"Ning Yee" by Cathy for the Chong family in FL

Elly in NH from her birthday party

[Click here to adopt a panda for a holiday gift or renew your adoption >>](#)

And a big thank you to all our monthly donors!

Monthly donations are an easy way to donate on a regular basis

Even small amounts monthly add up over the year.

[Click here to set up a monthly donation >>](#)

Renowned Writer James Fallows Covers Wolong for the *Atlantic Monthly*

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the December *Atlantic Monthly*. The issue contains an article about Wolong, Pandas and Pandas International!

[Click here to see a short video by Mr. Fallows >>](#)

Businesses & Corporations Save on Taxes

C Corporations can deduct charitable donations valued up to 10% of their income. Schedule C filers, limited-liability companies of LLCs and S-corporations can deduct charitable donations up to 50% of income.

Source: *The Wall Street Journal*

[Click here to make a year end tax deductible donation](#)

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WOLONG VISIT

By Dorothy & Clyde of Colorado



We recently returned from a three-day visit to the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda in Wolong, where we were able to volunteer. We were assigned to one of the keepers, Mr. Fong, whom we followed around as he performed his duties and instructed us to perform those tasks which we were permitted to do. This, in itself, was unusual since Mr. Fong spoke no English and the only Chinese we knew was how to say "thank you." We said this often as we were so grateful for this wonderful opportunity. Hand signals, however, worked quite well for communicating.

As Mr. Fong cut down bamboo, he handed bunches to us to be piled onto a cart which Clyde then pulled to a drop-off point. Dorothy was allowed to feed one of the adult males his panda bread and a carrot. Since bamboo, their staple diet, doesn't give the bears the necessary nutrition, bread is made to which has been added vitamins, etc. to keep them healthy. And they do love their bread and carrots, especially the carrots. I guess Mr. Fong didn't think we should be cleaning the cages and outdoor enclosures, since he only allowed Clyde to carry the laden shovel to a waiting receptacle. Dorothy was given a pan of milk to carry to the cage of a panda mom with a one-month old cub.

What a treat to see them like that, since this is not something the general public would see.

There were so many incredible moments during those three days that we would be hard put to single out what would be considered especially memorable moments; however, playtime with several young pandas (12-to-18 months old) was certainly one of them. They love to play and we humans were so humbled by their friendliness and comfort with us, allowing us to hug and pet them. After playtime Clyde was able to take Dorothy's picture sitting on a bench next to a panda as he chomped on a carrot, totally unconcerned about

his surroundings or that Dorothy didn't want to take her leave of his precious company.

After our volunteer duties were completed, a visit to the nursery (through glass) was a highlight we will always cherish, a young cub being fed with a baby bottle, then "burped" just like a human baby.

We cannot conceive of a more thrilling experience than this visit to Wolong.

Clyde and Dorothy visited Wolong in October of 2007 on a tour by Kim's World Travel. They helped to deliver medical supplies in addition to volunteering. Kim's World Travel will arrange another trip in the fall of 2008. Thanks to Clyde and Dorothy for their volunteer time and account!

Two giant pandas from Chengdu go to Madrid Spain

The pair — a 7-year-old male, "Bing Xing," and a 4-year-old female, "Hua Zui Ba" — arrived in Madrid in September of this year. The pair will remain in Madrid's zoo for 10 years, thanks to an agreement reached in June during King Juan Carlos' visit to Beijing.

Follow up to the article in the last newsletter from the story in the *Cabinet Newspaper*

Thanks to everyone who helped Emily raise money for pandas!

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To the Editor:

My name is Emily Cook and I am in fifth grade. Last year, when my Mom was planning my birthday party, I realized I had more than enough toys and crafts to keep me busy for a long time.

During that same time, I learned the survival of the giant panda was in extreme danger, so I asked my Mom if I could ask for donations to be sent to save the giant panda, rather than birthday gifts.

Ever since then, I have been coming up with ways to help raise money to send to Pandas International. I made key chains to sell and also trick-or-treated on behalf of Pandas International.

This year I have been able to raise nearly \$185 that has gone to support the mission of Pandas International. With this money they support panda nature reserves in their native China through medical research, breeding programs, veterinary care, medicine and medical equipment.

I would like to shout out an enormous thank you to all who helped me by making key chains, buying key chains, donating on Halloween night and over the past year. I would also like to thank my Mom for helping me write this letter and making my words sound so nice. Together we are helping to protect one of the wonders of the animal kingdom. If pandas became extinct, children would only know about them through books and museums.

For all who have given me support, thank you. You are special to help pandas — one of the cutest, most magnificent, adorable animals on the earth.

EMILY
Brookline, NH

Caring Kids

If you, your child, or your scout troop would like to host a panda party or do a school presentation please contact us. info@pandasinternational.org

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you know
Pandas?***

**Test your
panda
knowledge
with our fun
interactive
panda quiz**

**—
check the
quiz often as
the
questions
will change!**

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take the quiz.](#)**

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new section to the
web site called
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Questions. These are
FAQs regarding the
pandas and Pandas
International. Please
visit [http://www.
pandasinternational.
org/faqs.html](http://www.pandasinternational.org/faqs.html)**

OTHER ITEMS...



PANDAS INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES "BEST IN AMERICA" SEAL

Pandas International has been selected by Independent Charities of America to receive the "Best in America Seal." We are very proud to have been selected for this seal and will continue to strive to excel in our efforts to save the pandas!

REMEMBER PANDAS INTERNATIONAL IN YOUR WILL!

A Board Member of Pandas International called to let us know they had included Pandas International in their will. A huge thanks for the generous gesture! [Please contact us](#) if you, too, would like to include Pandas International in your will.

MONTHLY DONATIONS — One of the best ways to help the pandas is to sign up for an automatic monthly donation, for as little as \$10.00 a month you can help us with

the medical needs of the pandas. [Donate now!](#)

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS — Pandas International has been selected as an approved agency by the Combined Federal Campaign for federal employees in Colorado. If you work for the federal government please consider a payroll deduction for Pandas International.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC) — If you are a Federal Employee and participate in the CFC payroll deduction program please contact us for our CFC number to donate through this program.

DOES YOUR COMPANY HAVE A MATCHING PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN? Let us know if your company has

a payroll deduction or any type of matching donation plan for which Pandas International could apply.

TEACHERS, SCOUT LEADER, SUMMER CAMP COUNSELRS — One of our generous sponsors, Pandas Express, the fastest growing Asian cuisine restaurant chain, is teaming with us to offer an educational program to local elementary schools about the endangered pandas in China. *Panda Partners* is an environmental education program that uses age-appropriate materials to bring pandas, conservation issues, and a bit of China to the classroom. We have found most elementary school aged children love the panda and are eager to learn about them. If you are a teacher or know one who might be interested please check the web site at www.pandasinternational.org.

TRAVEL TO CHINA — We have had several requests to travel to China to just the panda reserves. Kim of Kim's World Travel has arrangements with Wolong and Bifengxia and can arrange this type of trip for you. If interested please contact Kim at Kim@Kimsworldtravel.com or 303.388.3813.

VOLUNTEER AT WOLONG — It is now possible to volunteer at Wolong, cleaning cages, delivering bamboo, etc. Kim of Kim's World Travel will make arrangements with Wolong for you to volunteer. If interested please contact Kim at Kim@Kimsworldtravel.com or 303.388.3813.

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