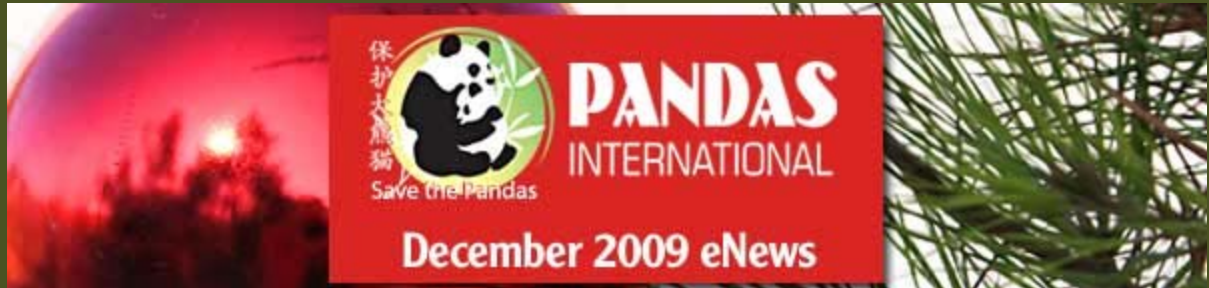


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Australia's Big News, Wang Wang and Fu Ni Have Arrived!



Pandas Settle Into New Enclosure at Adelaide Zoo

AARON MACDONALD

Giant pandas Wang Wang and Fu Ni are settling into their new enclosure at Adelaide Zoo without a hitch.

The giant pandas arrived on Saturday morning to much fanfare and spent the weekend curiously exploring the indoor section of their \$8 million digs.

They will remain in quarantine in the inside areas until the end of December, though they will be on public display from Monday, December 14. At the end of their quarantine period, they will be allowed outside.

Adelaide Zoo director of conservation Kevin Evans said the pandas were settling in well. "They've done really well, much better than we were expecting. If you look at the keepers and the vets who accompanied them on the trip over, they're suffering from serious jetlag, but the pandas seem to have

coped much better.

"They're munching away on homegrown bamboo. . . we thought we'd have to gradually ease them on to the Aussie stuff, but they've taken to it right away. They just love the Aussie tucker."

[For full story and link to video footage >>](#)

Pandemonium over Rare Cub

Ping Ping the giant panda's future is anything but black and white.

Because the two-months-old cub is one of the rarest in the world after being born with a brown and white coat instead of black.



Scientists found the cub - one of only five non-black pandas in the world - during a routine patrol in Foping Nature Reserve near Xi'an, central China.

Researcher Liang Qihui said: "It's very, very rare. Its mother is a normal color and in the scientific world, there's still no certain explanation for this.

"We're trying to keep visitors at bay to give the cub a chance to grow up uninterrupted but so many people want to see it. It's chaos."

Bai Yun's Cub has a Name, Yun Zi!



Following Chinese tradition, the fifth cub of Bai Yun has been officially named. The announcement from the San Diego Zoo:

***We're on "cloud" 5!
Our baby panda, our fifth, has a name Yun Zi, which means "son of cloud."
And he's a chip off the ol' cumulus mom Bai Yun's name translate to "white cloud."***

Other big news for the little cub, he has a bit more of a bite now that his first two teeth have come in.

For Your information:

Switzerland-based IUCN surveyed a total of 47,677 animals and plants for this year's "Red List" of endangered species and determined that 17,291 of them are threatened with extinction. The list can be found on www.iucnredlist.org.

IUCN standards and the "Red List" were developed to provide a consistent and objective system when looking at populations. The classifications are at right >>

The criteria for making the above designations are the observation of reduced numbers, measured habitat loss and fragmentation, and the reduction of mature individuals. The IUCN also evaluates environmental considerations that might put a species at risk.

- EX** Extinct
- EW** Extinct in the Wild
- CR** Critically Endangered
- EN** Endangered – The Giant Panda
- VU** Vulnerable
- NT** New Threatened
- LC** Least Concern

Busy Times at the Panda Center

San Diego 6 reporter Sharon Chen visits with giant panda Hua Mei who was born at the San Diego Zoo.

As I sit on the bench waiting, I hear the gate open and in walks a Panda Keeper with Ling-Ling. They carry him in like a large baby and place him on the bench next to me and hand him a carrot. We spend a few minutes looking at each other as he chomps on his carrot.



There are also programs like Playtime with Pandas and even Adopt a Panda. These programs help to raise funds for day to day operations, for example the milk panda cubs drink and incubators for infant pandas (provided now by Pandas International). The monies will also go towards a bigger and better Panda Research center and to rebuild the Panda population.

[For Sharon's complete story >>](#)



Mariano Sánchez Trocino, animal nutritionist with the Direction of Zoos and Wild Life in Chapultepec Zoo, Mexico City. (In the center, holding the Mexican flag.)

I just have returned from the Bifengxia Panda Base where we had (my colleague Dr. Erika Servín and I) some incredible days (early October) along with the staff working there. They also asked us to do a presentation of our work in Mexico with the Giant Pandas to all keepers and medical staff, and we finally could take a picture with all of them.

*Sincerely,
Mariano*

News from China

China Builds Centre to Ease Pandas into Wild

(AFP)

BEIJING — China has started construction on a research centre to help captive pandas adapt to the



wild with a view to releasing them into nature, state media reported. The centre is being built in a mountainous area of the southwestern province of Sichuan, the official Xinhua news agency said, where an 8.0-magnitude earthquake left more than 87,000 people dead and missing in May 2008. It is expected to be completed within three to five years, at a cost 60 million yuan (8.8 million dollars), the report said. A large experimental area will accommodate 10 pandas that will be trained into adapting to the wild,

according to the report. Those animals that perform well will then be transferred to a "half-wild area" within five to 10 years, where they will live in caves and feed by themselves. Finally, another five to 10 years will see some pandas let out into real nature.

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Panda Base in NW China Closed Amid A/H1N1 Scare

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XI'AN, Nov. 24 (Xinhua) -- A giant panda research base in northwest China's Shaanxi Province has closed panda living and entertainment area to visitors, in order to protect the endangered species from the risk of A/H1N1 flu infection.

Shaanxi Wild Animal Rescue and Research Center, one of China's four giant panda bases, stopped recruiting volunteers and made a 2,000-square-meter area off-limits to visitors last week after heavy snowfall brought sudden temperature drops and a rise in the number of A/H1N1 flu patients, said Wang Gang, a zoo worker at the center.

The center, located in Zhouzhi County at the foot of the Qinling Mountain Range, is home to 21 giant pandas, including three cubs born this year, and other species including golden monkey, takins and crested ibis.

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This is just a precaution, no pandas have been infected.

News from Thailand

After receiving a few emails from concerned members about the young panda, Lin Ping, at the Chiang Zoo in Thailand, Suzanne contacted the veterinarian to learn how she is doing. The following is the veterinarian's response:

Hi,

Lin Ping still stays with her mom. In the video, her mom has gone outside to eat bamboo and be viewed by the tourists. Lin Hui can go back anytime she needs because a keeper is on duty to open the door for her. Nowadays, Lin Ping loves to climb, and bite bamboo sticks; sometimes she looks at her mother eating bamboo and will do the same thing.

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Reality Show Pandas to Fans

By South East Asia correspondent Karen Percy for AM

This black and white reality show features three four-legged stars who really do very little but that doesn't seem to matter.

Lin Ping is barely six months old. As you would expect, her mother is watching her every move. And so too are tens of thousands of Thai television fans who are glued to the Panda Channel and its 24-hour coverage of their favorite little girl.



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Other Pandas on the Move

Vienna Zoo's Panda Fu Long Heads for China

November 13, 2009



VIENNA — Fu Long the panda, Europe's first to be conceived naturally while in captivity, is to leave his home town of Vienna for China next week (November 19th), the Schoenbrunn Zoo in the Austrian capital said Thursday.

The giant panda, whose name means "Happy Dragon" in Mandarin, is to be transferred to a conservation and research centre called Bifengxia Base in the Sichuan province, which is home to 60 other pandas and where it is hoped he will breed.

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Ten Giant Pandas to Rock Shanghai Expo

Giant pandas play at the Bifengxia Base of China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda, located in Ya'an in southwest China's Sichuan Province, October 21, 2009. Ten giant pandas from the Bifengxia base will be brought to Shanghai and put on display during the 2010 Shanghai World Expo.



Pandas for Singapore

Here is the first glimpse of the pair of fuzzy darlings that are headed to Singapore in the second half of 2011.

The two-year-old male and one-year-old female giant pandas are currently in China's panda reserve in Wolong in Sichuan province. They each have a twin sibling, which Wildlife Reserves Singapore (WRS) hopes will enhance their chance of reproducing when they get here.

The pandas will make their public debut in 2012 when WRS' new \$140 million river themed animal attraction, the River Safari, opens.

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Wildlife Reserves Getting Ready to Welcome China's Pandas

By Evelyn Lam & Dylan Loh, Channel NewsAsia | Posted: 19 November 2009

SINGAPORE—Wildlife Reserves Singapore is getting ready for the arrival of two pandas, which will be on loan from China for a 10-year period, in 2011.

The group is growing some 5,000 bamboo plants and hiring two Mandarin-speaking zookeepers to communicate with the panda experts who will be here.

The giant pandas may look like huggable soft toys but they are, in actual fact, difficult to care for.

Last seen here in 1991, pandas require special attention to their diet, which is why six species of bamboo will be grown locally to keep them happily feeding, and perhaps breeding.

Subash Chandran, curator at Mandai Zoo, said, "Our hope is that they will breed when they are with us. So in preparation for breeding, in the design of our new exhibit, we are going to provide for a cubing den and so on."



*Male giant panda to be loaned to Singapore
(photo by China Wildlife Conservation Association)*



*Female giant panda to be loaned to Singapore
(photo by China Wildlife Conservation Association)*

And from Leo uu we have learned that the pandas chosen to go to Singapore are:
Wu Jie, male, born on September 14, 2007, to Ye Ye (mother) by Wu Gang (father).

Hu Bao, female, born on September 3, 2008, to Zhu Yun (mother). The father is unknown.

News from Our Members

Just for fun, a new adoptive parent received a note from a very special panda.

Dear New Mom,
Thank you for adopting me.
I like to munch on bamboo tree.
I like to play and slip on slides,
and go on playtime panda rides.

Don't forget to come and visit me!

— Chief Inspector Jack Bamboo (your new panda)



For those needing a dose of adorable >>



Preparations for the Black and White Extravaganza Continue

On February 20, 2010, Pandas International will be celebrating ten years of hard work to save the giant panda. Throughout the evening, Pandas International will be featuring a Wine Garden along with the Silent Auction. Each bottle will be disguised (brown-bagged) and sold for \$20 and some guests will be lucky enough to pick a bottle valued at \$60 - \$90! We are confident that this will make a great addition to the festivities and are looking for a little help from you, our members. We are hoping that you will consider

either donating a bottle of wine (or two) valued at \$15 or greater to our Wine Garden. To avoid shipping costs, you may elect to send in a donation specifically for the Wine Garden and we will pick up the wine locally. Donors will be recognized in all event promotional materials.

We are also still looking for donated items to be featured in our Silent Auction. Your donations are a crucial part of our success and they are fully tax deductible! If you have any questions or ideas to help us with the Black and White Extravaganza, please contact Tobi at tobi@pandasinternational.org or 303-933-2365.

Donate a silent auction item >>

Lending a Hand to Pandas International

Angel Bear Yoga— It's Yoga for Kids!

“Grow Wings of Compassion for the Earth”

Angel Bear Yoga awakens children to the beauty of the earth, builds character, and teaches important lessons from animals and nature.

Angel Bear Yoga is an active participant in saving the giant panda and will donate 50% of purchase price on all items featured and purchased from the Pandas International website! **See featured products in our Gifts and Gear section >>**

Trip Tithe.com

Lifeline Plus, Inc. has launched a new website where the public can purchase Trip Insurance, Travel Medical and International Medical coverage. The site, appropriately named www.triptithe.com allows you to register with Pandas International. The end product is when an individual or group travels with insurance from Lifeline Plus, Inc. and has mentioned Pandas International we get a donation.

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