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**July 2009 eNews**

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## Attention all Writers!

Time is running out for nominating Suzanne Braden, founder of Pandas International, as Animal Planet's Hero of the Year. What a great opportunity to share your passion for saving the pandas and honoring Suzanne. The winning nominee will receive \$10,000 for their chosen cause and a 30 second public service announcement will be produced promoting the cause. The winning nominator will receive a generous \$1,000 for their efforts. A win/win situation, so please consider spending a few moments to nominate Pandas International's director, Suzanne Braden.

You will need the following information to fill in all the required fields:

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**Visit their website at**

**<http://animal.discovery.com/sweepstakes/hero/2009/>**

**for all the details.**

**Deadline is June 28th !**

## PANDAS AND DRAGONS, OH MY!

Once again, Pandas International will be hosting at booth at this year's Dragon Boat Festival scheduled for July 25th and July 26th at Sloans Lake Park. The popular event drew more than 100,000 people last year. Be sure to stop by our booth to say hello, shop for the perfect gift for that special occasion, and, help the pandas, too! Complete Festival information is available at [www.cdbf.org](http://www.cdbf.org). If you'd like to volunteer at our booth, please call Tobi at 303 -933 2365.



**THAILAND'S PANDA FEVER**



## Name that panda

The Zoological Park Organization has announced a contest open to all people in Thailand to name the new baby cub. The lucky Thai winner will receive 1 million baht (\$29,000 US), a car, and a trip for their family to visit the pandas in China.

The Zoological Park Organization will pick the top four entries and allow the public to vote on the cub's final name.

For those of you who can't get enough of Panda Watching, the new arrival at Chiang Mai Zoo will soon be seen on MSN according to a Chiang Mai Zoo spokesman.

**Update:** The final four names have been chosen and they are: Ying Ying, Lin Ping, Thai-Jean and Khwan Thai. The winning name will be announced on August 12th, which is Mother's Day in Thailand.

## Suwit to ask if pandas can stay

*BangkokPost.com*  
June 3, 2009

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Suwit Khunkitti plans to visit Beijing soon to ask the Chinese government to extend the period the two giant pandas and their new cub can stay in Thailand.

Mr Suwit said on Wednesday the birth of the cub, the first in Thailand, had drawn great public interest.

He would visit China in the next month or so and negotiate for the establishment of a permanent panda research centre in Thailand, as the weather here is well-suited for giant pandas.

Chiang Mai Zoo will organize a birthday party in the traditional Lanna style when the baby panda is one month old, he said.

China lent Lin Hui, the mother of the cub, and Xuang Xuang to the country six years ago, and Lin Hui delivered her first cub on May 27 after artificial insemination. The loan period is ten years.

## Baby panda to be put on public display July 4-6

The veterinarian has cleared the way for the panda cub to be put on display for the first time starting on July 4th. The cub will be in a glass enclosure and will only be displayed two times a day for a three day period.

To date, even visitors to the Chiang Mai Zoo could only see the cub through monitors placed near the panda exhibit.

## NEWS FROM ATLANTA

### Renegotiation of the lease

The new lease between Zoo Atlanta and China will be for Lun Lun and Yang Yang, the parents of Xi Lan and Mei Lan. The new lease will not include the two cubs born in Atlanta. Mei Lan will be going back next year and her brother Xi Lan will go back when he is older.

### Female pandas can discern the love calls of different suitors

*June 17th, 2009 ICT by ANI*

Ben Charlton, a biologist at Zoo Atlanta, says that this finding attains significance by providing a better understanding of how females pick their mates might help zoos breed the notoriously picky and endangered animals.



Studies conducted in the past have shown that scent plays a critical role in female choice. However, Charlton says the male's bleat may also be involved in panda mating rituals, since males produce them far more frequently during breeding season, and females often respond back with chirps of their own.

See full story at:

[http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/female-pandas-can-discern-the-love-calls-of-different-suitors\\_100205897.html](http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/female-pandas-can-discern-the-love-calls-of-different-suitors_100205897.html)

## NEWS FROM THE PANDA CENTER

In order to monitor the pregnant females and their newborn cubs, Dr. Li requested video cameras in HD so that news outlets would also be able to use the footage.

A huge thank you goes to all our donors that helped make it possible for Board Member Sherry Loomis to make all the necessary arrangements in the purchase and delivery of the two cameras and a tripod.

Hopefully, we will have a lot to see when the birthing season starts.



### ***Work at the Panda Center***



*The caring staff of the Bifengxia Panda Base monitors a young cub's health.*



## Song Hye-Gyo named Panda Ambassador

*The World They Live In* actress, Song Hye-Gyo, has been named the first goodwill ambassador on behalf of pandas worldwide. Her position isn't solely dedicated to panda preservation, but also raising environmental awareness and promoting public interest. She was able to visit the panda reserve located in Sichuan, China, on June 4 and hold an 8 to 9 months old panda.

## NEW PARTNERS OF PANDAS INTERNATIONAL

### Panda Puzzle

The pandas have their own Apple application and with every download, Pandas International will get 49¢ so please check it out!

Here are some simple steps for buying **Panda Puzzle** (for iPhone 2G/3G and iPod touch):

1. Either in iTunes on your computer (in the iTunes Store) or the App Store on your device, search for "Panda Puzzle."
2. Click "Buy App" - the store will ask for your password, will charge you for the app, and will automatically download the app.
3. Panda Puzzle will be ready to play once the download is complete (if purchased on the device), otherwise you'll need to sync your phone / touch to see it.

That's it! This presumes that the purchaser has an account with iTunes...if not, it's very easy to set up from iTunes. They just need to provide basic name / address and credit card info and set up a user name and password for iTunes. More info at Apple's website: <http://www.apple.com/iphone/appstore/>

[Cars 4 Causes](#) allows you to donate a car that you no longer need with the proceeds coming to Pandas International.

[AffluentMagazine.com](#) has featured Pandas International under their Make a Difference page.

You can also become a Pandas International fan on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter!](#)

## A Note from a Member

Dear Pandas International:

Bethany, a 10-year old Montessori student from California, loves pandas and loves to contribute to the pandas. She absolutely loves animals and has two Burmese cats, Maya and Lila, and a dog, Dottie. She wants to be a dog trainer when she grows up.



JUST FOR FUN  
Panda Link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQmvkTHYqbc&eurl>

## MAKE EVERY PENNY COUNT

**Pennies 4 Pandas** is our new web based, child focused fundraising program to:

- Raise money to replant the bamboo destroyed in 2008 earthquake
- Teach children the rewards and value of philanthropic efforts
- Raise awareness of the pandas' plight
- Get community and school support
- Help Chinese farmers find employment making them more committed to the project. This will make the whole program more sustainable.
- Make more people aware of the efforts of Pandas International



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