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This Mother's Day, Celebrate All Mothers, especially your Mom and Mao Mao!

Mao Mao Memorial Tee

Mao Mao, the mother of 3 cubs — Wang Wang, Xi Dou, and Wen Yu — did not survive the devastating Earthquake of May 2008.

Please remember your mother and Mao Mao with the new Mao Mao Memorial T-Shirt.



You could also honor your mother or any mother with one of these special items, bid on eBay now for Mother's Day or plan ahead for Father's Day or as a special remembrance for yourself.



Shawn Shea's "Panda Pondering"

Bidding ends May 1st!

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Sandra Miller's "Into the Sun"

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Kami Brant's "Whimsical Panda"

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Glass Panda Pendant

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Hand Painted Bottle

Bidding ends May 2nd!

Donate in honor of your mother and Pandas International will send her a

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card acknowledging your gift.

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Hungry Pandas a Casualty of China's Quakes

*By Aileen McCabe, Canwest News Asia Correspondent,
Canwest News Service*

CHENGDU, China - When the devastating earthquake struck Sichuan province last May, the natural disaster that befell the region's best-known residents, the giant Pandas, paled next to the overwhelming scope of the human tragedy.

Only one panda was confirmed dead and one lost, but great swathes of mountains crumbled, taking with them the bamboo forests that pandas feed on, leaving the fuzzy animals without their primary source of nourishment.

Now, local Sichuan farmers are reporting pandas on their doorstep, begging for food. Experts say it has happened before, at the end of particularly bad winters, but never this early. The pandas are hungry and sick as a result of the earthquake and one died recently, despite the best efforts of veterinarians to save him.

Pandas typically eat 20 kilos of bamboo shoots and leaves a day. Even when the food is collected and fed to them, it takes them about 10 hours a day to dine, leaving them next to no time for any other activities, seeing as they routinely sleep about 12 hours each day.

For complete story go to:

<http://www.canada.com/technology/Hungry+pandas+casualty+China+quakes/1104813/story.html>

Pennies 4 Pandas is Coming Soon!



To mark the anniversary of the May 12th earthquake, we are launching a new fundraising program to address the dire need to replant the bamboo forests that were buried under massive rock and mudslides.

Through Pennies 4 Pandas, children and adults alike will have the opportunity to learn more about giant pandas and the Centers in China working to save them. It will also allow participants to discover the excitement of a philanthropic project.

So start saving your pennies now!

Breaking Ground on the New Panda Breeding Center in China

Associated Press • April 19, 2009

China will break ground on a new panda breeding center next month to replace a world-famous preserve badly damaged in last year's massive earthquake in southwestern Sichuan province, state media reported Sunday.

Most of the 63 pandas living there were relocated to zoos around the country. The Wolong preserve had been at the heart of China's gargantuan effort to use captive breeding and artificial insemination to save the endangered giant panda, which is revered as an unofficial national mascot.

Xinhua said the new center will be located in Huangcaoping, about 6.2 miles (10 kilometers) away from the former breeding base in the Wolong nature reserve.
"The pandas will be comfortable living here as it is not far from the former base," Huang was quoted as saying. "Safety is the priority."

For complete story go to: http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/news_content.php?id=924342&lang=eng_news

Update from Dr. Tang — Bifengxia Panda Center

March 18, 2009

Pandas International:

Just one day after getting back to Ya'an from Taiwan, Dr. Tang left again on the "Thanks Travel" action organized by Wolong Panda Center. Dr. Tang reports "We started from Chengdu, stopped by Wuhan, Nanjing, Shanghai, Beijing, Kunming, Guangzhou, and Fuzhou. Then on to Shengzhen Wildlife Park to check on all the pandas including No.1 (Yong Ba), I just see and make a normal checkup for all pandas inside and outside of Wolong."



The lucky 13 panda cubs born safely after their mums survived Chinese devastation

By Adam Lee Potter

Take the tots to a nursery and you know they'll have fun... especially with log ladders to climb and old tires to try out. And these pandas playing so happily in their special sanctuary have more to celebrate than most.

The lucky 13 were born to mother pandas evacuated to another part of China last year when an earthquake devastated their Sichuan Province home. It was feared the trauma would put the unborn cubs in peril. But all of them are thriving.

Reserve manager Huang Tan said: "They are now a real handful - incredibly fun-loving. It is almost as if they know they had a miraculous escape." When born last year the pandas were pink, blind and furless and weighed just 3.2oz to 4.6oz (90g to 130g). But with the help of some bottle-feeding they are now well on the way to becoming adult and have moved on to munching their favorite food... bamboo shoots.

The sanctuary is going to need a lot of that - pandas can chomp their way through 20-30lb (9-14kg) every DAY.

A Different Kind of Gold Rush for China

August 25, 2008

Three giant pandas have been born at the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre in Sichuan province in southwest China, bringing the total number of new arrivals of the endangered species this year to at least 19, state media reported.

Eight-year-old Chengji, whose name means "achievement" in Chinese, on Saturday gave birth to twins, the *Beijing Morning Post* said.

They were named Ying Ying and Nini, according to *scol.com.cn*, an official Sichuan news website.

Another 18-year-old panda gave birth to her 12th baby yesterday, the website reported.



British volunteer Matt Cornwall, 33, said: "I'm extremely lucky to be here with them. And all my friends want me to bring one home with me!"

[View photos of the cubs >>](#)

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Pandas Wang Wang and Fu Ni Soon to be Adelaide Zoo Starts

By Kate Kyriacou

<http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,25289637-5006301,00.html>

April 04, 2009

There's time to relax now, but soon enough Wang Wang and Fu Ni will be packing their bags for the 9000km journey to their new home in Adelaide.

These pictures, taken for the Sunday Mail on Friday, show the giant pandas lounging in their enclosure, munching on bamboo in Ya'an, in China's Sichuan province.

But come October, the pair will be settling into their new state-of-the-art enclosure at the Adelaide Zoo, where they will remain for the next 10 years.

"We're on target for their arrival around September and the exhibit opening later in the year."

It is hoped Wang Wang and Fu Ni will successfully breed and plans are already in place to provide for the immense amount of bamboo needed to feed them. Up to 40kg of bamboo will be needed on a daily basis for each panda, with 14 hectares at Bolivar being used to grow the plants.

The zoo is expecting the presence of the pandas to almost double the number of visitors each year.



[See a picture gallery of the lovable pandas destined for Adelaide >>](#)

For related story on Adelaide Zoo go to:

<http://www.californiachronicle.com/articles/yb/128393300>

No Baby for Ya Ya, the Memphis Zoo Panda

By [Linda Moore](#), *Memphis Commercial Appeal*
Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Ya Ya, the Memphis Zoo's female giant panda, is not expecting a baby.

While Ya Ya's hormone levels at first looked promising, an ultrasound performed on Tuesday showed the absence of a gestational sac. Ya Ya was artificially inseminated on Christmas after she and male companion Le Le failed to mate naturally.

If they can get and keep Ya Ya pregnant, the mortality rate for panda cubs is low. "With any animal, there are some risks. You hope the mother will take care of the offspring itself. That obviously takes care of a lot of problems that may occur," he said. "Once giant panda cubs are actually born, there's a very high survival rate."

For complete story go to: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2009/apr/08/no-baby-ya-ya/>

A Note from a Member

Dear Pandas International,

Back in March, I purchased a party kit for my daughter, Jenna's, 9th Birthday Party. We collected \$150! Here are the some pictures I took from her Panda themed party. One of their games was to create a panda inspired outfit with garbage bags, foil, construction paper, plastic table clothes, pipe cleaners, tape etc. There were two teams. Team A came up with Panda Woman - a Super Hero panda that was nicknamed Princess Panda and Team B came up with Space Panda.

Just wanted to share the great party with your organization and maybe encourage other people to have a party and help our beautiful pandas.

Thank you,

Lynne (Jenna's mother)



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