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## Summer, a time of births and birthdays

### San Diego Zoo's giant panda, Bai Yun, gives birth to a healthy cub

Just before 5 a.m. on August 5, 2009, Bai Yun gave birth to what the zoo's senior research technician Suzanne Hall called a "vigorous, squawking" cub. For about 24 hours prior to the birth, Bai Yun had been restless, alternating between sleep and bouts of nest-building, Hall wrote on the zoo's blog. The cub's gender is not yet known.

Bai Yun is described by zoo staff as an excellent, attentive mother; she's given birth to four other cubs (Hua Mei, Mei Sheng, Su Lin and Zhen Zhen) since arriving at the zoo as part of a scientific exchange with China in 1996.



*Bai Yun (seen here in an archived photo) is proving to be a great mother once again.*

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### Not to be forgotten, Zhen Zhen and Su Lin celebrate their birthdays at the San Diego Zoo

Giant pandas Zhen Zhen and Su Lin celebrated their birthdays at the San Diego Zoo Monday, August 3rd, with tiered ice cakes filled with their favorite treats -- apples, carrots and bamboo. Su Lin, who is Bai Yun's 3rd cub, turned four on August 2nd and Zhen Zhen, Bai Yun's 4th cub turned two on August 3rd.



### Other noteworthy birthday celebrations

**Happy Birthday to the “Happy Dragon,” Fu Long, of Vienna**



Europe’s first naturally conceived panda has turned two. The offspring of Yang Yang and Long Hui, on loan from the Wolong Panda Center, celebrated his birthday with a huge bamboo cake. Fu Long, which means “Happy Dragon,” will be leaving Vienna for China in November as stipulated in the loan agreement.

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**Le Le & Ying Ying of Hong Kong’s Ocean Park celebrate their 4th birthday**



Male panda Le Le and his female partner Ying Ying born only days apart, got a wonderful birthday surprise with a special Haagen Dazs ice cake. Both Le Le and Ying Ying were born at the Wolong Panda Base in 2005. They seemed to hit it off as cubs while growing up in Wolong and were sent together to Hong Kong in 2007.

### At the Panda Center

**You You and Cub**

**Other cubs at the center**



The new cub, born to You You, a panda at the Wolong Giant Panda Research Center in southwestern Sichuan, is the 10th born at the breeding facility this year.

On Friday, the hairless cub emerged, and its mother was shown licking it on footage broadcast by the state television channel.

Panda researchers said it was the first successful live birth worldwide using frozen panda sperm.

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### Tien Tien's Twins!

On August 7th at 11:27am, Tien Tien gave birth to a male cub with the second cub, a female, arriving just ten minutes later. All three pandas are doing well under the watchful staff at the Bifengxia Panda Center.

**Correction:** The Veterinarian identified in last month's newsletter is Dr. Wang and not Dr. Li.



*Hua Mei's cub*



*Gong Zhu's cub*



*Le Sheng's Cub*

## On to other panda news

### Thailand's Cub has officially been named Lin Ping

*Writer: BangkokPost.com* — A two-year-old Sakhon Nakhon girl has been declared the first prize winner in selecting the name Lin Ping for the Chiang Mai Zoo's baby panda.

Praifa Leehakhom, the first prize winner, will receive one million baht in prize money, a car

### HRH Princess Srirasmi and her son HRH Prince Dipangkorn Rasmijoti visit panda cub Lin Ping at Chiang Mai Zoo

Accompanied by 10 families of the prince's friends, the two went to the panda clinic and the prince jumped with joy when he spotted the cuddly cub inside a basket.



and a trip to China. A boy named Kris from Bangkok and a woman identified only as Mrs Kwanchit of Nakhon Sawan were declared winners of the second prize, 100,000 baht cash and a car.

Forty other winners of smaller prizes were also picked in the drawing of postcards which voted for the baby panda to be named Lin Ping. Lin Ping was born to two giant pandas Xuang Xuang and Lin Hui, which are on loan from China.



### **Wildlife enthusiasts in China will retrace the steps of the French zoologist who made giant pandas known to the West to mark the 140th anniversary of their 'discovery'**

Pere Jean Pierre Armand David, the French Catholic missionary, introduced the giant panda to the Western world after taking photographs of it in 1869 in Sichuan's Ya'an City.

"We hope to spread the knowledge of environmental protection and invite more people to join in protection of endangered giant pandas and other wild animals at large," said Yang Guang, the hike organizer.

As well as the hike, a festival of films featuring giant pandas and other wildlife will start in Ya'an on Wednesday to mark the 140th anniversary of their discovery by the outside world.

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The princess gently held the 6,035-gram cub in her arms, while the curious prince lightly patted the cub as suggested by the princess. The princess commented that the cub was very cute and it was a good opportunity for her to hold the cub.

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### **Panda Housing Crisis: Could building a den save a panda?**

*by Peter Aldhous*



Scientists have generally assumed that panda populations are limited mostly by the availability of bamboo, their favorite food. But new research by American and Chinese biologists indicates that a better panda housing market could help lift the black-and-white bears off the endangered species list.

Female pandas prefer to build dens in old, hollowed-out trees, but most old-growth vegetation has been cut down on panda preserves, leaving mothers to settle for caves when shopping for a home. But acceptable caves are also scarce and prone to flooding, and using extensive video surveillance, the researchers determined that a lack of living quarters hinders panda cub-raising enough to hinder panda population growth.

*(Source: New Scientist)*

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## **News from a Member**

Lynne Adelman of California delivered much

needed medical equipment and supplies provided by Nonin (pulse ox), Coviden (IV Cath), VPL (IV cath), Intervet/Schering (bandage material) and Jorgenson to the intensive care unit at the Panda Center. The veterinary staff and Pandas International would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Lynne.



Lynn Adelman at Bifengxia Panda Center with Mr. Wu Honglin and Huant Yan

## Pennies4Pandas goes global!

### Young Jamie is bearing up for the pandas

24 Jul 09 @ 09:37am by Alyce Valentine



*BLACK AND WHITE: Panda fan, seven-year-old Jamie Beckwith from Scarborough is surrounded by the bears.*

SCARBOROUGH, AUSTRALIA — MORE than 100 sets of panda eyes watch over Scarborough youngster Jamie Beckwith in his bedroom. His love for the endangered animal is obvious, but he has taken his passion further by fundraising for Pandas International.

At the age of seven, Jamie is the youngest child in Australia to be collecting for the Pennies 4 Pandas appeal and so far has raised almost \$1000. The money will help buy incubators and formula for baby pandas in China and replenish a bamboo plantation.

Jamie's mother Lisa Beckwith said his love for the animal started from the age of two, when he got his first toy panda. She said Humpybong State School, where Jamie is in year 2, has embraced his desire to help the pandas. He has been allowed to present his appeal to students and money collection boxes have been stationed in classrooms. Jamie hopes to become a veterinarian.

**A Huge Congrats to Jaime, a true Panda Protector!**

**Also looking to join our efforts and needing a little help from our friends...**

#### **Tried the New Endangered Wines?**

No? We need you to start asking your local wine retailer to carry the soon to be released Endangered Wines. Their Chilean Chardonnay combines white grape and melon flavors with a distinctive note of

roasted nuts and spices and features the Giant Panda on the label. Endangered Wines has committed to donate 20% of its profits to a select group of non profit organizations and Pandas International has been chosen to be one of four!



The sooner we get the wines in the stores, the sooner Endangered Wines can become a valuable partner with us in saving the Giant Panda. Many new product lines start with a single suggestion. So please, ask your local wine seller to consider carrying the Endangered Wine line.

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