

# Pandas International ANNUAL REPORT 2014



Pandas International

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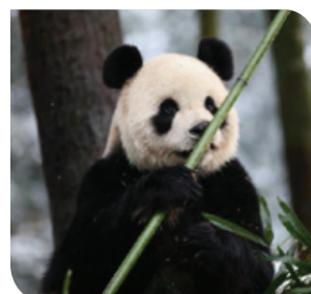
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## Mission Statement

The mission of Pandas International, a nonprofit organization, is to ensure the preservation and propagation of the endangered Giant Panda. Pandas International provides public awareness and education, support for research, habitat preservation and enhancement, and assistance to Giant Panda Centers.



Pandas International is a non-profit organization devoted to Saving the Giant Panda. The Giant Panda is one of the most endangered species in the world. A new ten year survey recently released puts the estimate of wild pandas at 1,864. There is another approximately 400 in captivity, so there are less than 2,300 on the planet. Their survival is still in extreme peril.

Donations raised are used for medical equipment, veterinary supplies, and the basic needs of veterinarians and hospitals at the Panda Reserves in southern China. Research, breeding programs, and educational programs to support increased awareness of the plight of the Panda are also supported by Pandas International. All donations are tax-exempt.

In addition to breeding and caring for captive pandas, the panda centers provide medical care for wild pandas, which are severely injured or sick. Many of the wild pandas come to the centers in critical condition. It is necessary to diagnose medical problems with state of the art medical equipment.

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## Pandas International's Accomplishments in 2014

### Program Support for the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda (CCRCGP)

Direct Support of the Panda Reserves (CCRCGP) three panda centers;

- Wolong Nature Reserve Wenchuan, Gengda Base, Sichuan Province P.R. 623006 China
- Bifengxia Nature Reserve Yucheng District, Ya'An City, Sichuan Province 625000 China
- Dujiangyan Center for Disease Control, Dujiangyan, Sichuan Province 625000 China

Pandas International Provided

- Adoption Fees to help provide for the care and daily needs of the pandas
- Esbilac Milk Formula for cubs to thrive- 100 bags (2204 pounds)
- Enrichment to stimulate their environment
- Hormonal Reagents and Assays for reproduction
- Radio Collars for the Reintroduction Program to ensure a strong gene pool in the wild pandas
- Genetic and Molecular Research by Dr. Wang Chengdong
- Staff Training in the labs at Dujiangyan and equipment for the new labs
- Staff Support and appreciation for the care of all the pandas
- Veterinary Equipment and Supplies
- Worming Medications to prevent parasites from harming the pandas



### 2014 China

Construction of the new road to the Wolong Panda Center was underway all year. The highway is scheduled to be completed in 2016, at which time the Panda Center will reopen. Pandas are gradually being moved to the new center at Gengda. The new enclosures are providing a wonderful environment for the pandas and will for future tourists.



## Education Program



Educating students and adults on the endangered status of the Giant Pandas continued through 2014 as an important part of our mission. We received letters from students and helped many students with reports on Giant Pandas. Pandas International distributed education kits to classrooms across the U.S. plus many foreign countries.

Pandas International continually works to inform and educate others regarding the Giant Pandas. We feel children are the best ambassadors for the Giant Pandas and frequently can get the entire family involved. The more children take an interest in endangered species preservation, specifically Giant Pandas, the more likely they will care about them as adults and continue donating to help them thrive and survive.

We continued our Pennies4Pandas program to encourage students to be Panda Protectors. We want to thank all those who participated in this fun program that is growing rapidly in popularity.

New this past year, we conducted several Skype sessions with a variety of schools around the country. This allowed the students to ask questions freely as they thought of them and to learn more about the Giant Pandas than they would have if we had conducted a phone interview or e-mail session. This also allows for schools who are not located near us to have the ability to chat with panda experts.



## Financial Statement

### Income

|                        |           |                   |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Panda Adoptions        | \$ 88,345 | Corporate Support | \$ 4,593  |
| Donations              | \$ 94,484 | Events            | \$ 21,200 |
| Merchandise            | \$ 21,796 | Pennies4Pandas    | \$ 2,583  |
| Wills, Estate Benefits | \$ 10,000 |                   |           |

**Total Income/Revenue (as reported on 990) \$ 243,001**

### Expenses

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|--|-------------------|
| <b>Total Program service expenses*</b>                     | <b>\$ 152,751</b> |
| Administration (Management and general) Expenditures       | \$ 18,650         |
| Fundraising Expenditures                                   | \$ 37,708         |
| <b>Total Administration &amp; Fundraising Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 56,358</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                      | <b>\$ 290,109</b> |
| Net assets/fund balances at end of year                    | \$ 95,605**       |

\* Program Expenses include: Medical & Direct Support of the Panda Reserves, the Education Programs and Wages for Program Services

\*\* Restricted funds for program expenses in 1st half of 2015

Financial Statement audited by Haynie & Company, Certified Public Accountants

## Adoption Program

Donations from panda adoptions provides direct funds for the ongoing care of the Giant Pandas at the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda, Sichuan Province, China. Adoptions through Pandas International are worldwide including the USA, Australia, Canada, China, France, Malaysia, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.



## Summary from the Director, Suzanne Braden, Director of Pandas International

As the volunteer director of Pandas International it is always a challenge to raise the funds necessary to keep the pandas we all love safe, healthy and full. Esbilac formula for the cubs and bamboo are always annual priorities. Healthy pandas need vaccines, and anti-parasitic medication to keep them healthy. Sick pandas need state of the art medical equipment for fast and reliable diagnosis of their condition. All pandas need caring keepers and vets to take care of them and love them.

Every year Pandas International makes enormous strides toward bringing quality medical care to every Giant Panda. 2014 saw the Historic first known set of panda triplets to survive, two boys and one girl. Kuku (cool), Shuaishuai (handsome), and Mengmeng (cute) are all thriving with their mother, Ju Xiao at the Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou, China.

Unfortunately, 2014 ended on a very sad note, for all panda lovers. A distemper outbreak occurred at the Shaanxi Rare Wildlife Rescue and Breeding Research Center in Shaanxi province. Canine distemper virus affects dogs and other animals related to dogs, but the virus also affects several other species including giant pandas.

While there are different kinds of distemper vaccines, the recombinant vaccine is considered the safest for pandas and other exotic (non-domestic) animals as it contains only the part of the virus that stimulates the immune system. Therefore there is no chance that the pandas can develop the disease as they might with a modified live virus vaccine that has been made specifically for dogs. Also, there are no added immune enhancers (adjuvants) that might

increase the chance of a reaction to the vaccine. It is important to remember that each species responds differently to a given vaccine.

Canine distemper is a contagious and serious viral illness with no known cure. The virus, which is spread through the air and by direct or indirect (i.e. utensils, bedding) contact with an infected animal, initially attacks lymph nodes and replicates itself there for about one week. It then attacks the respiratory, urogenital, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems. Infected animals usually have symptoms including high fever, eye inflammation, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy.

The recombinant vaccine was not available from the manufacture for all of 2014, but as soon as it was made available in 2015, Pandas International sent 600 doses to various panda centers in China. One panda died in December 2014 and four more have died so far in 2015. As we bid a sad farewell to Feng Feng, Cheng Cheng, Da Bao, Xin Xin and Long Long, Pandas International will focus on, not only getting more vaccines to the pandas, but helping with research on distemper in pandas and which vaccines work the best and the correct dosage level.

Moving forward into 2015, there will undoubtedly be more hurdles to overcome in care, staffing, training, infrastructure, and fundraising. Pandas International will strive to fill all the needs of the pandas we possibly can.

To our extraordinary supporters and friends, THANK YOU for your continued support. Please continue to help Pandas International with essentials moving through 2015.