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### Panda Pals

A zoo is home to many different animals and every now and then they get the joy of introducing baby animals to the community.

Recently, the Knoxville Zoo became home to three baby red pandas. Knoxville Zoo's three red panda cubs are now on exhibit in The Boyd Family Red Panda Village nursery. Knoxville Zoo ranks as one of the top two zoos in the world for the breeding of endangered red pandas, and the new arrivals bring the total number of red panda cubs born in Knoxville to 102.

The exhibit is open in the Knoxville Zoo daily from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. for the viewing of the three cubs. The cubs can also be viewed on the Knoxville Zoo's website from your home. Knoxnew.com has made a webcam available in the red panda cubs exhibit so that fans can keep tabs on them any time they want to.

The two female cubs were born on June 6, 2011, to mother Kumari and father Madan. On June 20, 2011, the male cub was born to mother Akkali and father Chewbacca.

Zoo staff christened the male cub Winston. The female cubs are named Bernadette, in honor of Bern Tryon, the zoo's long-time director of herpetology who passed away in May, and Dolly, in honor of Sevier County native and country music legend Dolly Parton.

Red pandas are endangered primarily due to destruction of their native habitat, which extends from western Nepal to northern Myanmar. The zoo's newest red panda additions are very important genetically to the red panda population.

The Knoxville Zoo is open 364 days of the year from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Knoxville Zoo is closed Christmas Day, December 25. Admission and ticket sales stop one-hour before the zoo closes. It is located at 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive in Knoxville, TN.

For more information about the new panda cubs, you can visit <http://knoxville-zoo.org>.



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