

Edmonton Valley Zoo welcomes a trio of red pandas

It's a boy! And another boy! And a girl!

The Edmonton ValleyZoo is excited to announce the birth of three red pandas. The cubs have been cared for by their attentive parents in the nest box but have all recently ventured out into their new home and are now on display for public viewing.

Tango, a male, was born to parents Rina and Kalden at the zoo on July 30. Unnamed boy and girl twins were born to parents Pip and Kalden at the zoo on August 23. All of the cubs are thriving and getting more and more active each day.

Media are invited to meet the new red pandas, take some photos, and talk to a member of the animal care team.

Date:	Monday, December 14, 2015
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Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Edmonton Valley Zoo (13315 Buena Vista Road) Please meet near Guest Services in the Entry Plaza

Tango was named by Rowen, Janaya, and Alexa Myashita, who submitted the name as part of the Edmonton Valley Zoo's red panda naming contest in the fall. The zoo raised \$532.10 for United Way and the Red Panda Network, which is committed to the protection of wild red pandas and their habitat.

Red pandas are arboreal mammals native to Asia. They are an endangered species with an estimated population of fewer than 10,000 adults left in the wild. As an accredited zoo, the Edmonton Valley Zoo is proud to be an active partner in a worldwide conservation effort to preserve red pandas. The Species Survival Plan (SSP) cooperatively managed by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

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