

Meet Woodland Park Zoo's new red panda!

WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo is excited to welcome red panda, Carson, to the zoo. Carson was born at Lincoln Children's Zoo (Lincoln, Neb.) in July 2014 and was named after the famous television host Johnny Carson. He arrived at Woodland Park Zoo in late February and is now on exhibit in the zoo's Wildlife Survival Zone; he is the only red panda on exhibit.



Currently, the zoo's other male red panda, Yukiko, and Stellar, the zoo's female red panda, live off exhibit where the two can spend time together through the breeding season and beyond.

Carson is quite a bit younger than the zoo's other red pandas and is very active during the day; he's been observed climbing the trees of his exhibit and occasionally chasing squirrels. Press is invited to catch a glimpse of Carson in his new home **Thursday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m.**

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WHERE: Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Penguin Lot at N. 55th St. & Phinney Ave. N. or Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

INFO: [Red pandas](#) share the name of giant pandas, but more closely resemble raccoons. While scientists still debate which family red pandas belong to—raccoons or giant pandas—recent studies suggest that they are equally related to three different groups of animals that include skunks, weasels and raccoons.

In the wild, fewer than 10,000 red pandas remain in their native habitat of bamboo forests in China, the Himalayas and Myanmar, and share part of their range with giant pandas. Their numbers are declining due to deforestation, increased agriculture and cattle grazing, and continuing pressure from growing local populations.

Woodland Park Zoo supports the [Red Panda Network](#), whose multi-prong approach aims to conserve this flagship species in Nepal. To help support the project, adopt a red panda through the zoo's ZooParent Adoption Program:
www.zoo.org/support/zooparent/redpanda.

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