

Meet Tián and Zan! Zoo's red panda cubs just got their names



The poll results are in! The people have spoken, and one of Woodland Park Zoo's twin red panda cubs now has a name: **Tián** (TEA-en), meaning "sweet" in Mandarin. His twin brother is named **Zan** (rhymes with van), meaning help and support.

Both names are Mandarin, a nod to the species' native land in China. Red pandas are found in the southern Himalayan foothills, from India to China and as far south as Myanmar.

The darling twin boys were born May 25 to mom Hazel and dad Yukiko. Even though they're twins, they're actually pretty easy to tell apart: Zan has much lighter fur than Tián. At birth, the brothers only weighed 6 ounces each — about the size of a stick of butter! Now, the healthy and happy youngsters weigh 3 pounds each.

"Zan is starting to get very curious about the world outside of his den box and can often be found at the entrance peering out," said Woodland Park Zoo animal keeper Jamie Delk. "Tián is a bit more shy, but very much into his brother — he loves to play with him when he is not sleeping."

Tián's name was decided by the community in an online naming poll, and Zan's name was selected by Pamela Foster, a longtime supporter of the zoo.

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