

Red panda cubs getting cuter by the day: Support their care and your zoo on All for Animals Giving Day

SEATTLE—Today, Oct. 7, is [All for Animals Giving Day](#) to fund Woodland Park Zoo. The zoo's 4-month-old red panda cubs are among the nearly 1,000 animals that receive exemplary care from expert staff each and every day. As a nonprofit organization, the zoo relies on the community it serves to support the care of the animals that call the zoo home, as well as conservation work that protects endangered species in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.



The two fluffy cubs are getting cuter by the day! The twins, male cub Zan and female cub Tián were born in May to mom Hazel and dad Yukiko. Initially, the cubs were thought to be both males, but at a later exam, it was determined that Tián is actually a female cub! At birth, the adorable puffballs weighed only about as much as a stick of butter, but they now weigh 6½ pounds each. The cubs will be ready for their public debut soon, possibly at the end of the month.

Both Zan and Tián are playful, curious and love to investigate their surroundings. The twins are now eating the same diet as the adult red pandas: They love eating apples, grapes and fresh bamboo. They are also fed special biscuits that have balanced nutrition for leaf-eating mammals.

Red pandas may look like raccoons or even a little like giant pandas, but they are actually in a family of their own. Largely solitary, they spend much of their time in trees, napping in nests that they build on evergreen branches. Fully grown red pandas range from 8 to 14 pounds, about the weight of a house cat.

An endangered species, 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. Population numbers continue to decline due to deforestation, increased agriculture and cattle grazing, and continuing pressure from growing local populations. Additionally, red pandas are often poached for their unique pelts. Woodland Park Zoo supports the [Red Panda Network](#), whose multi-prong approach aims to conserve this flagship species in Nepal.

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Woodland Park Zoo manages the largest number of live animals in Washington state. Like the zoo's five red pandas, each of the nearly 1,000 animals that call Woodland Park Zoo home receive exceptional care from the zoo's expert staff. Every day, animal keepers, veterinary staff, behavioral experts, and welfare specialists carry out science-based wellness plans that cater to the unique nutritional, health, environmental and social needs of 250 species across every stage of life. Visit givingday.zoo.org on October 7 for **All for Animals Giving Day** and support your zoo.

Woodland Park Zoo is open—visit now! Go to <https://www.zoo.org/visit> to purchase timed-entry tickets.

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