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RED PANDA CUB CAM LIVE AT THE VIRGINIA ZOO

NORFOLK, Va. – Female red panda cubs at the Virginia Zoo received a checkup today and now have a live video feed on the Zoo's website.

Born June 19, 2014, to mother Bernadette and father Oscar, the pair of red panda cubs have yet to venture out of their nest box alone, but Bernadette does occasionally carry one of them around the habitat for a tour by the scruff of the neck. The public can now see the cubs in their nest behind-the-scenes, however, through the Zoo's cub cam at <http://virginiazoo.org/animals-plants/animals/mammals/animal-cams/>.

"We've just installed a wireless network across the Zoo, so we'll be adding other webcam feeds, allowing people to see more of the animals that don't currently inhabit areas viewable by visitors," said Greg Bockheim, the Zoo's executive director. "What we need right now, though, are names for the girls!"

People can suggest a name for one of the red panda cubs by visiting virginiazoo.org and clicking on the "Red Panda-Namium" link by Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. The top five names will be voted on by Zoo staff. The individuals submitting the winning names will win a \$200 Zoo gift shop shopping spree -- if more than one individual submitted the winning names, the winners will be selected at random.

"They are growing very well," said Dr. Amanda Guthrie, the Zoo's veterinarian, about the cubs. She noted that one weighed in at 850 grams and the other was 400 grams, adding that it is not unusual for cubs to grow at different rates, as long as they are active and growing, and that the pair are both feisty and active.

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RED PANDA CUB CAM, 2 OF 3



Dr. Amanda Guthrie greets the larger of two female red panda cubs prior to a checkup at the Virginia Zoo's Trail of the Tiger exhibit Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson).



Two female red panda cubs curled up in buckets used to carry them down from their nest box prior to a checkup at the Virginia Zoo's Trail of the Tiger exhibit Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson).

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RED PANDA CUB CAM, 3 OF 3



Dr. Amanda Guthrie examines the smaller of two female red panda cubs during a checkup at the Virginia Zoo's Trail of the Tiger exhibit Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson).

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As an accredited Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facility, the Virginia Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals on 53 beautifully landscaped acres. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to education and conservation, and offered a fun-filled day for visitors of any age. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 62 and over) and \$9 for children ages 2-11. Children under 2 admitted free! Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.