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RED PANDA-NAMIUM RESULTS

NORFOLK, Va. – The votes are in, and the Virginia Zoo’s two female red panda cubs are named Ginger and Cinnamon.

Born June 19, 2014, to mother Bernadette and father Oscar, the pair of red panda cubs are just starting to venture out of their nest box. The public can still see the cubs in their nest behind-the-scenes through the Zoo’s cub cam at <http://virginiazoo.org/animals-plants/animals/mammals/animal-cams/>.

“They’re both pretty active and a bit on the spicy side, so Ginger and Cinnamon are perfect names for the cubs,” said Greg Bockheim, the Zoo’s executive director. “We hope the cubs will inspire people to learn more about these fascinating creatures and the challenges they face in the wild.”

People suggested names for the cubs online and the top names were voted on by Zoo staff. Winners of a \$200 Zoo gift shop shopping spree will be randomly selected from the individuals who submitted the winning names.

Through Oct. 31, Zoo fans can adopt the red pandas – or other Zoo animals – at a \$5 discount for Zoodoptions of \$35 or more, contributing toward their care and feeding for a year, by using discount code PANDA14 at <http://virginiazoo.org/get-involved/support-the-zoo/zoodoptions-2/>.

Red pandas are small tree-dwelling animals native to the eastern Himalayas and southwestern China. Slightly larger than a domestic cat and with markings similar to a raccoon, red pandas have soft, dense reddish-brown and white fur that covers their entire body.

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Red Panda mother Bernadette (left) with Ginger, the larger of two female red panda cubs at the Virginia Zoo, seen through the Zoo's Red Panda Cub Cam -- <http://virginiazoo.org/animals-plants/animals/mammals/animal-cams/> -- Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014 (Virginia Zoo photo).

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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.