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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO WELCOMES MANY NEW ADDITIONS

Fresno, CA – Although spring has come to an end, life for many animals at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo is just beginning! Zoo staff are excited to announce the recent birth of six red wolf pups, four warthog piglets and two red-ruffed lemurs!

The red wolf pups – three males and three females - were born on May 2, 2016, followed by four warthog piglets – two males and two females – on May 5. Finally, on May 12, two red-ruffed lemurs were born.

This is the first birth for red wolf mother, Azalea, who came to Fresno from Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in 2015. Red wolf father, Lincoln, came to Fresno in 2013 from the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. This is the second litter of pups for Lincoln; he first became a father in 2014 to three pups which have since then been relocated to Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.

Warthog parents Zuko and Zara welcomed their second litter of piglets together, their first litter was born in May 2014. The latest litter piglets are not on exhibit just yet; guests can expect to see them in the upcoming weeks.

This is the fifth birth for the red-ruffed lemur duo – both mom and dad came to Fresno in 2002. The newborn lemurs (genders have yet to be determined) are not currently on exhibit yet.

“We are thrilled about the recent births at the Zoo,” said Lyn Myers, general curator at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. “Red-ruffed lemurs are an endangered species, and red wolves are actually considered to be one of the most endangered animals in the world. So, it’s wonderful that Fresno Chaffee Zoo is able to have an active role in the conservation of these species.”

Fresno Chaffee Zoo is currently open from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday (subject to change without prior notice). Thanksgiving (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) and Christmas Day (closed). Visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.org for current hours. General admission during regular Zoo hours is \$10 for adults and \$5.50 for children 2-11 & seniors 62+. Children under 2 and Fresno Chaffee Zoo members are free. Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation. The Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

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