



## Pandas International November 2007 Newsletter

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### Cub Count — Panda Cubs of 2007

*(information not final)*

Birth Date	Birth Place	Mother	Sex	Birth Weight	Official Name
February 23	Wolong	Ji Ni (First time at the age of 13)	Female		Qian Qian
June 30	Chengdu	A 21-year-old	Female		
July 5	Chengdu	Shu Qing (8 years old)	Twins: Male Female	146.5 grams 129 grams	
July 16	Wolong	Hua Mei	Twins	161 grams 129 grams	
July 23	Chengdu	Chengji (7 -year-old mother)	Twins: Male Female	200 grams 176 grams	
July 23	Chengdu	Shu Qing	Twins: Male Female	146. grams 129 grams	
August 3	San Diego	Bai Yun	Female		
August 6	Bifengxia (part of Wolong Center)	Jin Zhu	Twin Females <b>(2nd twin is the 100th cub to survive under the Wolong program)</b>	190 grams 70 grams	
August 7	Wolong	Hai Zi	Twins (only one survived)		
August 12	Oji Zoo Japan	Shuang Shuang	Did not survive		
August 14	Chengdu	Er Ya Tou	Twins Two Females	218.5 grams 98.5 grams	
August 14	Chengdu	Jiaozi (12 years old)	Twins: Male Female		

August 18	Wolong	Gong Zhu	Twins: Males	168 grams 179 grams	
August 23	Schoenbrunn Zoo, Vienna, Austria	Yang Yang (first time mother)	Twins (only one survived)	3.5 ounces 3.9 inches	
August 24	Wolong	Long Xin	Twins		
September 14	Wolong	Ye Ye	Twins		



Suzanne Braden with Qing Qing, first cub of 2007, in July 2007.



Breeding pens at Wolong

## Major Milestone in Panda Breeding at Wolong the 100th Cub to Survive! Jin Zhu Gave Birth to a Pair of Twins – Second Born is the 100th Cub

SOURCE: WOLONG PANDA CLUB & XINHUA NEWS SERVICE



On August 6, 2007, after a gestational term of 142 days, the giant panda Jin Zhu gave birth to a pair of female twins at the Bifengxia Base of China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda which is part of the Wolong Center. Jin Zhu was born 1996 at Wolong and mated with the giant panda Yuan Yuan from Beijing Zoo.

At 2:00 am she began to perform prenatal behavior and gave birth to the first cub at 3:14, the second one at 4:13 am. The first one weighed 190 gram and the second one 70 gram. The researchers left the first one with her to look after and took the second one to nursery. This is the first time for Jin Zhu to give birth.

Following the birth Jin Zhu experienced serious hemorrhaging. Dr. Tang reports that she is doing fine now.

Jin Zhu is currently feeding one cub while the other is in an incubator in the nursery and will be bottle feed formula. The cubs will be exchanged so both



Jin Zhu had been classified as a male after her birth on Aug. 12, 1996 due to "inconspicuous secondary sex characteristic and behavior," said Wei Rongping, assistant director of the research center for Wolong Giant Pandas Nature Reserve. It wasn't until 2005 that scientists carried out an endoscopic examination and found that Jin Zhu's ovaries were positioned in the wrong place. After a two-hour operation, the panda became a "normal girl," said the scientists.



Most female giant pandas become mothers at five or six years old, but Jin Zhu showed little sexual impulse even when she was eight, Wei said. Experts sent Jin Zhu's blood sample to West

China Medical University in Sichuan and the lab test indicated that Jin Zhu has normal chromosome.

In March 2007, Jin Zhu successfully mated with a male and gave birth.

The second twin is the 100th panda cub to survive under excellent Wolong breeding program and the first birth to the

spend time with the mother. Incubators were shipped to Bifengxia in June by Pandas International, just in time for the birth.



Bifengxia Base.

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## Hua Mei Gives Birth to Her Third Pair of Twins

SOURCE – WOLONG PANDA CLUB



On July 16, 2007, the giant panda Hua Mei born in the US at the San Diego zoo gave birth to a pair of twins, which was the second birth of the giant pandas at the Wolong Research Center this year.

At 6:24 am the first cub was born. This experienced mother picked up her baby and hugged it in her arms, and licked it softly. Soon, the baby fell asleep. At 9:18 am Hua Mei gave birth to the second baby. Hua Mei tried to hug them both in her arms, but it was too difficult for her. The worker took her second baby to the nursery. The physical examination showed that the second baby a female is in good health, weighed 161grams.

Hua Mei was the first panda born abroad and then returned to Wolong. She was born in the San Diego Zoo, on August 21, 1999; and returned to the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda on March 13, 2004. She gave birth to a pair of twin in September 1, 2004, one of which is the famous panda Tuan Tuan. On August 29, 2005, she gave birth to a pair of twins again. She did not rut in 2006. At the end of February 2007, she rutted and then mated with the giant panda Lu Lu on March 9 and the giant panda Qing Qing, plus received one artificial insemination. In the beginning of July, she began to decrease food in take and on July 16, gave birth to her third pair of twins.

During the four years in China, Hua Mei has given birth to 3 pairs of twins, and brings us a great surprise, and witness the good cooperation between China and US.

## First Panda Born in Europe in 25 Years

SOURCES – REUTERS/ZOO VIENNA/HANDOUT + SINA-ENGLISH + WOLONG PANDA CLUB



A giant panda on loan from China gave her Austrian zookeepers a surprise on August 23rd, the first panda cub born in Europe in 25 years. Caretakers at the Tiergarten Schoenbrunn Zoo in Vienna detected the cub on a surveillance camera after hearing little squeals coming from an enclosed compound where the mother, Yang Yang, had retreated. Zookeepers had not been certain Yang Yang was pregnant.

A photograph released by the zoo showed Yang Yang, a first-time mother, holding the tiny creature in her mouth and looking up toward the camera. Zookeepers estimated the cub weighs 3.5 ounces and measures 3.9 inches.

" 'Yang Yang' means sunshine, and that's what she is," zoo director Dagmar Schratte told reporters with a broad smile outside the panda enclosure. The last time pandas were born in Europe was in Madrid in 1982, the zoo said on its Web site.

Mother and cub will remain in the enclosed area for the next two to three months. The cub, whose name will be picked by the Chinese, will likely start crawling in about four months and will probably make its public debut around that time, Schratte said.

The cub was born 127 days after Yang Yang mated with the male panda Long Hui, the zoo said. Schratte said an

## Four giant panda cubs born in one day at Chengdu

SOURCE – XINHUA NEWS SERVICE

Fourteen-year-old Eryatou delivered a female cub weighing 218.5 grams at about 7 pm at the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Center, Sichuan Province in southwest China. The arrival of a second female cub, weighing just 98.5 grams, at around 11 pm took the breeders by surprise.

Eryatou has been able to feed both cubs so far, a very rare feat given that most pandas are only able to care for one cub at a time. In the wild, only the stronger cub survives. For twins raised in captivity, the breeders place one twin with the mother while caring for the other in the nursery, then exchanging the two. Each of the twins has time with the mother to ensure both receive sufficient milk.

A male and a female were also born earlier on Monday in the same breeding center, the fifth delivery for 12-year-old Jiaozi since 2001. It was a very busy day at Chengdu.

ultrasound had not shown any signs of the pregnancy but caretakers became suspicious a few days ago when 7-year-old Yang Yang started taking material into the area where she delivered her cub Thursday.

Schratter said the pregnancy occurred naturally. Female pandas often are artificially inseminated after they mate to raise the chances of a pregnancy, said Regina Pfistermueller, a zoologist who co-wrote a book about pandas with Schratter. "We decided to pass on that step," Pfistermueller said.

Cubs are vulnerable at birth, with about a 60 percent survival rate in the first year, Schratter said. She noted it was a good sign that Yang Yang had accepted her offspring, but the zoo had an incubator and artificial milk ready just in case.

" This is a good omen, also for the Olympic Games 2008," said Lu Yonghua, China's ambassador to Austria, who went to the zoo to offer his congratulations.

The Tiergarten Schoenbrunn zoo is holding a naming contest for the Panda Baby. There are four names to choose from: **Hua Shan**- This is a name of Chinese mountain, which is one of the most famous Chinese mountains. It means the males fortitude.

**Mei Le** - This name means the beautiful music of the Vienna. **Zhu Wa** - This cub was born in the year of pig. And the same time, the giant panda mainly eats bamboo. In Chinese, the Characters of bamboo and Pig have the same pronunciation. That is zhu. So this name is the one name with two meanings. **Fu Long** - In Chinese fairy story, it means the dragon, which will bring people the happy ending.

**Holidays are close!  
It is time to get  
your holiday cards!**



## Gong Zhu Gave Birth to a Pair of Twin Pandas

SOURCE – WOLONG PANDA CLUB

On August 18, 2007, the giant panda Gong Zhu gave birth to a pair of twin pandas. It was the fifth birth for her.

The twin's birth, both males, made Gong Zhu very tired so the researchers took the two cubs to the nursery. The first one weighed 168.00 grams, the second one 179.20 grams. After examining the two cubs, the researchers returned the second cub to Gong Zhu.

In 2003, she gave birth to the twin pandas Ge Ge and Jun Zhu. In 2004 a single birth of Ya Ao. In 2005, she had Lily and Billy, in 2006, Mike and this year, a pair of twin boys.



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