

## **Four Little Piggies**

### **Sacramento Zoo Welcomes Four Newborn Red River Hogs**

Mid-afternoon on April 3, 2016 the Sacramento Zoo's adult pair of Red River Hogs welcomed two female hoglets and two male hoglets, each weighing between 2 and 2.5 pounds. The Red River Hog family will be off-exhibit for the first week while the family bonds, after which the youngsters will be ready to navigate their exhibit. Inspired by Star Wars, zookeepers have named the two males Poe and Kylo, and the females have been named Finn and Rey.

When fully grown, the hogs will weigh between 120 and 250 pounds and reach three to five feet in length. Until about three months of age, hoglets are brown with yellowish stripes. This coloring serves as effective camouflage in the wild. Adult Red River Hogs are best known for their long ears with hair tufts and reddish-brown fur. Native to the dense tropical forests of Central to West Africa, localized Red River Hog populations are in decline due to subsistence hunting for food, being killed as agricultural pests, and the commercial bushmeat trade. The Sacramento Zoo's participation in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Red River Hog SSP program contributes directly to the species' long-term survival.



Four Red River Hoglets were born at the Sacramento Zoo

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Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to more than 500 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of more than 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the Zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. Daily admission is 9 am to 4 pm, Zoo grounds are open until 5 pm. General admission is \$11.75; children ages 2-11 are \$7.75 and one and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus #6. For information, call 916.808.5888 or visit [saczo.org](http://saczo.org).

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