

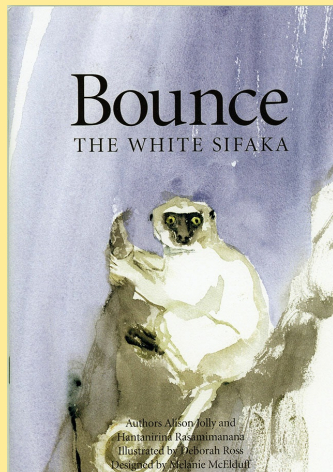


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Emilia and her infant

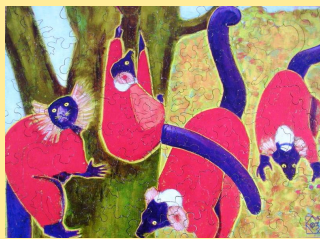
TWO MONGOOSE INFANTS BORN AT LCF!

Emilia, one of our female mongoose lemurs, gave birth on July 22, 2013. Her infant is growing up so fast! The baby is moving around, exploring and even trying to eat adult food! Emilia is an extremely caring and loving mother and is helping her baby develop into a smart and agile lemur.


Mongoose lemurs begin breeding season in October and peak breeding season is between November and February. Females usually give birth between March and June, so Emilia's baby was born pretty late in the birthing season! Mongoose lemurs can give birth to one or two infants, which usually weigh between 55 and 60 grams.



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Silvio on his birthday!



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While every lemur birth is important, the birth of 2 mongoose lemur infants this year on the reserve has great conservation significance. Silvio, a male mongoose infant born on March 24, and Emilia's infant were 2 of only 3 surviving mongoose lemur infants born in the United States this year at Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) institutions. The female that gave birth to the third infant born this year is one of LCF's lemurs that was sent to another institution for breeding purposes. It is incredibly rewarding to work with these amazing animals everyday, but even more rewarding to know that the work of LCF is making a strong contribution to the conservation of some of the world's most endangered animals.

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RESEARCH PRESENCE IMPROVES CONSERVATION OUTCOMES

Here is a shout out to our colleagues in the field! A study suggests that the presence of field researchers might contribute directly to the protection of wild lemurs in threatened habitats. William F. Laurance of the Centre for Tropical Environmental and Sustainability Science and School of Marine and Tropical Biology, James Cook University, Cairns, QLD 4878, Australia takes on the topic:

'Although many protected areas are a focus for scientific research, they also face growing threats from illegal encroachment and over-harvesting. Does the presence of field researchers help to limit such threats?

Although evidence is largely anecdotal, researchers do appear to provide some protective effects, both actively (such as by deterring poachers) and passively (such as by benefiting local communities



economically and thereby generating support for protected areas). However, much remains unknown about the generality and impacts of such benefits. A key priority is to develop a better understanding of the advantages and limitations of field research for aiding protected areas and their biodiversity.'

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Claire and Oliver

CLAIRE

LCF is sad to report that 21 year old Claire, one of our beloved collared lemurs, passed away on 26 September from complications arising from liver cancer. Claire came to LCF from Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo in 2008 and was successfully paired with her mate Antoine. While at LCF Claire and Antoine produced two offspring. Oliver was born in 2010 and Remy was born in 2012.

Claire was a mild mannered yet determined lemur who effectively led her group until her passing. Her personality also made her a favorite of the staff and volunteers. Claire's extraordinary survival with cancer for over a year and a half is not only a testament to her strong will but also of the staff's dedication to her care and well-being.

Claire was special to LCF and she was increasingly important to the future of her species. According to Kris Becker, the Studbook Keeper (official record keeper) for collared lemurs, Claire gave birth to two of only six surviving collared lemur infants born in the United States since 2010. She is one of only two females that successfully reproduced in the last three years from a total population of nine fertile females.

Although Claire is no longer with us her important contributions to the survival of her species will live on through Oliver, Remy, and their future offspring. We will miss you Claire Bear!



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