

LEMUR
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BABIES! BABIES! BABIES!

What is the Malagasy word for *baby*? (answer at end of email)





Meet the Newest Additions

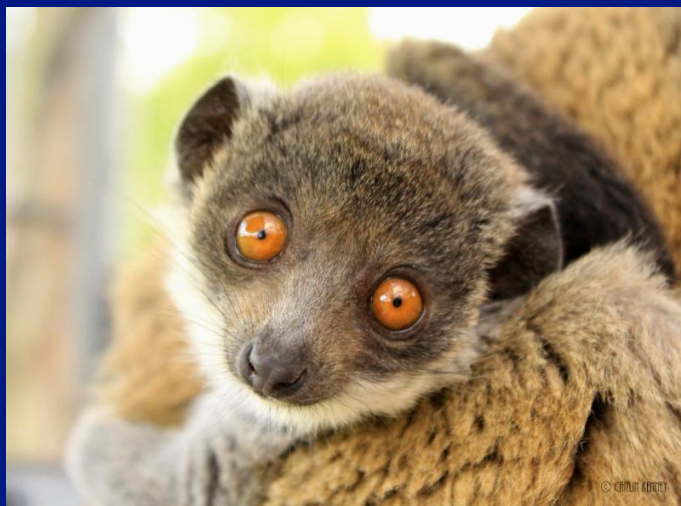
*LCF welcomes 8 healthy infants
born at the Myakka City Reserve*

Ring-tailed lemur matriarch Ansell gave birth first



More New Faces

on March 20 to her fourth set of twins in a row! Generally ring-tailed lemurs deliver a singleton, but twins are more likely when ample food is present. Ansell and the infants, along with father Yuengling and five older siblings (Rogue, Allagash, Duffy, Goose, and Darwin), are living in one of LCF's semi-free-ranging forests.



Longtime companions Kikeli and Felix welcomed their third infant on March 27. At two months it was climbing around on mom, starting to mouth food, and investigating its surroundings. Watchful Kikeli is quick to protect her curious baby from possible threats, including wayward leaves and nosy big brother Mateo.

New partners Leena and Merced produced their second infant on April 13. Leena and Merced were first paired in 2014 and have thrived together. Last year's daughter, Julieta, is very interested in the new addition, spending much of her time with Leena and the infant while Merced observes nearby.

Especially exciting was the birth of a critically endangered red-ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*) on May 9 to mom Ravina and dad Tsikey. They also have a son, Afo, born in 2014.

at the
Myakka City Reserve

DEVIN EDMONDS
*Conservation Program
Manager*



Devin oversees LCF's research, education, and outreach programs and assists conservation program director Dr. Erik Patel with projects in Madagascar.

Devin holds a zoology degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For the past six years he has been living in Andasibe, Madagascar, where he helped develop a captive breeding facility for threatened amphibians with the community-run group Mitsinjo. He organized logistics for visiting students, researchers, and volunteers and participated in the development of an environmental education campaign for local primary schools.

We are thrilled that Devin has joined LCF and welcome him and his family (wife Samina and daughter Nakina) to Myakka City.

HUSBANDRY INTERNS



Red-ruffed lemurs, unlike LCF's other lemur moms, make a nest

where infants safely reside until they're big enough to move around on their own. No clinging! Outpacing the usual growth charts, this baby has begun to explore outside the nest box, keeping mom Ravina on alert.



Twin sisters Sobe and Sarsaparilla (Sassy) gave birth within a week of each other--twins for Sobe on May 7 and a singleton for Sassy on May 14. The "S" sisters have eight offspring between them, all fathered by Molson. The family inhabits one of LCF's fenced-in 10-acre forests.



As these eight infants mature, they will spend more time away from their moms, allowing staff to determine genders before choosing names.



Leslie Hill, from Goleta, CA, has joined the LCF team for a five-week internship from Portland Community College, where she's earning her associate's degree in biology and management of zoo animals.



Emily Bach, from Plano, TX, recently graduated from Texas A&M University with a BS degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences.

SUMMER INTERNS

In June, LCF joined Madagascar National Parks (MNP) officials in celebrating the country's annual Environment Day. Thanks to LCF's targeted support for Anjanaharibe-Sud Reserve, MNP chose the nearby village of Ambodidivaina for this politically important event.



MNP created questions about the environment and about lemurs, and LCF contributed hats and T-shirts as prizes for students who answered them correctly.



Washington, DC, native **Tyler Jackson** attends the University of Delaware, where she is pursuing a double major in animal & food science and agriculture & natural resources.



Andrew Carlin, from Danvers, MA, is pursuing a BS at Unity College in captive wildlife care and education, with a minor in botany.

**Musical
Celebration
of Lemurs
& LCF at 20**



Thanks also to other participants and contributors to the evening event, among them William and May Louie, Charlene Wolff, Patrice Pantello, Judy Veale, Craig Rubadoux, Joe's Pub at the Public Theater, and Spotlight Graphics, Inc.



With a late spring concert and silent auction in Manhattan, LCF continued its 20th anniversary celebration.

Many thanks to Malagasy singer-songwriter (and LCF board member) Razia Said and her band.



Malagasy word for *baby*: *Zazakely*

