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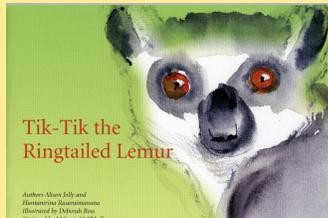
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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Our first infant of 2014...



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**Tik-Tik the
Ringtailed Lemur**

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Kikeli, a critically endangered Mongoose Lemur with her new infant!

This week Kikeli's new infant is starting to climb around on mom a lot, and is reaching out to one year old brother, Silvio, and dad Felix.

Silvio and Felix are both very interested in the new addition to their family group, and have groomed it while on it holds onto mom. Kikeli is being a good, protective mother and only allows the males brief contact with the baby.

Recommended Breeding Pairs:

There are currently 65 Mongoose lemurs housed at Association of Zoos and



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Aquariums (AZA) institutions.

The Species Survival Program (SSP) recommended 9 breeding pairs in 2013, including 2 housed at LCF.

Mongoose Lemur Conservation Status:

In the four years between 2008 and 2012 the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) increased the conservation status for Mongoose lemurs from vulnerable to critically endangered.

The IUCN and the Species Survival Commission organized the Lemur Red-Listing and Conservation Planning Workshop in July of 2012. Participants met to review the status of all 103 lemur taxa.

Their publication, 'Lemurs of Madagascar: A Strategy for their Conservation 2013-2016,' by Schweitzer et al, states that " With almost 94% of all lemur taxa (for which sufficient data is available to enable their assessment against Red List criteria) now classified as being threatened with extinction, this status review indicates that lemurs are probably the most endangered mammal group worldwide."



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