

Vienna zoo names baby panda 'Happy Leopard'

November 28 2013



Vienna's new baby panda, seen on November 26, 2013, will be named Fu Bao, or Happy Leopard in Mandarin, the city's Schoenbrunn Zoo announced on November 28, 2013, three months after he was born

Vienna's new baby panda will be named Fu Bao, or Happy Leopard in Mandarin, the city's Schoenbrunn Zoo announced on Thursday, three months after he was born.

The tiny furball caused a sensation when he was born on August 14,

giving the [zoo](#) its third panda birth in six years.

Schoenbrunn is the only zoo in Europe where pandas—notoriously picky partners—have reproduced naturally, without [artificial insemination](#).

Mother Yang Yang and father Long Hui had a first cub in 2007, later named Fu Long, or Happy Dragon in Chinese.

His brother Fu Hu—Happy Tiger—followed exactly three years later on August 23, 2010.

Both cubs have been returned to China, which only lends pandas to foreign zoos and claims ownership of any cubs born abroad.

According to Chinese tradition, Schoenbrunn Zoo waited 100 days before naming the new cub. The Chinese authorities were also consulted on the name.

"The leopard is considered a courageous and very strong animal in China, alongside the dragon and the tiger," zoo director Dagmar Schratter said Thursday to explain the choice.

At just over three months old, Fu Bao measures over 60 centimetres (two feet) and weighs six kilogrammes (13 pounds). The [cub](#) has remained mostly hidden from sight so far, cared for by its mother.

The zoo will hold a naming ceremony on Sunday—without the still shy Fu Bao, it said.

© 2013 AFP

Citation: Vienna zoo names baby panda 'Happy Leopard' (2013, November 28) retrieved 27 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2013-11-vienna-zoo-baby-panda-happy.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.