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OH SNAP! IT'S GOING *TIBIA* OK

February 26, 2016 – Jacksonville, FL – The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' (JZG) 3-month old Sumatran tiger cub will be taking some time off from public view for the next few weeks.

Several days ago, JZG's watchful keepers noticed Kinleigh Rose wasn't putting pressure on her back right leg. After further examination by Zoo veterinarians and an X-ray, they confirmed her little femur was broken.

Not only do we have excellent veterinary staff and diagnostic equipment at the Zoo," said Craig Miller, Curator of Mammals at JZG. "We have access to and support from the best consultants and clinicians in our veterinary and medical community. The skill and dedication of all of these professionals is really impressive."

Keepers aren't sure exactly what caused the break, though. She and mom, Dorcas had been running and vigorously playing together and the next thing keepers noticed that the cub wasn't putting weight on her leg.

Though her leg is providing some discomfort, she is still in a playful spirit, nursing and eating regularly, and doesn't seem to be too inconvenienced by the injury.

JZG doesn't have an exact date she'll return to her outside habitat. For now, Kinleigh Rose just needs some extra rest and snuggle time with mom to help the leg to heal. Cub and mom will still be visible via the den cameras in the tiger viewing building.

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About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer

fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit jacksonvillezoo.org.