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THE CAT IS BACK! TIGER CUB IS ALL BETTER AFTER RESTING A BROKEN LEG

April 15, 2016 – *Jacksonville, FL* – This weekend, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' (JZG) Sumatran Tiger Cub, Kinleigh Rose, will return to exhibit after spending a few weeks resting to heal a broken leg.

Back in February, keepers noticed she was favoring her right rear leg. After a further check-up, the Zoo's vet staff determined her little leg was broken, and Dr. Jay Erne at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists. (AVS) was contacted to help.

"It was a tremendous pleasure to have the opportunity to help Kinleigh Rose, and it's not every day we have the chance to mend a tiger cub's leg," said Dr. Jay Erne of AVS.

JZG is appreciative of the outpouring of well wishes for Kinleigh Rose as she was recuperating. Just like when a child breaks a bone, a young tiger cub can bounce back quickly from an injury. She was still kept off exhibit to ensure sufficient healing before deciding it was ok to return.

"We greatly appreciate Dr. Erne and the staff at AVS for their long time support of the Zoo and for treating Kinleigh Rose's leg," said Adrienne Atkins, Veterinarian at JZG. "After some rest, we are pleased she can now return to playing on exhibit."

The nearly five-month-old cub is growing bigger each day and still has items on her wish list. Enrichment items like Boomer balls and bungee cords are an integral part of her daily care and enhance her well-being. These toys can be purchased by anyone and shipped directly to the Zoo via JZG's Amazon Wish List: www.jacksonvillezoo.org/wishlist.

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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.