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## **Tiger Cubs Receive First Round of Vaccinations Watch Them on YouTube Live-Stream Video**

January 5, 2018 – Jacksonville, FL – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' (JZG) Sumatran tiger cubs received their first round of vaccinations. Born on September 20, 2017, the two male cubs are growing well and appear to be in great health.

Zoo animal health staff performed physical examinations on the cubs including obtaining weights, eye exams, and inspecting their tiny canine teeth. The cubs were given vaccines protecting them from upper respiratory infections and feline distemper. The cubs were also microchipped with a transponder, just like the microchip used in pet dogs and cats.

Zoo keepers were able to easily separate mother Dorcas from the cubs by opening a door to an adjoining den. The daily training keeper staff accomplish with the animals in their care builds incredible relationships and trust; never is this more evident than when routine medical procedures can be performed in a stress-free environment.

Over the next two months, the cubs will receive two more rounds of vaccines including boosters for the ones received today and an additional rabies vaccination.

The now six-week-old cubs need to grow bigger before they are able to explore the outdoor habitat of the public viewing areas. Until then, a live-streaming video of the cubs is available on the Zoo's YouTube channel.

Fans can watch as the cubs spend time in their behind-the-scenes nursery den with their mother. They spend much of that time nursing, sleeping, or being groomed by mom. Everyday, the cubs are becoming more mobile and playful, much to the delight of the faithful "cub cam" viewers.

A sneak peek into the routines of zoo keepers, the chance to connect with this critically endangered species daily, and an insight into the development of the cubs brings fans from across the globe to the Zoo's YouTube channel.

Generous Zoo supporters purchased the naming rights for the two boys. The first was given to the Tiger Academy of Jacksonville for the students to pick. "Rocky" is the larger of the two cubs, weighing close to 14 pounds. He is identifiable by a noticeable light-orange stripe on his back. The smaller boy is "Jaggar." At a little over 12 pounds, he is feisty and the one who showed some fight when the veterinarian gave shots this morning.

Watch the cubs on [YouTube](#)

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