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Tiger Cubs to Make Their Public Debut Saturday, February 10

February 8, 2018-- *Jacksonville, FL* – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is excited to announce that Sumatran tiger cubs, Rocky and Jagggar, will make their public debut on Saturday, February 10 at 9:30 a.m.

The tiger twosome has spent the last 11 weeks in their behind-the-scenes nursing den with mother Dorcas, growing from only 4.5 pounds to now over 20 pounds each. The cubs are active and curious and promise to be an exciting addition to the Land of the Tiger.

Keepers gave the cubs a chance to check out the exhibit before their big debut and were pleased with how smoothly the transition went. Rocky and Jagggar were exploring their large enclosure, practicing their pouncing, and having fun chasing Dorcas around. The stream in the exhibit has been lowered to a point the cubs can safely splash in the water.

It is especially endearing to watch the interactions the cubs can have with their father Berani while in the public viewing areas. In the wild, cubs would have very limited contact with their sire. Thanks to the innovative design of the tiger trail system, the cubs are able to see and smell their father, which both parties seem to enjoy immensely.

The boys will make their debut at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday with limited viewing hours based on how well they are adapting to their new playful environment. At less than 3 months-old, they do still get tired out easily and will need to spend quality time with mom nursing and resting.

Guests are encouraged to take advantage of the Valentine's Day coupon on the website. Admission is buy-one, get-one free, February 10-14.

What Valentine wouldn't want to see these sweethearts?

About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

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