



Two-Toed and Spiny Babies Now at Naples Zoo

Naples, FL – Two of them are some of the prickliest critters on the planet and the other is one of the slowest animals on the planet – and all three are adorable at this age. Guests to Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens can now see a nearly 8-month-old two toed sloth and two three-week-old African crested porcupines during the Planet Predator show in the Safari Canyon theater. The baby sloth can be seen on weekends and the tiny porcupines can be seen nearly every day.

The baby sloth and its mother came to Naples Zoo from the private sector. Raising a baby sloth can be challenging and at four months, the infant was only at the weight of a healthy newborn. Since arriving at the Zoo late this summer, however, the health of both mother and baby have greatly improved and the baby is now ready to begin meeting guests on the weekend.

The brother and sister baby porcupines were born at Naples Zoo. Guests can see how rapidly these spiky rodents grow each time they visit. A nearly adult older sibling born last year that also makes regular appearances in the Safari Canyon show illustrates just how fast they mature.

Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit 43-acre historic tropical garden founded in 1919 that is home to a nationally accredited zoo cooperating in conservation programs both in and outside the wild for endangered species. Naples Zoo offers a full day of family fun and educational programs which reached 293,971 guests in 2009. For more information, click www.napleszoo.org, call (239) 262-5409, or follow the Zoo at www.twitter.com/NaplesZoo.

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