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## **New Twins Red Pandas: Cuteness Overload**

Twin baby red pandas were born just recently on Labor Day this year and they are oh-so-adorable. We consider this addition a blessing to our beloved sanctuary here at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium.

Our team has named this brother-sister duo Plum and Berry, after the animal's reddish fur coat. Plum is the girl pictured on the left and Berry is the boy pictured on the right. They have so much holiday cheer already, do you?

Baby animals are always precious, but in my opinion, red panda cubs are arguably the cutest, especially Plum and Berry!



The mother of the twins is our Shanu who is 2 years old and the father is Sabal who is 4 years

old, also pictured. These are actually the only adult pandas we have at our zoo, so it is one big wholesome happy family.

Red pandas are such special creatures that are worth learning about. They are talented tree climbers and are able to descend head-first from a tall tree. You might think the red panda is named after the black and white panda, but this species was actually named first! Funnily enough, they are most closely related to a raccoon. Unfortunately, red pandas are endangered with fewer than 10,000 left in the world. That is why Plum, Berry, and our red panda family is so sacred to us.



## This Is the Time to Visit!

You might think summer is the best season to visit our grand zoo, but I'll give some insider advice, the holidays are spectacular at Henry Doorly. This year we have <u>Cookies</u> with the Clauses, Penguins and Pancakes, Safari opportunities and more!

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium will be closed on both Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, Nov. 24 and Dec. 25, this year, but will be open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Otherwise, it is safe to follow our normal hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

See the red panda twins this winter at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo! You can buy tickets in person or <u>online</u>. Donations are also greatly appreciated to support these young animals' growth and quality of life, donate <u>here</u> today.

## Authors Note:

I am pretty happy with my final product. I did lots of research on red pandas and the Henry Doorly Zoo as well as adding multimedia links and pictures. I also like the layout and flow of my article.