

For Immediate Release Thursday, August 2, 2012 For more information Contact: Amanda Chambers Temporary Supervisor Public Relations (416) 392-5941

# It's Official, the Supporters of "CUTENESS" have Spoken... WE NOW HAVE CUTE NAMES!



**Thursday, August 2, 2012 Toronto, Ontario:** The Toronto Zoo's latest "Cute Animals", three white lion cubs, two African penguins and a babirusa piglet, were given their new names this morning at a special media event. People across the GTA chose the winning names by voting online at **torontozoo.com** from July 18 to July 31, 2012. The Zoo staff and volunteers were delighted to see over 7,000 votes come in!

In addition to calling the white lions, African penguins and babirusa piglet cute you can now call them:

#### White Lion Cubs:

White Lion (Male): Fintan - little fair one White Lion (Female): Lemon White Lion (Female): Makali "mah-kay-lee" - braveness, daring

The loveable and friendly trio can be found in the African Savanna!

#### African Penguin Male Chicks

African Penguin (Formerly known as "Black" band): Chupa "choo-pa" African Penguin (Formerly known as "Blue" band): Matata - causes worry, trouble maker

The cuddly duo who both love the company of their keepers and enjoy jumping into their laps can be found in the African Savanna!

### Babirusa Female Piglet:

Muna: "MUH-nah" - Swahili origin meaning hope, island in the South East Sulawesi province of Indonesia

This little lady likes to explore and greets her Keepers by sniffing their boots and pant legs and can be found in the Indian Rhino Pavilion!

The Zoo's Cute Animals would like to thank everyone who voted in the Cutest Naming Contest. They invite everyone to come out and admire their cuteness and try out their new names!

2012 has been an incredible year for cuteness with not only our five recently named animals but a number of others including a moose calf, ring-tailed lemur, capybara and of course 'Hudson' our adorable polar bear cub. To check out ALL the cuteness happening at the world-famous Toronto Zoo please visit **torontozoo.com/cutefight**/

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Current Zoo Hours: 9:30am to 6:30pm. Last admission is one hour before closing. General Admission 13-64 incl. is \$25.00. Children 3 and under are free, Children 4-12 are \$14.00 and Seniors 65+ are \$20.00. Parking fees apply. Prices include applicable taxes and are subject to change without notice. Events are subject to change without notice. The Zoo is located at Meadowvale Road and Hwy. 401, Exit 389 east and west bound. For general information, call (416) 392-5929. The Toronto Zoo is open year round (except December 25).

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