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Banham Zoo Celebrates Conservation Triumph with Baby Boom of Endangered Species



Banham Zoo is celebrating a major conservation milestone with a remarkable baby boom spanning rare mammals, exotic birds, and even insects. These new arrivals represent a significant milestone in global conservation efforts and the zoo's commitment to protecting endangered species.

As part of the **European Endangered Species Programme (EEP)** and with the support of **BIAZA**, Banham Zoo's expert team has welcomed a host of precious births this year:

- **Red panda twins** (born 22nd June): A vital win for this Endangered species, born to Jasper and Lu, who came to Banham Zoo from an EEP breeding recommendation. With wild populations thought to be as low as 2,500.



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- **Cotton-top tamarins twins** (born 19th June: Critically Endangered primates with fewer than 6,000 in the wild.
- **Chilean flamingos:** Three chicks — Ghost (6th July), Habanero (8th July), and Reaper (17th July) — have hatched, marking another milestone in our ongoing flamingo breeding success. With more eggs incubating, additional hatchings may be just around the corner.
- **Black-footed penguins:** Critically Endangered species. With several eggs underfoot, hatching is expected soon!
- **Red-breasted goslings:** New hatchlings thrive in the flamingo walkthrough area, contributing to the zoo's diverse avian conservation projects.
- **Scarlet ibis:** Now one month old, the two chicks, Prawn and Squid, are already displaying their brilliant red plumage — a vibrant sign of successful breeding and expert care.
- **Maned wolves** (born 16th January): Rare and striking pups thriving under expert care.
- **African spoonbill chicks:** Two chicks, one month old, thriving and delighting visitors with their unique bills and elegant behaviour.
- **Stick insects:** So many new hatchlings! Incredible news for this critically endangered species.

“These births aren’t just about visitor experience – they reflect the highest standards of animal welfare, expert husbandry, and the dedication of our entire zoo team,” said Deborah Harris, Animal Manager at Banham Zoo. “Every chick, pup, and cub represents not only hope for the endangered species but is also the result of tireless care and commitment from the entire team.”

Visitors to Banham Zoo this summer have a rare chance to witness the next generation of some of the world’s most vulnerable species. Whether it’s spotting red panda cubs peeking from their nest, watching a flamingo chick take its first steps, or observing stick insect hatchlings up close, your visit is more than just a memorable day out - it’s a direct contribution to vital conservation efforts.

Come and share in the excitement and help us protect wildlife for future generations.



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