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Breaking Zoo News: Panda-monium! Banham Zoo Celebrates the Birth of Two Red Panda Cubs



Banham Zoo is delighted to announce the birth of twin red panda cubs - an exciting achievement for the zoo and a significant step forward in conservation efforts for this endangered species.

The adorable cubs were born on 22nd June 2025 to proud parents Jasper and Lushan (affectionately known as Lu).

Red pandas are classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List, with wild populations declining due to deforestation, habitat fragmentation, and poaching. It is estimated that fewer than 2,500 remain in the wild.

As part of the European Endangered Species Breeding Programme (EEP), and following a breeding recommendation, we were pleased to welcome Lu just over a year ago from West Midlands Safari Park to join our male, Jasper.

Banham Zoo continues to play a vital role in securing the future of these beautiful animals through active participation in conservation breeding programmes, with the invaluable support of both the EEP and the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA).

Providing the highest standards of expert care and spacious, naturalistic living conditions, our dedicated team ensures the well-being and development of the red pandas, creating an environment where both adults and cubs can thrive.

“Welcoming a new litter of red panda cubs is a truly special moment for everyone at Banham Zoo,” said Deborah Harris, Animal Manager. “Lu is proving to be an incredible first-time mum, showing great care and dedication to her little ones. These births represent a significant step forward in conserving this endangered species, and we’re proud to contribute to their survival through the European Endangered Species Programme.”

The arrival of the red panda cubs perfectly coincides with the summer holiday season, making it an ideal time to visit Banham Zoo, support vital conservation efforts, and enjoy a memorable family day out.

Although the cubs are likely to stay in their nesting den for a few more weeks, visitors may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of them venturing out later this summer.

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Images: [Red Panda Twins](#)



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