



MEDIA ADVISORY: March 7, 2013

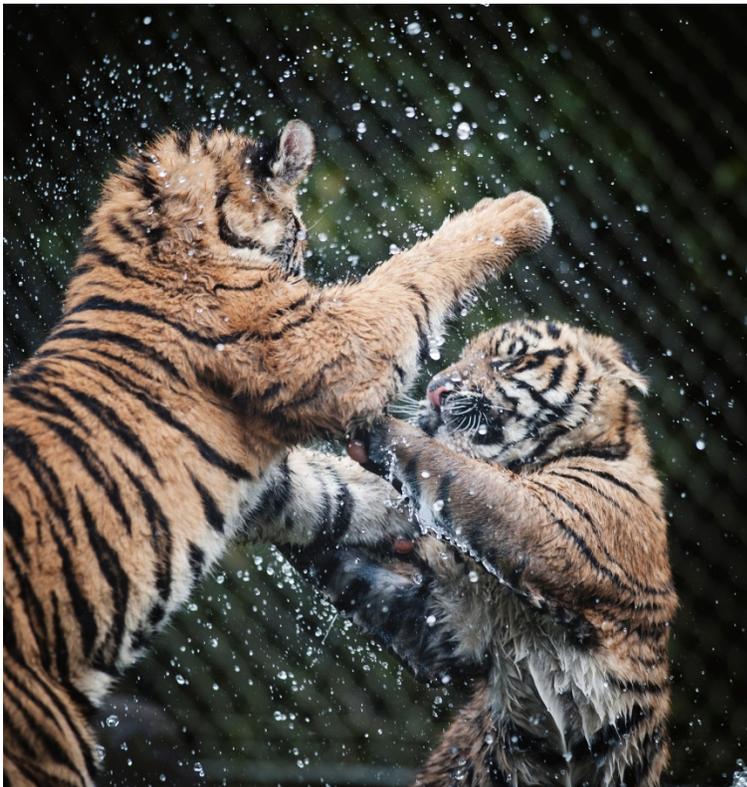
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MEDIA INVITED TO SEE TIGER CUB BERANI REJOIN 'FOSTER BROTHER' ON EXHIBIT FRIDAY

6-month-old Malayan tiger continues to recover from serious illness last week

What: A special media opportunity to see Berani, a 6-month-old Malayan tiger who was critically ill last week, rejoin his 'foster brother,' Sumatran tiger cub Dumai, on exhibit in the Asian Forest Sanctuary at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.



When: **11 a.m.** Friday, March 8 for media only. (The cubs will go on public exhibit at noon. They will be available for public viewing all weekend, depending on how Berani is feeling.)

Where: Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, 5400 N. Pearl St., Tacoma

Meet Kris at 10:45 a.m. in the zoo's employee parking lot. (Call if you need directions)

Visuals to expect: The two cubs playing together and interacting with zookeepers.

Berani, left, Dumai, right, did a little playing in the water a few days before Berani became ill.

The cubs will have access to both an indoor exhibit space and an outdoor area, so they may go back and forth between the two.

Interviews: Dr. Karen Wolf, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium head veterinarian.

Background: Berani became critically ill last week, underwent emergency surgery and spent several days in the zoo's Animal Health Care facility. He was released from the hospital last Friday and continues to improve. Veterinarians are still investigating what caused his illness.

About the tigers: Both Berani and Dumai are members of endangered species. There are only about 500 Malayan tigers worldwide; roughly 300 Sumatran tigers remain in the wild.

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