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## **GROWING UP FAST: 8-MONTH-OLD SUMATRAN TIGER TRIPLETS TO MAKE DEBUT IN ZOO'S LARGEST OUTDOOR EXHIBIT FOR TIGERS TUESDAY MORNING**



**What:** Eight-month-old Sumatran tiger triplets Dari, Indah and Kirana, will make their debut – along with tiger mom Jaya – in the “waterfall exhibit” at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium at 11 a.m. Tuesday. This is the largest exhibit space for tigers in the Asian Forest Sanctuary area of the zoo, and it contains a large water feature and waterfall.

**When:** 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 30 (meet Kris Sherman in the zoo employee parking lot at 10:45 a.m.)

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

**Visuals:** Tiger triplets Dari, Indah and Kirana exploring and playing in this large exhibit under the watchful eyes of mom Jaya. The cubs now weigh around 100 pounds each and

love to run, jump, pounce and play with one another.

**Interview:** Keepers will be available to talk about the cubs’ personalities and how they interact with one another.

**About the tigers:** Sumatran tigers are endangered. Only about 300 remain in the wild on their native Indonesian island of Sumatra. There are about 80 Sumatran tigers in North American zoos.

**Questions or directions:** Call Kris Sherman at 253-226-6718.

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