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Springtime at Dublin Zoo

New Season, New Arrivals

Dublin Zoo is bouncing into spring with news of new arrivals in the Family Farm. Two calves, a kid goat, a Tamworth boar and two New Zealand giant rabbits have been added to the brood in the farm.

Jessie, the female Simmental cow and Woody, the male Friesian cow were born at the end of December last year. The keepers report that both are doing very well. Spock, the male kid goat was also born at the end of 2010 and joins his family of one billy goat, four female goats and one half brother in the Family Farm.

Benny the Tamworth boar who came from Tullywood Farm in Roscommon is also new to the zoo and arrived in January. The keepers have high hopes that Benny will breed with the female pigs who currently live in the Family Farm and hope to have news of piglets very soon.

A pair of New Zealand giant rabbits named Aistear and Carragh arrived just in time to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit at the Chinese New Year Festival 2011 which takes place in the Zoo on the 5th and 6th of February. During the festival weekend there will be special keeper talks on all of the Asian residents such as Sumatran tigers, Chinese red pandas, Asian elephants, Asian otters, as well as a keeper talks on the resident rabbits in the Zoo.

Eddie O'Brien, team leader of the Family Farm commented *"It's fantastic to see the Family Farm thriving with all the new arrivals. It's one of the most popular areas for visitors. At the moment we are busy getting Roger the rabbit and the New Zealand giant rabbits ready for the Chinese New Year Festival, the Year of the Rabbit."*

Dublin Zoo's Parent and Toddler Mornings will commence on February 9th where children will have the chance to prepare feed for the pigs and giant rabbits.

Prior booking is essential. Contact Dublin Zoo on (01) 4748932 or education@dublinozoo.ie

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Notes to Editor:

Dublin Zoo is easily accessible by bus, LUAS, and train and is open everyday with the exception of Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day (26th December). Admission prices and opening times can all be found on the website. Dublin Zoo is accessible by the less-abled and manual wheel chairs are available on request.