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Red Ruffed Lemur Babies

[Springfield, Illinois] — The Springfield Park District's Henson Robinson Zoo welcomed two new red ruffed lemurs born at the zoo on April 6, 2016. They are currently on exhibit with their mom Tsidika. Sorsha and Indy continue to gain weight and can now be seen exploring in their enclosure with their mom when the weather cooperates.

Red ruffed lemurs (*Varecia rubra*) are named after the ruff of red fur that flanks their faces. In the wild they live on the island of Madagascar. They are a critically endangered species due to poaching and deforestation. They range in weight from 7- 9 pounds and have from 1-3 offspring. In the wild they eat mostly fruit, nectar, and pollen. And can live 15-20 years in the wild.

You can visit our new family here at the Henson Robinson Zoo weekdays from 10:00 am –5:00 pm and on weekends from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. The Henson Robinson Zoo is located at 1100 East Lake Drive, Springfield and may be reached at (217)585-1821.

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