



# Springfield Park District

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## *Red Wolf Additions*

[Springfield, Illinois] — The Springfield Park District's Henson Robinson Zoo is excited to announce the addition of 5 new red wolf pups. The pups were born on May 11, 2016. The three boys and two girls have their eyes open now and are slowly starting to venture out of their nest box. They are being raised by their parents. Phoenix our male was born in 2008 at the Salisbury Zoo in Maryland and Ayita our female was born in 2014 at the New Zoo in Wisconsin.

Red wolves (*Canis rufus*) were once found throughout the southeastern United States. Now the remaining population of this endangered species is located in a few counties in North Carolina surrounding the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. They weigh between 45-80 pounds and eat a variety of smaller mammal species in the wild. On average they live from six-eight 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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