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FIVE LITTLE PIGGIES: THE ZOO'S NEWEST CUTIES HAVE ARRIVED! CONNECTICUT'S BEARDSLEY ZOO WELCOMES NEW GUINEA HOG PIGLETS

Bridgeport, CT (August 6, 2024) – Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is thrilled to announce the arrival of five adorable Guinea hog piglets to the farmyard family. The piglets, four females and one male, were born on Friday, August 2, during the early evening to mother, Ethel and dad Harry Plopper. This celebration of life marks the first piglet birth at the Zoo since April 2022.

Guinea hog piglets are known for their quite amazing early development, being born with their eyes open and the ability to move around immediately. Our newest additions are already full of energy and exploring their surroundings with curiosity.



"We are thrilled to welcome these piglets to our Zoo family. Guinea hogs are at risk of becoming an endangered domestic species, so we are also very pleased and proud to support their population," said Zoo Director, Gregg Dancho. "Watching them grow and interact is a wonderful experience for our visitors and the staff."

The public is invited to come and see the five piglets and their mother in the farmyard, delighting guests with their playful antics.

About Guinea Hogs (*Sus scrofa scrofa*)

Guinea hogs are large and square bodied with bristly red hair. They have long tails and pointed ears, but today they are domesticated to be smaller with often black hair. They grow to a height of 21-24 inches and weigh 150-300 lbs. They have an advanced sense of taste and can quickly identify objects by tasting them. They are quick learners and have a substantial memory. They are hardy grazers and foragers. They eat shrubs, weeds, bird eggs, snakes, mice, grasshoppers, roots, tubers and even manure. As a domesticated species, they are classified as threatened by the Livestock Conservancy. The Guinea Hog can be found in Farmyard at the zoo!



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