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Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Celebrates Mother's Day with Adorable Prairie Dog Pups

Bridgeport, CT – Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is excited to announce the appearance of new black-tailed prairie dog pups in the Zoo's popular prairie dog habitat. After weeks of staying snug in their underground burrows, the pups have finally emerged, ready to charm visitors with their playful antics and curious nature.

"This is always an exciting time for us," said Gregg Dancho, Zoo Director. "Our guests love seeing the new pups as they finally emerge to interact with the adults. They bring so much energy to the habitat, and visitors of all ages have fun watching and learning."

Although the prairie dog exhibit is still under construction, guests can observe these lively animals as they pop up from their burrows to explore. The pups are black-tailed prairie dogs, known for their distinctive, black-tipped tails and playful behavior. They live in a complex network of underground burrows called "towns," which they share with their family groups.



Prairie dogs are incredibly social and communicate through a series of chirps, yips, and barking calls.

In addition to enjoying the new pups, guests can also learn about the important role prairie dogs play in their ecosystem. These small mammals are keystone species, meaning they have a significant impact on their environment. Their burrows provide homes for other animals, and their grazing habits help maintain the health of the prairie.

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. [Click here](#) to learn more about our newest arrivals and to stay updated on all Zoo news.

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About Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Connecticut's only zoo, celebrating 102 years, features 350 animals representing primarily North and South American and Northern Asian species. Guests won't want to miss our Andean bear, maned wolves, Mexican gray wolves, and red wolves. Other highlights include our Spider Monkey Habitat, and a new prairie dog exhibit that we'll cut the ribbon on soon! As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and participant in its Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs, the non-profit Zoo is committed to the preservation of endangered animals and wild habitats. Tickets must be purchased on the [Zoo's website](#).