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Pueblo Zoo Birth Announcement: We have otter pups!

PUEBLO, Colo. — After much anticipation, the Pueblo Zoo is pleased to announce the birth of three baby otters. The pups were born to mom, Freyja, on March 3, 2014. Zookeepers were able to get their first close-up contact on March 6 and determined we have 2 females and 1 male. Freyja is adapting to motherhood quite well. Nursing and bonding seems to be going well as is evidenced by the robust health of the babies as they weigh in at 145g (boy), 135g(girl), and 155g (big girl!). The otters are currently off exhibit and zookeepers and staff are giving the new family their space. We will take the lead from the mother otter as to when we may be able to move them on exhibit. It may be several weeks to more than a month before they are ready to make a public appearance. Their first official wellness exam will be on Monday.

NOTE TO PRESS: The first opportunity to photograph the babies will be on Monday, March 10 at 9:30 am during their Wellness Exam. Access will be limited and restricted to press that contact us in advance. The safety and well-being of the animals is our first priority, thus we make no promises as to access pending their reaction. There will be no direct contact. Other opportunities will be made available in the future as the pups develop.

For photos: <http://www.pueblozoo.org/#!/zoo-babies/c1p7u>

