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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## A ZOO TO YOU

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# Animal spotlight!



## Yakkity Yak - It is just that!

You have heard o af Yak, maybe sang the song or know them by the many alphabet books. "Y is for YAK" But have you actually seen one or even know where they come from? Meet Tibby, Heidi and Mandy the new Tibetan Yak babies!

They are fuzzy, cute and well just amazing. They love to run, play and of course drink their bottle!

Yaks are found in the high country of the Himalaya Mountains of Asia. The native people in many Asian areas are totally dependent on their yak herd to support their livelihood. They use the long hairs for rope, etc. The soft underdown which sheds annually is spun into cloth or felted to make other products such as their yurts, the native huts or houses. Learn more about Yaks on page 2!

## Upcoming events- Don't miss out!

Lake Lanier " Magical Night of Lights" Live Nativity Dec 1st-30th 5-10pm

Come see Sammy the Camel and his friends!

Read all about Sammy in the Dec 17th issue of the AJC!



# A PICTURE SAYS IT ALL!

This time of year is a time to remember the birth of Jesus Christ in a manger. Kids all over are participating in Live Nativities.



Don't forget! Your school will receive 10% off their Wildlife Wonders program with your kids club membership! Print off this newsletter or take the discount card to your school so everyone can enjoy yet another one of our fun and educational animal adventure shows!

## Ask the Zookeeper

We will be posting questions that you have and answering them for you. If you have a question you just may see it in the next newsletter!

Today's Topic is YAKS!

**Q:** Why do yaks have woolly coats?

**A:** Yaks are from the Tibetan Region which is a high mountainous region with extremely cold weather. They can withstand temperatures below freezing. Where horses, donkeys and camels cannot thrive, Yaks can.

**Q:** What are yaks used for?

**A:** Yaks are very important to the Tibetan tribes. They use their wool for clothing just like sheering sheep, they also milk the yaks and make cheese and other products. Yaks are also the main transportation in high altitudes. They are used to pack supplies into the mountains.

**Q:** Are Yaks Wild or Domestic

**A:** BOTH! There are estimated about 300 wild yak left in Tibetan, these yaks are protected by the wildlife agencies of the region, There are also yak herds that travel with their tribes to provide clothing, meat, milk and transportation. There are also approx 100,000 yaks throughout the world with only about 1000 of those in the US with most of those being in zoo facilities.

That's all for this edition.. remember if you have a question simply email the question to [info@azootoyou.com](mailto:info@azootoyou.com) and put your name, location and age and we may be able to use it.



## WHAT IS IT?

I will give you a hint. It is from South America and lives in the trees!

Email me your answer!

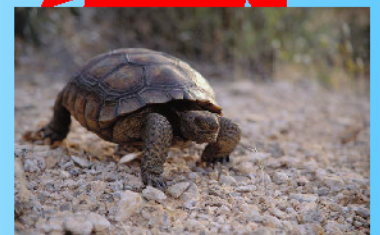
If you get it right- we will send you a special Wildlife Wonders gift!

## ANIMALS ARE FUNNY! JOKE CORNER

Why did the turtle cross the road?

To get to the Shell Station!

Ha Ha



# Baby Animals

To end this year- we thought you might enjoy the pictures of some of our animals as babies! Most of these animals are all grown up now but they all enjoyed their childhood right here at Wildlife Wonders!

