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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO ANNOUNCES BIRTH OF AFRICAN LION CUBS

FRESNO, CA — Fresno Chaffee Zoo is thrilled to announce a Fourth of July surprise! On Saturday, July 4th, African lion, Zamaya, gave birth to her second litter of cubs. Mom and her two cubs are resting and bonding behind-the-scenes as they continue to be monitored by the Zoo's Animal Care and Veterinary teams.

"Fresno Chaffee Zoo is excited to expand our lion pride with the addition of two new cubs," said General Curator Nicole Presley. "Zamaya is doing a great job, as expected, and is recovering well. Both mom and the cubs will stay behind-the-scenes until they have received all their vaccines and are ready to meet the public and the rest of our lion pride."

This is the second litter born to Zamaya and male African Lion, Chisulo, at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. Taraj and Asali, born in 2024, were the pair's first litter and remain at the Zoo today. In their natural habitat, the African lion population is considered "vulnerable" according to the IUCN Red List. As members of AZA's Species Survival Plan as well as AZA's Saving Animals From Extinction program, Fresno Chaffee Zoo is proud to participate in the conservation efforts for this species.

While Zamaya and her cubs bond behind-the-scenes, the Zoo will continue to provide updates on their social media channels and website.

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"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife."