

BUDDING STAR



An eight-week-old White Lion cub born at West Midland Safari Park on a cold and frosty night in April was the ideal encounter for 7-year-old animal lover Caitlin.

The male cub, nicknamed 'Star' by Safari Park staff, left his mother Natasha and brother 'Haze' very briefly for routine checks and was introduced to Caitlin after school.

Daughter of the Park's Senior Carnivore Keeper, Caitlin has developed an incredible interest in animals for her few years and her menagerie of pets at home includes a Barn Owl, Ferrets, a Tortoise, a Bearded Dragon, two Dogs, five Guinea Pigs, a Hamster, Fish and no less than eight Persian Cats. There is little doubt that Caitlin shares her passion of animals with her father Dave and looks set to follow in his footsteps.

There is thought to be no more than 300 White Lions left in the world today and for centuries the myth of the White Lion has been etched in African folklore. Legend has it, that once every hundred years, magical White Lions will be born bringing joy to all that witness them.

Since introducing four White Lions to their collection in 2004, West Midland Safari Park has had 11 White Lion cubs born.

West Midland Safari Park opened in 1973 and is home to the only pride of rare White Lions in the UK; has the largest family group of White Tigers and has more than 600 exotic animals in the 100-acre all-weather safari drive through.

Cheetah Plains is the new exhibit for 2008.

West Midland Safari & Leisure Park is open 10.00am daily until Friday, 7th November 2008. Admission costs £10.50 per person, including a free return ticket. Amusement rides charged extra. Further information is available from the Park's website

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