

White Bengal Tiger to Go on Display

Rare cubs can be seen at the Memphis Zoo starting tomorrow.

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A female white Bengal tiger cub named Orissa, a female butterscotch-colored Bengal tiger cub named Kumari and a male orange Bengal tiger cub named Naryan will be joining the Memphis Zoo's Cat Country exhibit tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 23.

All three of the cubs are about 6 months old. Orissa is from a private breeder and Kumari and Naryan, who are siblings, came from The Texas Zoo in Victoria, Texas.

It will be the first time since 2000 that a white Bengal tiger is permanently on exhibit at the zoo. Temporary exhibits of white Bengal tigers were at the Memphis Zoo in 1988 and again in 2000.

Bengal tigers, which are endangered, can be between 8 and 9 feet in length and weigh between 300 to 500 pounds when fully grown.

The University of Memphis tiger mascot, cheerleaders and athletic coaches will be at the zoo Saturday to welcome the zoo's newest residents. For more information on the zoo, visit its website.