

CNN News Highlights — Pandas Go Home

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Translation

我們今天從一些混亂開始。華盛頓國家動物園的這些大熊貓，是非常重要的熊貓。這些熊貓原產於中國，據估計野外僅剩下 1800 隻。這是根據世界野生動物基金會的資料。它們也是中國的國獸。大熊貓以竹子為生，每天可以吃掉超過 80 磅的植物。牠們之所以被稱為大熊貓，不是沒有原因的。一隻雄性大熊貓的體重可以達到 300 磅。這在美國國家橄欖球聯盟中相當於一名進攻線員。那麼，這三隻熊貓為何如此特別呢？

嗯，中國將它們借給國家動物園，這是一個超過 50 年歷史的計劃的一部分。

但下週，這個家庭，爸爸媽媽和他們的幼崽將返回家園。目前尚不清楚中國是否會派遣新的熊貓。CNN 記者 David Culver 解釋了這在所謂的熊貓外交的大背景下為何重要。

數週以來，華盛頓國家動物園的訪客們一直拜訪來道別。動物園的三隻大熊貓現在要回到中國。動物園工作人員稱這是他們五十年來極受歡迎的熊貓計劃的一個間歇。中國官員尚未表示是否會繼續。你可能會好奇，這為何如此重要？

當然，美中之間有更迫切的問題。但當我們深入研究，追蹤熊貓的離去和即將去往的地方時，你會更好地理解新世界秩序。中國希望利用這些可愛的生物來滿足中國的主要政治和外交需求，尤其是在它希望獲得利益的地方。但中國表示，它的重點是保育和研究。

尼克森總統訪問我們國家——

1972 年，北京與華盛頓的熊貓外交，隨著尼克森總統對中國的歷史性訪問開始。中國共產黨的創始人毛澤東贈送了兩隻熊貓給美國，這是在幾十年的外交冰封後雙邊關係暖化的象徵。

第一夫人帕特·尼克森歡迎熊貓來到華盛頓。

她們將被來自全國各地的數百萬人民所喜愛。

看到大熊貓在美國人中的受歡迎程度上升，中國將更多大熊貓送往美國各地的動物園，最終改為租借而非贈送。2011 年中國與國家動物園之間的協議規定，所有大熊貓及其後代的所有權屬於中國。合約還要求每年向中國支付 50 萬美元，用於中國境內大熊貓的保育工作。

在最高峰時，美國有 15 隻大熊貓，但在過去十年間，隨著中美關係的惡化，數量已經下降，現在國家動物園的三隻大熊貓即將離開，這將使得亞特蘭大動物園成為美國唯一擁有大熊貓的動物園。

目前為止，亞特蘭大最後四隻大熊貓的合同明年到期，尚無任何續約的消息。

而這可能意味著到 2024 年底，美洲所有動物園中唯一的大熊貓將是墨西哥城的辛辛。

中國還將新的大熊貓租借給其他國家，包括歐盟國家如丹麥、芬蘭和德國，在中東；卡達去年獲得了他們的第一隻大熊貓。這些都是中國期望加強關係並增加影響力的地區。國家動物園的工作人員希望中國有一天能再次送來更多的大熊貓。他們甚至計劃翻新即將空置的大熊貓展區。



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