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Community Asked to Name Happy Hollow Park & Zoo's Newest Arrival

San José ---- The newest and “miniest” member of the Happy Hollow horse herd was born on April 13th and stands just 19” tall. The female foal and mother are doing well yet the newest arrival has no name. Happy Hollow staff is asking community members to vote for their favorite name.

Over the years, the Staff at Happy Hollow have gotten creative and had some fun in the naming of the African pygmy goats and the Miniature horses. For example, when the goats Stella and Brando had kids, they were named Desire, Blanche, Marlon and Streetcar. Further down the line, when Streetcar became a mom, her kids were named Trolley and B.A.R.T.

The miniature Horses have shared a similar naming technique. Offspring of Orion and Dawn were Astro, Dusk and Haley (like the comet). In keeping with tradition, the Zookeepers have come up with three options for the filly's name based on the mother, Spice Girl, and the father, Sweet William. The community is invited to pick their favorite name. The choices are: Calienté, Coriander and Cayenne.

Community members can vote for their favorite name on the Happy Hollow website www.hhpz.org or come visit the foal and vote after meeting her in the Zoo. Votes will be taken until May 31st.

A miniature horse is a small version of a standard horse. Characteristics of miniature horses, ponies and horses are all the same with the major difference being size. Full-grown miniature horses weigh between 150 and 250 pounds and must be no taller than 34” at the shoulders.

For more information and photo opportunities, please call Vanessa Rogier 408-277-3065. Digital images can be provided upon request.

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