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Francois' Langur Monkey Dies

Toledo, Ohio—A six-year-old male Francois' langur died of congestive heart failure Wednesday morning. A specific cause for the heart failure has yet to be determined; further tests are forthcoming.

The monkey, named Tien, initially showed signs of respiratory problems and had been receiving treatment since late April. He partially responded to treatment but was becoming increasingly lethargic and anorexic. An examination on Tuesday revealed that Tien's heart was massively enlarged and fluid was beginning to build up in the abdomen. Treatment for the heart disease was initiated in an attempt to slow the process and comfort the animal, but he succumbed to the illness and died Wednesday morning.

According to Dr. Chris Hanley, the Zoo's Associate Veterinarian, "An examination in January revealed no signs of heart disease in Tien. Although the necropsy indicated cardiomyopathy as the cause of death, further tests may help determine the exact cause of the heart failure."

The Toledo Zoo is currently home to adult female Ashes and father Dong Puong and their two remaining offspring, a male born in July 2004 and another male born in September 2008. To help ensure a healthy and genetically diverse zoo population The Toledo Zoo participates in a Species Survival Plan for the Francois' langur in collaboration with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

The Francois' langur is a species of monkey native to southwestern China and northeastern Vietnam. They are mostly black with white bands of fur along their cheeks, and they have a distinctive tuft of fur that comes to a crest on their heads. As their numbers in the wild decrease due to habitat loss, they have been listed as endangered on the World Conservation Union's Red List of Threatened Species.

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