

THE STORK DROPPED A BUNDLE OF JOY AT OUR PET FARM

The 'Residents' at the Pet Farm awoke this morning, 5th Sept 2008 to a pleasant surprise as its human counterpart rejoiced too!

There were distinct sounds of *clucks, chuckle, coos and ooohs* and finally *hoorah* as one by one out of a corner of the sandy ground emerged tiny little heads, first thought to be invaders from the underground but in reality were 'Ariel's' babies slowly popping out to greet the residents.

Proud 'Ariel' waited anxiously as one after the other and another and another, till there were six poppers clearly visible by 10.30am. Then, when one could only fathom so much excitement, out popped 'weasel' the last to emerge and all the residents rejoiced and cheered for 'Ariel' as she has waited a long, long time for this historical moment!

In general, tortoises as pets that live in captivity rarely breed. They need specific temperature, roaming space, light, air, moisture and proper diet requirements. Avillion Port Dickson has had its share of disappointments for the past 10 years and many guests have attested to this. 'Ariel' has been seen laying her eggs, the most recent was in April 2008 this year but the excitement soon turned to disappointment as we had to tell everyone that there were no hatchlings sighted coupled by rotten eggs found.

Today, however, we hope you will join us in welcoming our 'babies' and share our joy and excitement with 'Ariel' and 'Friends' towards this historical Avillion moment!

To commemorate this historical day, we are running a ***"name the baby tortoises"*** competition over the next two months. Complete the attach form and submit it to the Receptionist. Alternatively, if you are privileged to this information via our website, do send us the names via our res@avillionportdickson.com email.

Come December 2008, make a date to stay with us as we introduce these babies to your children and all you tortoise lovers out there!

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