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TWINS BORN AT SANTA ANA ZOO

SANTA ANA, CA: The Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park is pleased to announce that on Thursday, April 20, at 10:00 PM, twin lambs, “Hogan” and “Diyogi” were born to Navajo-Churro sheep parents, Dibe and Shadi. Weighing 8 pounds at birth, both boys are doing fine and growing rapidly.

The Navajo-Churro was the first domesticated sheep introduced into North America by The Spaniards in the 17th century. After almost becoming extinct in the mid-1900’s, the breed is now recovering and becoming more popular, though still considered a “rare” breed.

Churros are small sheep with ewes ranging from 85 to 120 pounds and rams 120-175 pounds. They carry a unique gene which allows them to produce multiple horns, and both rams and ewes can be horned. Their wool comes in many colors including apricot, grey, black, brown, beige, and white. It is lustrous with a silky hand and low lanolin content. Yarn spun from this type of wool is extremely strong and durable making it excellent for the Navajo rugs.

The twins and their parents are on display daily at the Crean Family Farm at the Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park. Zoo hours are 10:00AM to 4:00PM daily. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$3.00 for children 3-12 years of age. Family memberships are available. For more information call the Zoo at 714-836-4000.