



# KMAD News

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help conserve this species, organizations have been developed, such as the Philippine Tarsier Foundation Incorporated. Who knows what can happen to them in the future? With only the estimated 1000 tarsiers left in this world, the last one could disappear as soon as next year or maybe tomorrow.

## Think Twice Before Taking In Any Pet

by Anh V



An animal not often heard of, the tarsier represents an increasingly endangered species in the world. It is one of the oldest species introduced to the Philippines, for almost 45 million years. What really strikes most people about the tarsier is its extremely

small size and its humongous eyes, which is disproportionate to its head and body. They are listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest eyes on any mammal, although they provide the tarsier excellent night vision. Besides human hunters, feral cats banished from nearby communities are the species' main predators, though some large birds are known to prey on it as well. The tarsier is also known to be a shy nocturnal animal, leading a hidden life. Tarsiers used to be kept as pets or sold for trade, although their survival in captivity is difficult due to their need for live insects which they feed upon. They have inhabited rainforests around the world, but not they only exist on a few islands in the Philippines, Borneo, and Indonesia. Once protected by the rainforests and hills, tarsiers struggle to survive because of their homes being cleared for crop growing, logging, tree cutting, urbanization, and even hunters and people capturing them as pets. The life span of the tarsier is regularly 24 years when living in the wild, but reduces to 12 when in cages. It is also known to commit suicide from psychological damage when around humans, such as beating their heads against the cages or drowning themselves in the drinking bowls, because of its instinct to be in its natural habitat. In order to

## **Shelter Ambassadors**

Two adopted former shelter dogs owned by KMAD members held a kiss and hug booth to raise money for fellow shelter dogs. Supporters could either get a kiss from Paris, a blonde Chihuahua princess, or Teddy, a brown and tan Chihuahua named after Theodore Roosevelt.



Write a poem about your favorite endangered animal.

Please send us your poem by September 20<sup>th</sup> and you could see it in the next newsletter.

\*printed on recycled paper

**President's Note:**

*Welcome New Members:*

**Zack M.**

**Brittany C.**

**Jacki S.**

**Remember:** If you would like to submit poems, pictures, articles, or an idea to our newsletter, write or email us at:

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◇ Don't forget to visit our website! We have new blog which I try to update weekly, so check back regularly.

[www.kmad.org](http://www.kmad.org)

**Have friends interested in joining Kids Making A Difference?**

\*Share your newsletter with them! Then have them visit our website, fill out an application, and send it in.

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**Kids Making A Difference**  
Membership Application

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Paris' Message**



With summer not quite over, please  
 keep your pets safe.

★ **Want to win a prize!** ★

Send us a picture of your favorite sea  
 creature and one lucky person will win a  
 copy of **The Little Mermaid Ariel's  
 Beginning!**

**Eco Tip**

When buying florescent light bulbs, look for  
 two labels/markings, the energy star label  
 and the letters "UL" in a circle.

**Presidents Pick of the Month**

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**Did you know?**

- Emperor Penguins are the largest penguin.
- They spend most of their lives out at sea.

