TIME TO SAY A GIANT FAREWELL

BEAR OR NOT A BEAR?

There are eight species of bear found in the world today. They all share some typical bear features: long nose, round ears, four legs, claws, big teeth. A lot of people get mixed up between bears and other animals.

This is a selection of the animas that can be found in the zoo. There is the animal's name and whether it is a bear or not to help you as you walk around.



BEAR OR NOT A BEAR TRAIL











RED PANDA

These amazing Bamboo eating animals were once thought to be related to Giant Panda but are more closely related to Raccoons.





RING TAILED LEMUR

These amazing primates have black and white markings like Giant Panda but are not a bear.





SMALL-CLAWED OTTER

They are the smallest of all the otter species, but not a type of bear.





SUN BEAR

They are the smallest bear in the world. They still have those round ears, long nose and claws.





GELADA BABOON

The males are big and hairy, but they are a type of monkey from Ethiopia. Definitely not a bear.





GIANT ANTEATER

Amazing claws for digging up termites and a thick shaggy coat, but more closely related to sloths than bears.





PANDA

These black and white bears are found in China and eat a lot of bamboo. We have two called Tian Tian and Yang Guang.





KOALA

Although a lot of people call them bears, they do not belong to this group. They are marsupials, like the kangaroo.





BINTURONG

Local people call them bear cats as they look like a bit of both, but they are not related to either, their closest relatives are small cat-like civets.





LINNE'S TWO TOED SLOTH

Sloths have thick, shaggy fur and long claws, just like a bear but are actually Xenarthrian's, a type of mammal only found in South America.