

# Bye bye to the Edinburgh Zoo pandas

**Both giant pandas, Yang Guang and Tian Tian have now left Edinburgh Zoo on their way home to China.**

*Farewell to the pandas who have now left [@EdinburghZoo](#) after 12 years en route home to China. Both animals are now 20-years-old and failed to breed while in Scotland. Yang Guang ate 100 kgs of bamboo each of the 4,383 days of his stay.. Video © Alan Simpson [pic.twitter.com/YZapEuA4pU](https://pic.twitter.com/YZapEuA4pU)*

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The pair left in crates loaded onto a truck bound for Edinburgh Airport where a China Southern Airlines Boeing 777 was waiting to fly them home to China. Their keeper for the entire twelve years of their stay Alison Maclean is accompanying them on their journey. [Read more here.](#)



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