

## NEW BINTURONG ENCLOSURES in 2007!

Four of the binturongs were moved to two new enclosures the beginning of August 2007! We were very excited to finish two 16x16x10 ft outside enclosures for the younger binturongs. The outside enclosures provide climbing opportunities and room to play. We would like to add two small tubs to allow the binturongs to splash around during warmer days. A 10x16x10 ft. inside housing area is attached to the outside enclosures to provide protection from the weather especially during Pennsylvania winters. The housing area also has a small work area for caretakers to store food, pine chips and toys.

What is a binturong? Binturongs, weighing 30-50 pounds, are related to civets and genets. This probably doesn't help either. How about a mongoose? The mongoose once was in the same family until recently when taxonomists placed the mongoose in its own family. Binturongs live in Thailand, Burma, Malaysia and Viet Nam. They are avid climbers and use their prehensile tails to help. Fruits, vegetables and small animals make up their diet. When you visit T&D's, you will notice a very unique aroma around the binturongs...battered popcorn or is it corn chips? Hmm...this is the smell of binturong!



Outside and inside of binturong enclosure. One of the binturongs walking across a log.