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What Can you Do to Help?

In December, I received a phone call from the United Foundation for Children's Health asking if IQAir could help a little girl with severe respiratory needs. Of course we said yes, and the very next day we delivered a Health Pro 250 to Yi Fan's home. We are pleased to be a small part of Yi Fan's courageous fight for life. IQAir has since made a 5,000 RMB donation to her health fund. In addition to this, when you mention this article, IQAir will donate 5% of your purchase price on any IQAir units or filters you buy, from now through March 31, 2010. Together, we can do this.

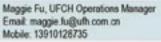
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FROM THE EDITOR

appy New Year. Again. It's Lunar New Year this time. And it's Valentine's Day too. The stars have aligned to combine millennia of tradition with the patron saint of hastily bought chocolates and thoughtless greeting cards. It brings forth a mix of tigers and dating, and how could that end badly?

Tigers get a solid thumbs-up. They are one of the major reasons that people find normal cats such a disappointment. They are at least half responsible for ligers and tigons. More proof, if it were needed, is that Tygra was the smartest of all the Thundercats. And then there's Frosties.

Dating, on the other hand, is much less clear. That's because I'm English. Prior to Beijing my experience of dates was from watching Friends, and from shopping in Arabic supermarkets. Where I'm from, the closest thing to a date is to "take someone out for a drink." Much like the celebration of births, the toasting of nuptials and the mourning of the dead, courtship takes place in the pub. There's no "grabbing a bite to eat" or "going to the pictures" unless you're fully paid-up, cardcarrying going out with someone. Apparently in cosmopolitan Beijing such parochial thinking does not cut the mustard. Everyone's all about dating (and brunch, too, but that's another story). In summary, I can now admit to having been on a date but I still know nothing about them.

I can't vouch for having been on the fabled date from hell, although I don't think the people I dated can say the same. Sorry. Lots of you seem to have been on your fair share of bad dates here, though, and no group more so than women. Dating in Beijing is not a bed of roses we get it. This won't fix that, but we might give you some ideas where to go and be lonely. Now give us a smile. That's better.

(GW)

Jonathan White Managing Editor



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"Same as it always has been, staring at foreigners." - from the thread "What is the Hot Game This Year in Beijing"

"My eyelashes already f-ing rule, and they are real, wanna give them a tug?"

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"Chinese people have less hair because they are more developed."

- from the thread "The History of LaoWai"

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