Births & Hatchings

BUFFALO ZOO

Buffalo, New York

Two lion cubs, Khari and Zahra, were born to mother Lusaka and father Tiberius on 7 March 2021. The cubs' birthday is extra special as they were born on their dad Tiberius's eighth birthday. This is the second litter for parents Lusaka and Tiberius.



AUDUBON ZOO

New Orleans, Louisiana

The Zoo announced that its three-year-old Baird's tapir Ixchel has given birth to her first offspring, the result of successful breeding with Tybalt, the Zoo's four-year-old male. Ixchel's male calf was born on 2 July 2021. This is a Species Survival Plan® recommend birth.

MEMPHIS ZOO

Memphis, Tennessee

A baby female African spotted genet was born via c-section and had to be hand raised by her keepers and veterinary staff. Her keepers have named her Josie, and she is the first African spotted genet to be born at the Memphis Zoo.



Lufkin, Texas

The Zoo announced the birth of a Malayan tapir. This is the first tapir born at the Zoo and he is being raised by first time mother Tembikai. She was paired with the sire, Cool, per the recommendation of the SSP. There are currently 40 tapirs in the SSP population.

HOUSTON ZOO

Houston, Texas

A ring-tailed lemur was born to an experienced mother. At an estimated three ounces at birth, the unnamed baby will cling to its mother's chest for a couple of weeks before moving to her back and then will stay there until he or she is several weeks old. Native only to the small island of Madagascar, lemurs are threatened by deforestation, habitat fragmentation, and hunting.



VIRGINIA ZOO

Norfolk, Virginia

A southern white rhino was born at the Zoo on 11 July. The calf's birth is significant as it is the first time his mother's genes are represented in North America, making this lineage important for the long-term health of the species.