Births & Hatchings

CINCINNATI ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Cincinnati, Ohio

The Zoo announced the birth of an eastern black rhino in September. Eastern black rhinos are critically endangered and have such a long gestation that every calf born is incredibly important for the population. This calf is the first black rhino calf born this year in North America and only the eighth of its kind born in the last three years in North America.



BROOKFIELD ZOO

Brookfield, Illinois

While Brookfield Zoo's Living Coast exhibit has been temporarily closed to guests as mandated by the State of Illinois, it welcomed two Humboldt penguin chicks. The month-old birds, who hatched on 22 and 25 June, are thriving and growing fast. In the wild, as well as in professional care, Humboldt penguins usually raise one chick per clutch.

UTAH'S HOGLE ZOO

Salt Lake City, Utah

Two Amur leopard cubs were born at Utah's Hogle Zoo on 19 March. The brother/sister duo, Skye and Storm, are the third litter of Zeya who is a fierce and protective mother. Hogle Zoo participates in the Species Survival Plan®.



The Zoo announced the birth of a sand cat on 10 August. This is the first kitten for the parents. The mother and kitten are in a quiet, non-public viewing area of the Zoo and have minimal contact with staff and keepers.

CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO

Cleveland, Ohio

For the first time in nearly 10 years, the Zoo has a baby koala, also known as a joey. Guests now have a chance to visit mom and joey at Gumleaf Hideout in Australian Adventure.



COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM

Powell, Ohio

A second Masai giraffe calf was born at the Zoo on 26 August. The Animal Care team, who observed the birth via mounted camera in the giraffe barn, reported that the female calf born to 19-year-old mother, Jana, appears to be strong and energetic. The calf was already fully standing and nursing shortly after birth.