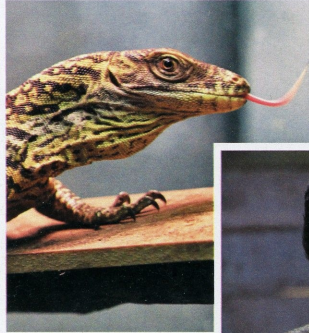


Births & Hatchings

CAMERON PARK ZOO

Waco, Texas

Cameron Park Zoo announced the successful hatching of two Komodo dragons. While all animal births are exciting, these Komodo dragons are especially interesting because they were possibly hatched via a process called parthenogenesis. A parthenogenetic egg needs no fertilization from a male because it inherits and duplicates the mother's chromosomes.



THE WILDS

Cumberland, Ohio

A male southern white rhino born at the Wilds on 12 November 2014 is the first fifth generation white rhino born on record outside of Africa. The Wilds is a 10,000-acre conservation center that produced the first fourth generation white rhino outside of Africa in 2009. The Wilds remains the only facility to produce fourth generation calves; seven have been born to date.



HOUSTON ZOO

Houston, Texas

Miráq, a one-month-old endangered okapi, made his public debut at the Houston Zoo on Tuesday, 9 December 2014. Okapi are solitary animals, also known as the "forest giraffe," and are native to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Central Africa.

CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO

Cleveland, Ohio

A baby Bornean orangutan was born on 5 October 2014 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. It's the first orangutan birth at the Zoo since 2006. The Zoo participates in the Bornean Orangutan Species Survival Plan® (SSP).



AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Long Beach, California

The Aquarium of the Pacific announced that it is the first to be able to successfully reproduce zebra sharks through artificial insemination. The pair of 10-month-old sharks are now on exhibit in the Aquarium's Shark Lagoon shallow pool.



OMAHA'S HENRY DOORLY ZOO AND AQUARIUM

Omaha, Nebraska

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium welcomed a female giraffe calf on 4 November 2014. She weighed 138 pounds and was 72 inches tall at birth. Giraffe are listed as Least Concern on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species™.



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