

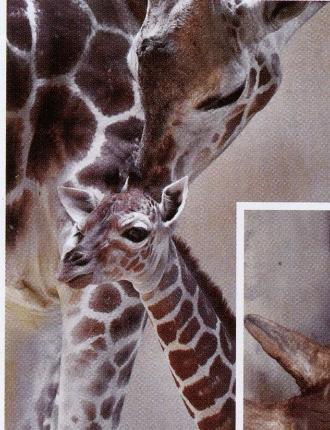
Births & Hatchings

MARYLAND ZOO

Baltimore, Md.

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore announced the birth of a female reticulated giraffe calf. Born on 6 February, this new calf is the first giraffe to be born at the Zoo in over 20 years.

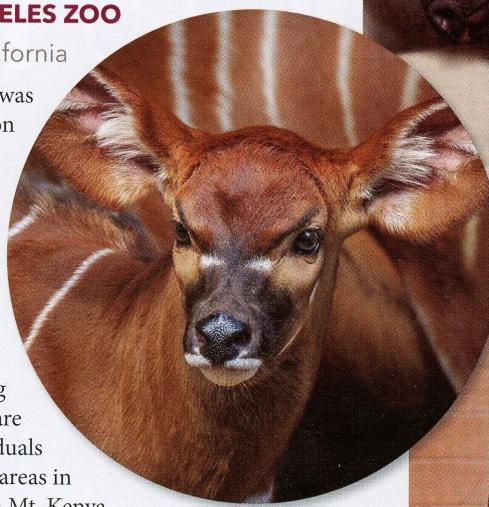
"We couldn't be happier to welcome this beautiful calf to the Zoo family," said Don Hutchinson, president and chief executive officer of the Zoo. "She will bring a lot of excitement to the Giraffe House and make a wonderful addition to the herd."



LOS ANGELES ZOO

Los Angeles, California

A male eastern bongo calf was born at the Los Angeles Zoo on 20 January. The calf is special because he is the first bongo baby the Zoo has welcomed in over 20 years. The Zoo has always exhibited eastern bongo, a large antelope found in Kenya, but the Zoo recently made breeding the species a priority due to its dwindling numbers in the wild. There are currently fewer than 100 individuals that survive in four fragmented areas in the Aberdares Forest and on Mt. Kenya.



ELMWOOD PARK ZOO

Norristown, Pennsylvania

Elmwood Park Zoo announced the birth of two jaguar cubs, one male and one female, on 24 January 2017. This was first ever jaguar births at the Elmwood Park Zoo. The cubs were the first jaguars born in 2017 at an AZA-accredited facility, and part of the Jaguar SSP which manages a genetically diverse population of 84 jaguars in over 40 AZA-accredited facilities.



NASHVILLE ZOO

Nashville, Tennessee

Nashville Zoo announced the birth of a male Masai giraffe. The calf was born 10 February. Masai giraffe are native to the savannas of Kenya and Tanzania. The wild population has seen a 40 percent decline since 1985 due to habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict and illegal hunting. Nashville Zoo is a part of the Giraffe Species Survival Plan® that contributes to the genetic preservation of the species across the nation.

SAN ANTONIO ZOO

San Antonio, Texas

The Zoo announced the hatching of 12 Sunda gharial. After 86 days of incubation, neonates began pipping from the eggs on 9 September 2016, with all neonates hatched within a week. This marks the 3rd clutch of Sunda gharial eggs to be successfully hatched in San Antonio, and the 12 hatchlings are an AZA record. Sunda gharials are listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as Endangered. The Zoo participates in the Sunda Gharial SSP.

