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## OH, BABY!

The birds and the bees have been busy at zoos all around the country, resulting in a bumper crop of zoo babies born in the last year. Here are just a few of the prominent new arrivals. —Jennifer Kornegay



### AMUR TIGERS

- Born: October 2010
- Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium
- (412) 665-3640; pittsburghzoo.org

How about not just one but three special deliveries? The Amur tiger triplets (two girls and a boy) consistently elicit “awws” from zoo guests. Amur tigers were once called Siberian tigers, but today, the cubs’ few remaining relatives in the wild live only in the far-east area of Asia, along their namesake Amur River.



### GIANT PANDA

- Born: November 2010
- Zoo Atlanta
- (404) 624-9453; zooatlanta.org

Per Chinese tradition, this little guy wasn’t named until he reached 100 days old. Now we can call him Po. He weighed just under 11 ounces soon after his birth, but he’ll grow to nearly 250 pounds as an adult. Fans can check in on the new family via webcam on the zoo’s website.



### WESTERN LOWLAND GORILLA

- Born: November 2010
- Franklin Park Zoo (part of Zoo New England) in Boston
- (617) 541-5466; zoonewengland.org

This petite primate’s arrival gives visitors a chance to observe some fascinating social interactions within the gorilla troop. Western lowland gorillas, native to parts of Africa, are considered critically endangered in the wild.



### AFRICAN ELEPHANT

- Born: May 2010
- San Diego Zoo Safari Park
- (760) 747-8702; sandiegozoo.org

Good things come in big packages! Three African elephant calves were born in 2010 at this sister property to the San Diego Zoo. Weighing a hefty 220 pounds at birth, Emanti was a big bundle of joy—and he’ll only get bigger. Males can reach up to 15,000 pounds.



### EASTERN BLACK RHINOCEROS

- Born: October 2010
- Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- (605) 367-7003; greatzoo.org

The birth of this baby boy was exciting for reasons beyond his adorableness. Roaming isolated areas of Africa, Eastern black rhinos are disappearing due to poaching, so his birth helped to strengthen the population.