Pregnant giraffe Tufani eating for two

Woodland Park Zoo shares update with up-close video



SEATTLE — Spring has officially arrived, and it's brought baby fever with it; giraffe baby fever to be specific. Like many zoos around the country, Woodland Park Zoo is eagerly awaiting the arrival of a giraffe calf after confirming earlier this year that 8year-old giraffe, Tufani (too-fawn-ee), is expecting her first baby. With a gestation period of 14 to 15 months, her window to give birth ranges from mid-May to early July 2017.

The father is 4-year-old Dave, who arrived at the zoo in June 2014. This will be the first baby for both parents who were paired under a breeding recommendation made by the Giraffe Species Survival Plan (SSP), a conservation breeding program to ensure genetic diversity and demographic stability in North American zoos.

See the zoo's latest video for updates on Tufani and her pregnancy here.

Help provide top notch care for Tufani, and other African Savanna animals, by purchasing items from Woodland Park Zoo's "baby shower" gift registry on Amazon: www.zoo.org/registry.

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