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Absolutely ADORABLE! Woodland Park Zoo celebrates pudu birth

SEATTLE—Woodland Park Zoo is welcoming the newest member of its family, a tiny male pudu (POO-doo) fawn. Pudu are the smallest deer species in the world and are native to South America.



The fawn, which has yet to be named, was born May 5 to parents Ted and Maggie. The birth is the pudu's third offspring together since they were paired under the Pudu [Species Survival Plan](#), a cooperative breeding program across accredited zoos to help ensure a healthy, self-sustaining population of the species.

The fawn's father, Ted, is nearly 6 years old and arrived at the zoo in 2017. The mother, Maggie, 5, came in 2018. Their first offspring, Chile, was born in 2020 and now lives at the Queens Zoo in New York. The second offspring born last year, Ande, remains at Woodland Park Zoo.

"The fawn and mother are healthy and bonding well. We're confident their bonding will continue as the fawn gets more comfortable exploring his habitat," said Shawn Pedersen, co-curator at Woodland Park Zoo. The pudu live in the zoo's Temperate Forest habitat. The best chance to see the fawn is around 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. when he's most active.

About Pudu

- Woodland Park Zoo is home to the southern pudu species. It lives in the lower Andes of Chile and southwest Argentina.
- The small deer reaches only 14 to 18 inches high at the shoulder and weighs 14 to 30 pounds.
- The compact deer lives in temperate rain forests and favors dense underbrush and bamboo thickets, which provide good cover from predators. The pudu can easily move through dense vegetation and among rocks to escape predators such as puma, fox and feral dogs.
- The pudu is listed as near-threatened due to hunting and a rapidly growing human population in the region that is leading to the loss of natural habitat due to clearing of land for agriculture, logging, and other human activities.

Woodland Park Zoo offers a safe, outdoor experience for all. Visit zoo.org for information. Zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily through April 30.

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