

JUNGLE JEFF



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Jungle Jeff here.

I'm pretty sure baby animals are a universal soft spot, and I am certainly no exception. A new bundle of joy has arrived recently here at the Santa Ana Zoo that has only reiterated my affinity for babies; it's a baby Crested Capuchin, born to Romeo and Juliet, two proud and loving parents.

When I first heard about this wonderful occurrence I was overjoyed, then, I found out just how spectacular it really is: there are only 12 of these rare monkeys in the United States, and now 3 of these amazing creatures are here at the Santa Ana Zoo.

I am just elated when I got out there to see them and the baby is clutching tightly to the mother's back, just looking around, exploring it's new world. The sex of the baby is still unknown, as the keepers do not yet wish to disturb the happy family, but either way he/she is showing promise to be a healthy and beautiful addition the capuchin family.

It's especially heartwarming when I walk out there and the second I turn the corner toward the enclosure, Romeo lunges forward at the side of the enclosure, protecting his baby. Once he realizes I'm just there to watch, he backs off and goes back to grooming the baby and Juliet, which is so adorable considering when the pair was first introduced to each other, Romeo seemed anything but interested in Juliet.

All in all, I would say I'm actually proud, because here at the Zoo, the friendly, neighborhood Santa Ana Zoo, we have a beautiful rare Capuchin baby, and it's oh so precious.

So come watch in awe with me the wonders of the animal world, exhibited in this tiny furry gift.

I hope to see you all soon

Jungle Jeff