

Watched by over 1 million people, April the giraffe gives birth

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And you thought strangers were nosy about *your* pregnancy...

Social media phenomenon April the giraffe gave birth to a healthy calf this morning after a highly documented pregnancy via live cam.

The Animal Adventure Park, where April resides in Harpursville, New York has been documenting her pregnancy on their Facebook page since December. The park set up a Giraffe Cam so curious fans could check in on the long-necked lady and make predictions about when she would give birth.



Screenshot of the April the giraffe from the live cam.

When April went into labour this morning, word spread on social media and over a million people tuned in to watch the long-anticipated birth. The park has announced that the gender will be revealed at a later date, and that it will be holding a campaign to name the calf.

So congratulations to the new mom! Watch the Giraffe Cam as April introduces her spindly new baby to the world.

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April Fun Facts:

Giraffe calves weigh around 150lb and will be about 6' tall at birth.

Giraffes are pregnant for 15 months on average

April is 15 - her 4th calf . For dad giraffe Oliver, this will be his first

During birth, the calf's front hooves come out first followed by the snout.

April will naturally raise the calf, with weaning could take between 6-10 months, maybe longer.

Upon naturally weaning, the calf will move on to another facility to start a breeding program there.

April's GoFundMe page has raised over \$125,000 for Animal Adventure Park.

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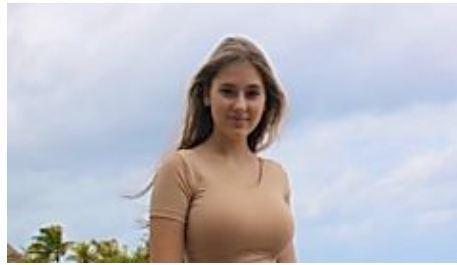
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