

Greenville Zoo giraffe Autumn gives birth to calf

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Giraffe gives birth at Greenville Zoo

Autumn, the 6-year-old Masai giraffe at the Greenville Zoo, gave birth to her baby about 11:50 Monday night.

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Zoo officials estimate more than 250,000 people have been looking at its Earthcam link to watch the birth.

On May 31, the zoo issued a statement announcing the giraffe was pregnant, and that the zoo anticipated delivery before the end of the year, possibly as early as August.

Autumn is on loan (along with the calf's father, Walter) from the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston.

No word yet from the zoo on how the giraffe calf is doing as of late Monday night, but a Tweet around 12:10 a.m. Tuesday said they were waiting for the calf to get up. About an hour after its birth, the live stream showed the calf standing and taking a few steps for the first time as Autumn nuzzled her baby.

You can see the live stream at http://www.earthcam.com/usa/southcarolina/greenville/?cam=giraffe_int.