

## Kiko the giraffe leaving Greenville Zoo

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GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) - A popular giraffe born at the Greenville Zoo back in 2012 is leaving for a zoo in Toronto, Canada.

Greenville Zoo officials announced on Tuesday that Kiko, a 2-year-old Masai giraffe, is heading north to join two female giraffes in hopes of breeding at the Toronto Zoo.

Animal-lovers were able to watch [Kiko's birth live on the internet](#) at the Greenville Zoo back in October of 2012. The Greenville Zoo is staging a goodbye for Kiko on Saturday.

A Species Survival Program of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums recommended the move to Canada. The program works to ensure the survival of species and to ensure genetic diversity.

