

Lehigh Valley Zoo Welcomes Another New 'roo

Lehigh Valley Health Network is the Official Motherhood Partner of the LV Zoo

(Schnecksville, Pa.) — Lehigh Valley Zoo, in conjunction with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), is hopping with excitement to announce that zookeepers recently spotted two little feet emerging from the pouch of one of our kangaroos – indicating the birth of another new joey at LV Zoo. LVHN is the Official Motherhood Partner of the LV Zoo.

First-time mother, Sophie, started showing an enlarged pouch and movement indicating to staff another zooborn was present -- and a third-generation joey born at LV Zoo. The most recent addition is also the fourth born in the exhibit over the past three summers, joining Hopscotch (2019), Jenga (2020) and Uno (2020). All four were fathered by George, the lone male kangaroo at the zoo. The gender of the newest joey is yet to be discovered.

Since kangaroo pregnancies only last around 30 days, it is difficult to determine exactly when a joey is born. Instead, joeys grow inside the pouch and go through many developmental stages after they are born -- more than a human baby does before birth. Researchers are still learning about the various stages of a joey's development and some Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) are even assisting in this research through voluntary pouch checks with their animals.

When they are first born, newborn joeys are smaller than a cherry. After birth, the mother will lick a pathway up the fur of her pouch for the joey to climb unassisted into the pouch where it stays until it is between two- and four-months old. For this reason, the kangaroos don't have a birthday but a "pouch day" -- the first time a joey makes an appearance outside the pouch and can be seen on exhibit.



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