



## MEDIA ALERT

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### GIRAFFE CALF PREPARES TO MEET DAD

*Guests may spot the Zoo's tallest baby as she gets to know Abu*

**WHO:** Atlanta's first giraffe calf is just around the corner from her next big family affair: meeting Dad. The Animal Management Team plans introductions between the 1-month-old calf and her father, 4-year-old Abu – a milestone that that will eventually enable the youngster and her relatives to begin appearing on exhibit together as a herd.

**WHAT:** The calf began introductions to her giraffe family late last month, when she met her aunt Mona, Glenda's 4-year-old half-sister, and has since become acquainted with some of her neighbors, including three female ostrich. Although Abu has seen his firstborn, father and daughter have yet to have an opportunity to physically interact.

The online contest to name the calf continues through Wednesday, August 25 at 5 p.m. The winning name will be announced during a naming celebration on Saturday, August 28, at 10 a.m. Visit [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org) to vote, and stay tuned for event details and updates on the calf's progress.

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**ABOUT:** **About Zoo Atlanta**  
An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters with more than 1,000 animals from around the world. The Zoo's newest attraction, Trader's Alley: Wildlife's Fading Footprints, featuring the debut of two new sun bears, opened in June 2010. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of western lowland gorillas, the nation's largest zoological collection of orangutans, and a global center of excellence for the care and study of vanishing reptiles and amphibians. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home. The Zoo is open

daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org).

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