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27.5-ounce antelope born at Brevard Zoo

MELBOURNE, Fla., April 23, 2021 — A tiny antelope was born at Brevard Zoo on the evening of April 15 to four-year-old mother Deborah and six-year-old father Ajabu.

The klipspringer calf weighed just 27.5 ounces at birth and appears to be in good health. The youngster, who does not yet have a name, is nursing well and will spend several weeks bonding with Deborah in a behind-the-scenes area before making his debut. He is the ninth klipspringer to be born at the Zoo.

This species of antelope typically gives birth to one calf at a time, who will weigh between 18 and 40 pounds as a full-grown adult. Klipspringer live in rocky areas of sub-Saharan Africa, where they are known for their surefootedness. The species does not face any major threats but is sometimes hunted by humans for its meat and hide.

Photos and video:

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Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at www.treetoptrek.com.

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