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**Baby sloth receiving specialized care at Brevard Zoo**

MELBOURNE, Fla., June 7, 2021 — A Linnaeus's two-toed sloth born at Brevard Zoo on May 12 is receiving specialized attention from animal care staff after the baby's mother, Tango, was not interested in looking after the little one, and attempts to reunite the pair were unsuccessful.

The yet-to-be-named newborn, who was fathered by Dustin, is bottle-fed goat's milk every three hours around the clock. Because young sloths typically cling to their mothers at this age, the baby was given a variety of stuffed animals to hold.

Zoo staff have not yet identified the sex of the sloth as this will require a laboratory test.

This is the second sloth to arrive at the Zoo this spring. The first was born to Sammy on April 8; that baby is being reared by their mother and is visible to guests in the Rainforest Revealed section of the Zoo.

Sloths are threatened by the wildlife trade and habitat loss. The Zoo urges tourists visiting Central or South America to pass on "photo ops" with sloths, which often feature animals unsustainably removed from their natural habitat.

Photos and video:

[www.dropbox.com/sh/d95wxgw901paucx/AAA0wbpLGEMl6oxuAKFxbWxEa](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/d95wxgw901paucx/AAA0wbpLGEMl6oxuAKFxbWxEa)

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