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Rare antelope born at Brevard Zoo

MELBOURNE, Fla., February 15, 2017 — On Friday, February 3, seven-year-old scimitar-horned oryx Danica gave birth to Brevard Zoo's newest addition—a male calf weighing 22 pounds.

Danica was born at the Zoo in 2009. Both mother and calf remain on exhibit with the rest of the herd. Guests may be able to see the calf from the kayak tour and the Cape to Cairo Express train.

Scimitar-horned oryx were once one of the most prominent mammal species across northern Africa, extending from Morocco to Egypt and as far south as Sudan. In 1999, they became extinct in the wild as a result of climate change and an increase of hunting due to a growing human presence in the region. The species is now successfully bred in human care and a healthy population of captive-born oryx has been introduced to their native range.

Photos and video: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wmx58597ie3n91o/AAD-mBBqGM6ICy5ENOSj3aXTa>

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Brevard Zoo is home to more than 800 animals representing 180 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at www.brevardzoo.org.

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.