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Meet Missouri's Newest Monkey at Wonders of Wildlife

Public invited to help pick the name of adorable baby marmoset

Springfield, Mo. – Johnny Morris' [Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium](#) today announced the debut of a baby marmoset monkey that was born at the Aquarium earlier this year. The baby monkey is now out in her habitat inside the Amazon Rainforest gallery, and the public is invited to help vote on her name.



The female common marmoset, one of the smallest species of monkey, was born to first-time parents on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 7 a.m., weighing a mere 27 grams.

New marmoset mothers are sometimes unable to provide proper care for their young, so the professional animal care team at Wonders of Wildlife assisted with the baby, hand-rearing the infant under 24-hour care.

For the first several weeks of her life, the animal care team bottle-fed the infant, but recently began introducing solid foods like nutrient-dense cereal and tiny bits of fruit. When team members were not holding the infant, she clung to a stuffed sloth, which mimicked the behavior she would use with her mother and helped strengthen her limbs.

Baby and mother have been bonding together in a private maternity den for the past several weeks following a successful reintroduction. Today, she weighs more than 100 grams and can be seen actively climbing and frolicking with her parents inside the Amazon Rainforest gallery.



Public Invited to Help Name Missouri's Newest Monkey

The public is invited to help to vote between two possible names for the adorable baby monkey through an online poll. The animal care team considered several Portuguese names, which is the official language of Brazil, where common marmosets are found living in tropical rainforests. Based on her personality, the two final nominees are:

- ***Filomena*** – friend of strength
- ***Liliana*** – little flower

Guests can vote for their favorite by going to www.wondersofwildlife.org/monkey.

“Everyone at Wonders of Wildlife is very excited about the debut of our new baby marmoset, and we can’t think of a better way to introduce her to our guests than by asking them to help us choose her name,” said Mike Daniel, Curator of Life Sciences at Wonders of Wildlife. “Both of these names suit the baby monkey well, and we want our fans to be the deciding factor.”



Guests can stay tuned for the name announcement and follow along on the baby monkey’s progress by following Wonders of Wildlife on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Her name will be announced in the coming weeks.

South America’s Miniature Monkeys

Common marmosets are highly social animals found throughout the rainforests of Brazil. The species has a specialized diet which includes insects, fruits and tree sap. Sometimes called Cotton-eared marmosets, the arboreal primates have soft, silky hair and cotton-like “tufts” on either side of their faces. Their tails are often longer than their bodies, which help them maintain balance in the treetops. The life expectancy of common marmosets in human care is typically 16 years.

Just for Neighbors

For a limited time, residents of select neighboring counties in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas can take advantage of a special “Just for Neighbors” offer, saving as much as \$20 on single-day admission. For a list of qualifying counties and details on this online-only offer, click [here](#).

About Johnny Morris’ Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium

Johnny Morris’ Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium consists of an all-new 1.5-million-gallon Aquarium Adventure showcasing 35,000 live fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds, and immersive Wildlife Galleries that bring visitors eye-to-eye with the greatest collection of record-setting game animals ever assembled. Created by noted conservationist and Bass Pro Shops founder/CEO Johnny Morris, the 350,000-square-foot experience celebrates those who hunt, fish, and act as stewards of the land and water. Located next to Bass Pro Shops National Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri the campus is a centerpiece of America’s Conservation Capital in Missouri’s Ozark Mountains. Wonders of Wildlife has been voted “Best New Attraction in America” and “America’s Best Aquarium” by the readers of *USA TODAY*. For more information, visit www.wondersofwildlife.org.

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