

Zoo Aquarium de Madrid

On August 28, 2013, three little foxes (*tres pequeños zorros*) went to *Zoo Aquarium de Madrid* to see the baby giant panda (*pandas gigantes*) born in April. The zoo was fortunate to have a baby panda born there, but the mother, who had twins in 2010, had to see them taken back to China. This has apparently been the fate of the new baby male as well. The little foxes did get to see an adult panda asleep on a tree perch.

Fortunately for the three little foxes there were several other animal babies at the zoo. There was a baby Asiatic elephant (*elefante asiático*) just a few months old. It had already learned how to use its trunk. Its mother covered its hairy back with straw to prevent sunburn.



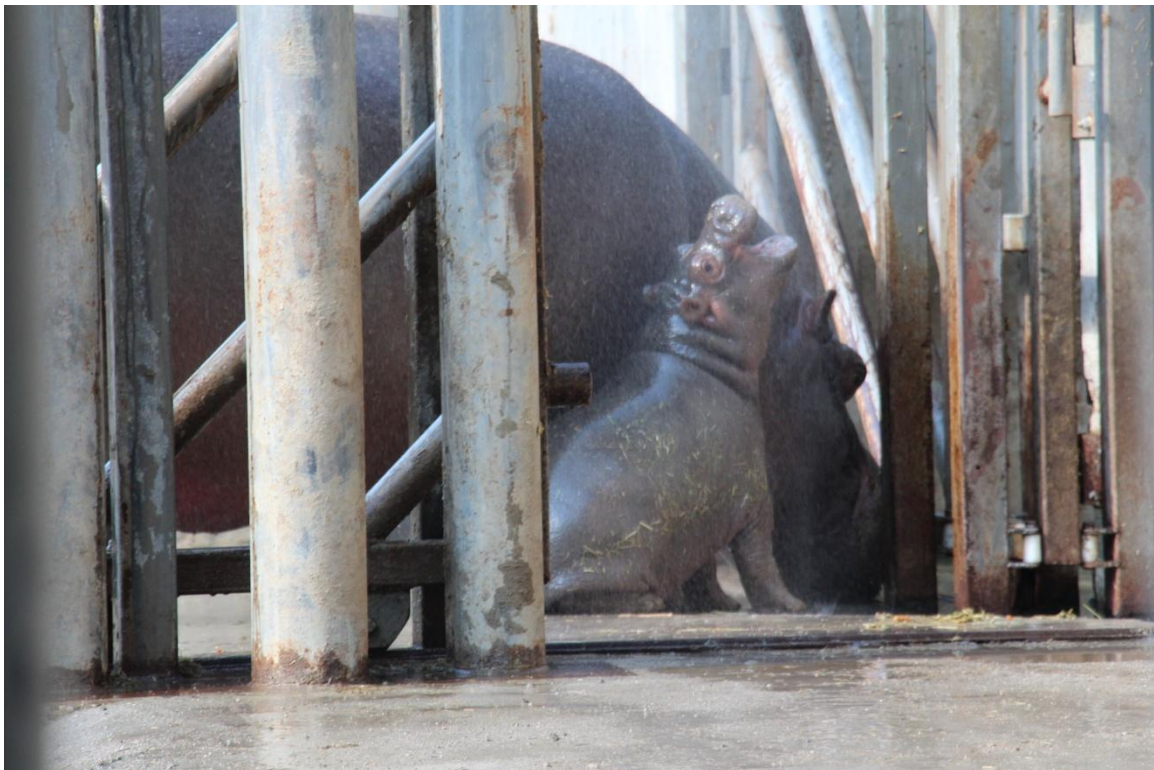
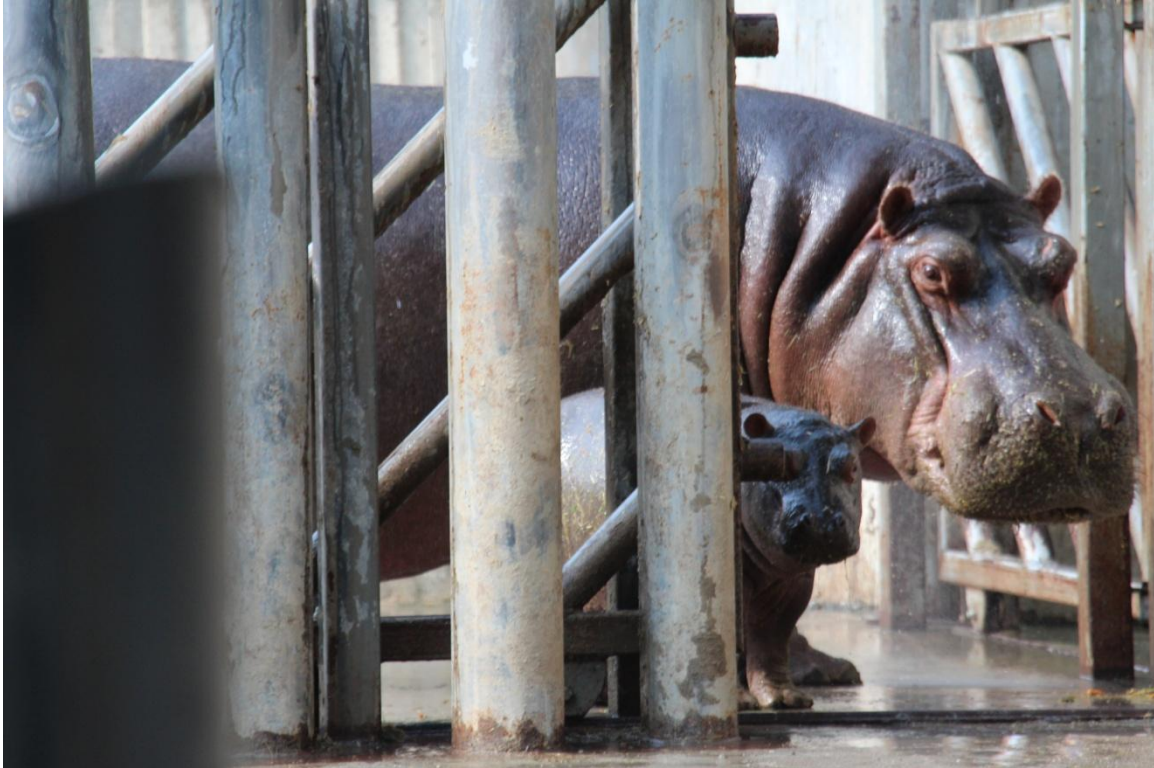
The Asian elephant differs from the African elephant by having much smaller ears and by being hairier. When the temperature reached the high 90s (°F) later in the day the baby lay down and the mother created a shadow over him.

Nearby there was an orangutan (*orangután*) habitat. Up close was a baby orangutan avoiding the direct sunlight.



His father was close by just beside him, looking like a big rock. The three little foxes thought he looked a bit like a furry man.

The noisy little foxes startled a hippopotamus (*hipopótamo*) and her baby.



The baby was hot and there was a water sprayer keeping him wet.



He opened his mouth and let the water fall in.

A big surprise for the three little foxes was to see a baby giant anteater (*oso hormiguero*) riding on the back of its parent.



If you look closely the parent is sniffing a rock with its very long nose/mouth on a narrow head and the baby is right on top looking at you. Another adult is behind these two.

There is a big sloped habitat for baboons (*papión*). There may have been 200 baboons in it, adults, babies and adolescents. Below you will see a dominant male with white fur. The males and the females have bright red reproduction organs when they are either sexually mature (males) or receptive (females). In the third picture two very young baboons play with a rock. Often the toddlers are rough with the babies. Older sisters, aunts or mothers will intercede to protect the babies. Overall a troop of baboons is chaotic, running and jumping and making babies.





It was hot and the three little foxes got some refreshments.



You weren't expecting quadrupeds with bushy tails, were you? From left to right we have Lidia, Raul and Isabel. They also had fun in the petting zoo.



There was an incubator for chickens (*pollo*) which contained freshly hatched chicks.

