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## So Tiny! So Cute! Baby Pudu at the Zoo

June 23, 2017 – *Jacksonville, FL* – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) has an adorable new addition. A male Southern pudu was born on May 31 to mother, Posie, and father, Little Mac.

This is the first fawn for Little Mac and he is proving to be an excellent father, doting on the yet un-named male fawn. Keepers often find him grooming the babe or sleeping next to him. Posie is also an excellent mother and shares a birthday with the precious little one.

Pudu, the smallest species of deer, are around 15 inches tall when full grown. The fawn weighed less than two pounds when born and stood less than eight inches tall. Southern pudu fawns are born with spots which form strips that will develop into a solid reddish-brown fur as they grow older.

The pudus at the Zoo are currently housed in the Wild Florida loop next to the Manatee Critical Care Center. They are naturally shy creatures, with the fawn usually hiding in the exhibit shrubbery.

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### About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. **The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and a portion of every ticket sold goes to the over 45 conservation initiatives Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens supports around the world, and here in NE Florida.** JZG is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit [jacksonvillezoo.org](http://jacksonvillezoo.org).