



# BOWDLEFLODE NEWS 7th Edition 2018

Welcome.

With every Bowdleflode News we bring you interesting facts about Bowdleflodeland and also Planet Earth with features about Endangered Species.

**A very rare baby Rothchild's Giraffe  
was born at Woburn on 14th Sept 2018**



Classified as endangered by the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature), the species is **one of the world's rarest mammals**. It is thought there are only around 1600 remaining in the wild.

Born to 20-year old mum, Savannah, and 15-year old dad, Casper, the baby is thought to be a female and was up, suckling and walking around within an hour, showing signs of being happy and healthy.

## First steps

Remarkably, giraffes usually walk within a few hours of birth and the calf has already been spotted stumbling around the reserve and following mum wherever she goes. Measuring in at 6-foot tall, the new arrival has plenty of growing to do and is expected to reach around 18-foot by adulthood. Keepers at Woburn always take a 'hands-off' approach, to allow mum and her calf time to bond. A typical calf will need nourishment every two hours, so lots of food and shelter are provided to give mum plenty of strength to feed.

## Keepers are delighted

Acting Deputy Head of Reserves, Tom Robson said: "We are all thrilled with the new arrival and can't wait to see the calf grow and integrate with the other giraffes. As is typical with these animals, we expect the whole herd to have a role in bringing up the calf. This aids integration and is brilliant for less-experienced members of the herd too, as it provides enrichment and life skills. Savannah and Casper are both experienced parents, so they are very relaxed about the whole process!"

## Spacious home in the Road Safari

Keepers have high hopes for the new arrival as Woburn is home to a large breeding herd of Giraffes, playing a fundamental role in the captive breeding of the species. The herd lives in Giraffe Junction, a spacious and leafy 7-acre reserve on the Road Safari, which they share with a Grevy's Zebra and Scimitar Horned Oryxes.

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HM QUEEN CHARLOTTE says all is well in Bowdlefloodeland and Cedric will bring you more news in the next Bowdlefloode Newsletter. You can always contact him at :

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