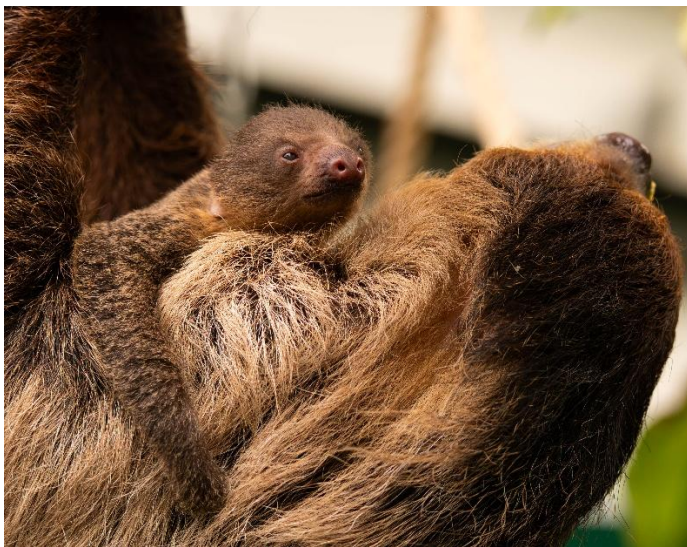


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Hanging on to History: Banham Zoo Marks a Historic First with Baby Sloth!



Banham Zoo is proud to announce a truly historic conservation milestone – the first-ever birth of a Linne's two-toed sloth at the zoo, which took place on Sunday, 7th September 2025.

Our much-loved female sloth, Rowan, has welcomed her very first youngster with partner Arlo, marking an unforgettable moment for the pair as new parents and a landmark event for Banham Zoo.

Both mother and pup are thriving, with our expert animal care team carefully monitoring their progress while ensuring they enjoy the quiet space they need to bond. Visitors may be lucky enough to see the newborn clinging tightly to Rowan's belly, a tender behaviour that showcases the remarkable bond between sloth mothers and their young.

This birth is more than just a heartwarming moment; it's a conservation success story, underlining the crucial role modern zoos play in protecting species, inspiring visitors, and supporting global conservation efforts.

Adding to the excitement, the sloth pup isn't the only new arrival at Banham Zoo. Recently, our red panda twins have begun venturing out of their nest, delighting visitors with their first playful explorations.

With both a historic sloth birth and red panda cubs to see, now is a truly special time to visit Banham Zoo and witness the wonders of new life in the animal kingdom.

Deborah Harris, Animal Manager at Banham Zoo, said, *'It's such an achievement to have our first baby sloth here at the zoo! The youngster is absolutely adorable and has stolen the hearts of keepers and visitors alike. So far, Rowan has proven to be a fantastic first-time mum, and we're excited to see what the future holds.'*

For more updates on Rowan, Arlo, their youngster, and the red panda twins, follow Banham Zoo on social media or visit our website.

We look forward to welcoming visitors to see the new arrival over the October half term!

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