

Absolutely Adorable: Pudu Fawn Named!

SEATTLE—One of Woodland Park Zoo’s tiniest residents has a name! The female pudu (POO-doo) fawn, born in May, is named *Flor*, meaning flower in Spanish. Pudu are the smallest deer species in the world and are native to South America.

The fawn, named by longtime friends of the zoo Kath Aleen Richards and Glenn Kawasaki, was born May 5 to parents Ted and Maggie. The birth is the pudu’s fourth offspring together since they were paired under the Pudu [Species Survival Plan](#), a cooperative breeding program across accredited zoos to help ensure a healthy, self-sustaining population of the species.

Flor is now catching up in size and weight with her parents and is still very bonded to her mother, Maggie. Flor occasionally gets the “zoomies” in the morning and can be seen racing around the exhibit and practicing her head butting on her parents. The fawn’s favorite foods are leafy greens like lettuce, kale and other green plants.

Flor’s father, Ted, is 7 years old and arrived at the zoo in 2017. The mother, Maggie, 6, came in 2018. This is the pair’s first female fawn. All three of their male fawns now live at accredited zoos across the country and are doing well.

About Pudu

- Woodland Park Zoo is home to the southern pudu species. It lives in the lower Andes of Chile and southwest Argentina.
- The small deer reaches only 14 to 18 inches high at the shoulder and weighs 14 to 30 pounds.
- The compact deer lives in temperate rain forests and favors dense underbrush and bamboo thickets, which provide good cover from predators. The pudu can easily move through dense vegetation and among rocks to escape predators such as puma, fox and feral dogs.
- The pudu is listed as near-threatened due to hunting and a rapidly growing human population in the region that is leading to the loss of natural habitat due to clearing of land for agriculture, logging and other human activities.

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