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## **Baby Bowie likes watermelon! *Sloth bear cub sampling solid foods***

SEATTLE—Woodland Park Zoo's 2½-month-old, female sloth bear, Bowie, is getting a taste of solid foods and she's fond of watermelon! The cub shares the same birthday, January 8, as David Bowie, her namesake.

Bowie was born to mom Kushali (kuu-SHAW-lee) and dad Bhutan (boo-TAHN). The zoo anticipates introducing the cub with Kushali to the public sometime in April.

For updates on Bowie and other babies at the zoo, visit [www.zoo.org/zoobabies](http://www.zoo.org/zoobabies).

### **About Sloth Bears**

- Sloth bears live in forests and grasslands in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
- Adult sloth bears are missing their top two front teeth (incisors), which lets them suck ants and termites right out of their underground tunnels, like a vacuum cleaner! Their shaggy, dusty, black coats deflect sunlight, protecting them from the extremes of tropical heat. No wonder they're fondly described as shaggy slurpers!
- Sloth bears forage for termites, grubs and other insects; they also eat grass, flowers, fruit, and honey plus occasional eggs and cultivated crops. At the zoo, they eat insects, honey, fruits and vegetables, eggs and omnivore chow.

Zoo hours through April 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. For admission prices and tickets, visit [www.zoo.org/visit](http://www.zoo.org/visit). To learn more about Woodland Park Zoo or to become a zoo member, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Bluesky](#) and [TikTok](#).

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