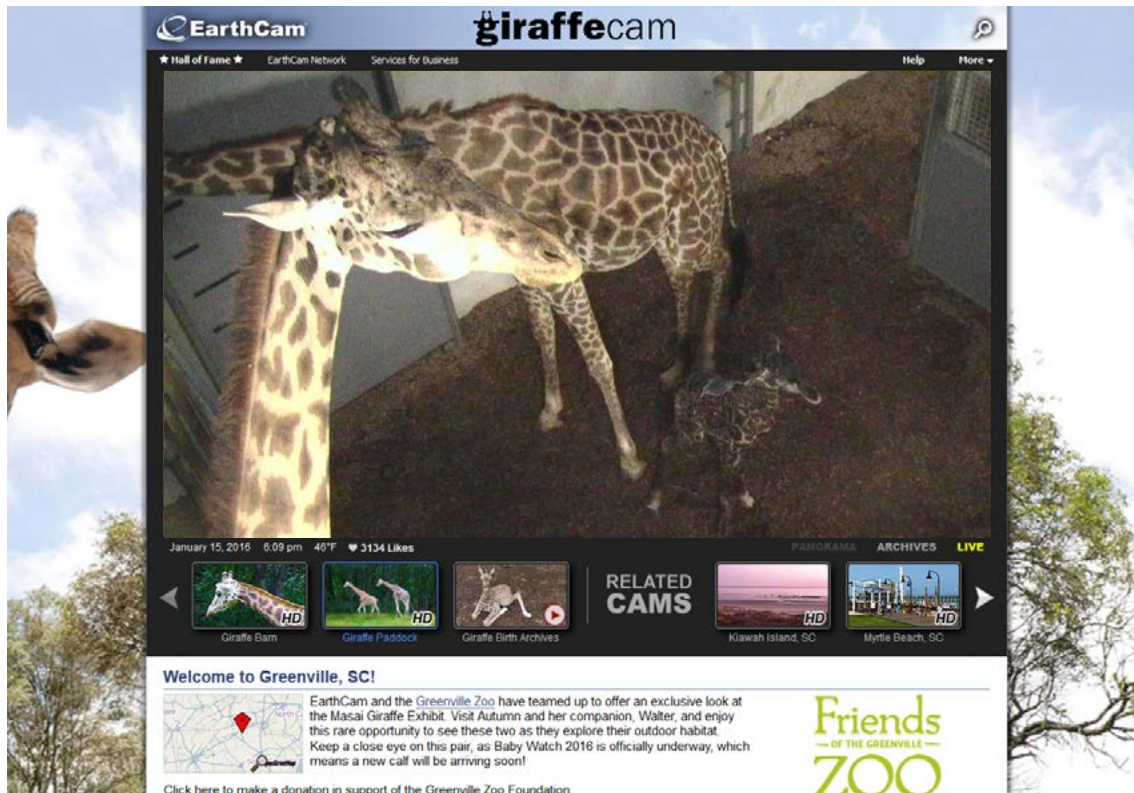


Greenville Zoo giraffe gives birth

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Autumn, the Greenville Zoo's 9-year-old Masai giraffe has given birth this morning around 6 a.m.

The birth was captured live on [EarthCam](#).

Like a majority of the animals at the Greenville Zoo, Autumn and Walter, the zoo's 10-year-old male Masai giraffe, are part of a cooperative breeding program known as an SSP or Species Survival Program, according to the zoo's website.

The purpose of a cooperative breeding program is to monitor captive populations and make breeding recommendations based on genetic variability and spaces available at other accredited institutions to ensure a long-term viable population without removing animals from the wild. Both Autumn and Walter came to the Greenville Zoo in 2007 as part of a breeding loan.

Autumn came from the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston, and Walter came from the San Diego Zoo. Their first calf, Kiko, was born on Oct. 22, 2012. Their second calf was stillborn on Aug. 20, 2014. At the recommendation of the SSP, Kiko was transferred to the Toronto Zoo earlier this year to join two female giraffes with the hope that they will breed and produce offspring.

Go to <http://www.greenvillezoofoundation.org/giraffecam> to see live footage of the baby calf and its mom.

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