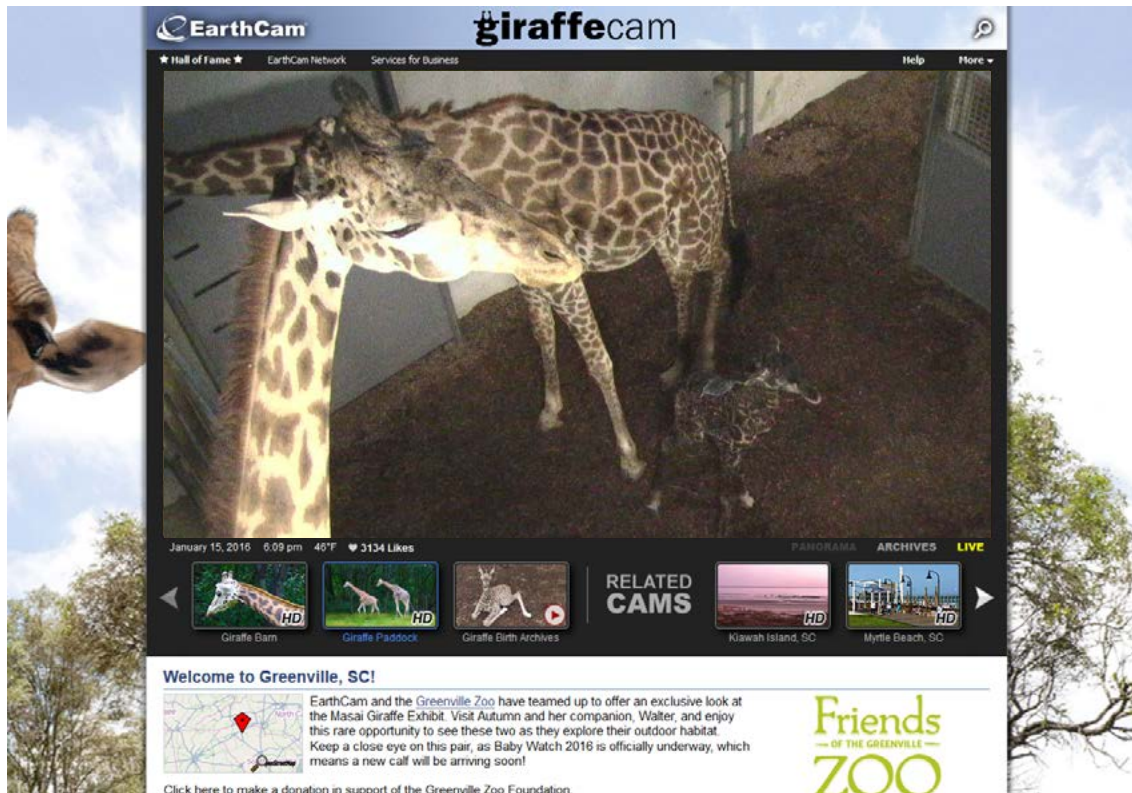


## Animal tales from Pomeranians to pythons

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From the cutest Pomeranian you've ever seen, to a super aggressive python, a mixed bag makes us today's selection of incredible animals.

In Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast, Australia an intrepid snake catcher, Ross McGibbon, was called to deal with an aggressive and territorial carpet python that had ended up on someone's fence. The snake clearly indicated it didn't want to be interfered with when the snake catcher approached it. But McGibbon calmly caught the snake and proceeded to do a piece to camera about python's behaviour, when the snake wrapped itself around his arm and bit him in the back of the head. The catcher cool-as-cucumber limited himself to referring to the snake as 'Bitey' and then released it into the wild.

Two meerkat pups were born to the Taronga Zoo in Sydney, the first meerkats to be given birth to in the zoo in almost seven years. The little meerkats were born to Nairobi and Maputo, and have delighted to zoo's staff, who suspect that they are a boy and a girl although the sex cannot be determined until later during their first visit by the vet.

Some very long wobbly legs were picked up by the Greenville Zoo who managed to film the moment shortly after a baby giraffe was born in South Carolina. Autumn, the mother is a giraffe whose pregnancy had become famous thanks to the service [EarthCam](#) which allows people to monitor the progress of animals. The little baby giraffe who was filmed looking comically insecure on its long legs, was later shown in another video looking much stronger.

In Durban, South Africa temperatures reached such extremes that local vervets took to a backyard pool to cool off. Michael Derek Rout filmed the monkeys jumping into the pool and swimming to cool down from the oppressive heat.

Smally but mighty and fluffy, this Pomeranian's performance of the Lion Dance traditionally done to celebrate the Chinese New Year, has been viewed by over four million people. The little dog from Thailand is called Zippaw and goes through the routine with gusto wearing a little lion's suit.