

Cute! White lioness bears 3 cubs in Argentina

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Three white lion cubs are presented to the public for the first time at the city zoo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Wednesday Jan. 5, 2011. The cubs were born on Nov. 16, 2010. According to zoo officials these are the first white lions to be born in South America. (AP Photo/Eduardo Di Baia)

(AP) -- Zookeepers in Buenos Aires showed off triplets Wednesday - three white cubs born to a pair of white lions imported from South Africa.

Zoo officials say the two females and a male were born Nov. 16 and are the first white lions to be born in [South America](#). Children who visit the zoo this Argentine summer can take part in a contest to name them.

"We're very proud. There aren't many white lions born in zoos,"

veterinarian Miguel Rivolta told AP Television News.

Since both parents are white, their cubs each have the recessive genes that make them pure white, he explained.

Zoo visitors were loving their debut on Wednesday. The cubs' mother, not so much. She growled at the crowd and carried one of the cubs off in her mouth.

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