

# Endangered baby gorilla born at Chicago zoo dies

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In this photo taken Nov. 18, 2011, provided by the Lincoln Park Zoo, Western Lowland Gorilla mother Bana hold her new her baby which was born on Nov. 16, 2011. The baby which has yet to be named joins a troop of seven Western Lowland Gorillas at the zoo. The newborn girl is the first of this critically endangered species to be born at the zoo since 2005. (AP Photo/ Lincoln Park Zoo, Todd Rosenberg)

(AP) -- A preliminary exam shows that an endangered baby gorilla born nine days ago at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo died of head trauma.

Zoo workers discovered the baby gorilla was dead Friday morning, as she was being carried around by her mother.

The zoo says workers allowed the mother, 16-year-old Bana, to keep the baby for several hours "to make peace with what happened." She was a first-time mother.

The cause of death was determined later in the day during a necropsy, the animal version of an [autopsy](#).

The baby's father was a 22-year-old silverback gorilla named Kwan.

The baby was the first Western lowland gorilla born at the zoo since 2005. She had not been named.

In a statement, the [zoo](#) says the baby appeared to be fully developed.

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