

Chimpanzee at New Mexico zoo gives birth to twins

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This Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014 photo provided by the ABQ BioPark Zoo shows "Elaine," a 38-year-old chimpanzee relaxes in the sun with her twin babies at the ABQ BioPark Zoo in Albuquerque, NM. Keepers arriving on Tuesday found that Elaine had given birth to two healthy babies. The zoo didn't specify the twins' gender. (AP Photo/ABQ BioPark Zoo)

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Keepers arriving at ABQ BioPark in Albuquerque on Tuesday found 38-year-old Elaine with two healthy babies. The zoo didn't specify the twins' gender.

Staff at the zoo knew Elaine was pregnant and suspected she was carrying more than one baby. She had gotten larger, and the chimp believed to be the father previously sired [twins](#) and [triplets](#).

Female chimpanzees usually give [birth](#) to a single baby.

Keepers say the mother has enjoyed nestling with her infants against the exhibit's glass walls, where it is extra warm.

The zoo's last chimp baby, Kianga, was born in 2007.

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