

Remaining panda cub healthy at National Zoo after twin dies

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Visitors to the Smithsonian's National Zoo listen during an announcement about the death of one of the new panda cubs during a news conference at the Zoo in Washington, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Animal keepers say the National Zoo's remaining newborn panda cub is healthy and was active and nursing through the night after the cub's smaller twin died.

The zoo said Thursday that panda mother Mei Xiang (may-SHONG) is showing proper maternal care. She's been having short sleep cycles and adjusting the tiny cub in her arms for better positioning and grooming.

Panda keepers say the staff heard strong vocalizations from the cub overnight and observed it a couple of times. The [cub](#) is growing more hair. Keepers say it looks healthy with a plump tail.

The smaller of the twin cubs died Wednesday after animal keepers retrieved it from Mei Xiang in the morning. The zoo said the exact cause of death has not been determined.

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