

Gorilla gives birth unexpectedly at Prague ZOO

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24-years old gorilla Shinda holds her newborn baby at the Zoo in Prague, Czech Republic, Sunday, April 24, 2016. Shinda gave a birth to her first child on April 23, 2016 and the baby is yet to be named. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)

It was an unexpected birth that took everyone at the Prague zoo by surprise.

Nobody noticed that 24-year-old gorilla Shinda—who is a bit

overweight—was pregnant. After several [miscarriages](#), she was expected to remain childless.

Zoo director Miroslav Bobek says, "it seems that a miracle happens from [time](#) to time."

Bobek says the zookeepers "had given up any hope she could get a baby."



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As the birth on Saturday afternoon was smooth and both mother and newborn have been doing well, visitors have been already allowed to see them. The baby's gender is not yet known.

The gorillas are among the most popular animals at the zoo. Tens of thousands of people watched the birth of another gorilla online in 2007.



Gorilla Bikira holds her foot at the Zoo in Prague, Czech Republic, Sunday, April 24, 2016. (AP Photo/Petr David Josek)

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