

Cincinnati Zoo's prematurely born hippo takes first steps

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The Cincinnati Zoo says a baby hippo born prematurely has taken her first steps.

Zoo spokeswoman Michelle Curley said Sunday that Fiona (fee-OH'-nuh) was active during the night and consumed a good amount of formula by herself.

The baby's mother, 17-year-old Bibi, gave [birth](#) six weeks early on Jan. 24 to the first Nile hippo born there in 75 years.

Staffers have been working to help Fiona grow, get stronger and learn to nurse on her own. They keep her close enough to her parents so they can hear and smell each other.

The zoo is providing updates on its website.

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