

3-week-old elephant dies at Ohio zoo after sudden illness

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This undated file photo provided by Columbus Zoo and Aquarium shows an Asian baby elephant, born Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, in Powell, Ohio. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium says the elephant born three weeks ago has died. The zoo says the female Asian elephant died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, after a sudden illness. (Grahm S. Jones/Columbus Zoo and Aquarium via AP, File)

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium says an elephant born three weeks ago has died.

The zoo says the female Asian elephant died Wednesday after a sudden illness.

The zoo's veterinary team says that the elephant appeared sluggish Wednesday morning and was found to have an infection. The team gave her fluids, antibiotics and [blood plasma](#) from her mother.

She initially seemed to rebound but then her health declined again.

The zoo had not yet named the elephant who was born on Dec. 6. It was the first elephant birth at the zoo in almost 10 years.

The elephant was born to a 31-year-old Asian elephant named Phoebe who was artificially inseminated with sperm from two [elephants](#), one at the Columbus zoo and one at another zoo.

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