

# Rare albino puma cub born in Nicaragua zoo

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An albino puma cub in the zoo in Juigalpa, in Nicaragua, on August 23 2023.

A rare specimen of albino puma was born a month ago in a zoo in Nicaragua, where it is still being sheltered from the gaze of visitors, zoo officials said.

"We are taking all measures to be able to keep him as healthy as

possible, together with his mother," veterinarian Carlos Molina from the Thomas Belt Zoo told AFP.

"He is healthy, his body is in good condition," said the vet from the zoo in Juigalpa in Chontales department, about 140 kilometers (85 miles) from the capital Managua.

The fur of common pumas at birth is light brown or reddish with black flecks. The genetic mutation that causes white pigmentation is rare among the species, and there are hardly any documented cases in the world.

"We are happy to have it because you don't see this very often," Molina said.

The puma is the second largest cat in the Americas after the jaguar, and the fourth in the world after the tiger and the lion.

Zoo keepers have avoided contact with the small albino [puma](#), which is growing up with its mother in a den set up in a fenced enclosure, and hope that within two months the cub will be able to receive veterinary treatment.

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