

# Three tiny monkeys stolen from German zoo

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Three Pygmy Marmosets, similar to this one pictured on November 27, 2004, have been stolen from a zoo in the western German city of Dortmund

Three pygmy marmosets—the world's smallest monkey species—have been stolen from a zoo in the western German city of Dortmund, police said on Wednesday.

The theft occurred overnight Sunday to Monday, [police](#) said, adding that the intruders also stole two other monkeys "and then managed to escape without being seen."

Two of the stolen [pygmy](#) marmosets—which measure less than 15 centimetres (six inches) in length—were being used for breeding, the German news agency DPA said, adding that the zoo had decided to install 24-hour surveillance following the incident.

In May, two families of rare and fragile monkeys—seven golden lion tamarins and 10 silver marmosets—were stolen from a [zoo](#) in Beauval in central France.

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