

Meet weeks' old giraffe calf Jabali!



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1. What does ungulate mean?
2. How long ago did Jabali's father move to Auckland Zoo? Where did he come from?
3. What time did Karaka start going into labour?
4. How long after being born did Jabali first stand?
5. How tall was Jabali when he was born? Is this usual or unusual for baby giraffes?
6. Who will Jabali be introduced too?
7. Why do you think Jabali is a bit hesitant when going out into the savannah habitat for the first time?
8. How heavy is Jabali now? How long will it take Jabali to get to full size?
9. Why will the keepers move how high up the browse (leaves on branches) is for the giraffes?
10. Would you like to be a zoo keeper? Why or why not? What animals would you most like to care for?

Interesting vocabulary to learn more about:

ungulate, hooved, mammal, whānau, programme, behaviour, entire, stimulate, approximately, heard, integrated, introduced, absolutely, hesitant, energetic, eventually, development, browse, journey.



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Ka pai! (Well done!)

Now it's time to check your answers.

1. Ungulate is the word that refers to hooved stock or hooved mammals.
2. Billy, Jabali's father, moved to Auckland Zoo three years ago. He came from Australia Zoo.
3. Karaka first started going into labour at 5.43am in the morning.
4. Jabali was born at 7.15am and stood up at 8.01am. He first stood 46 minutes after being born!
5. Jabali was approximately 6 foot 5 inches or 195cm tall when he was first born. This is taller than usual as most baby giraffe are 6 foot when born.
6. Jabali will first be introduced to the other female giraffe in the herd, then Billy the male giraffe, and then the zebra and ostrich.
7. Jabali is a bit hesitant when going out into the savannah habitat for the first time because there are other species around that he hasn't seen before, such as ostrich and zebra. It is a new place and new animals around him for the first time in his life.
8. Jabali was 111kgs at two weeks old. A male giraffe can get to 1000kg so it will take a few years for Jabali to get to full size.
9. As Jabali gets taller, the keepers will move his browse (leaves on branches) up higher so it is at his head height as he grows.
10. Various answers.
Teacher judgment required.

Challenge:

Draw all the savannah animals in their habitat. Label the different animals and the different things they need in their habitat (food sources, water, spaces to run etc.).

