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## SECOND NEWBORN POLAR BEAR CUB DIES

Remaining male cub still in ICU

**October 13, 2011, Toronto, Canada:** Less than 48 hours after birth, sadly the Zoo announced that a second newborn polar bear cub succumbed to wounds inflicted by its mother. An uninjured male cub remains in the Zoo's intensive care unit under 24 hour care with staff being hopeful that each day he will get stronger.

Wildlife has a way of regulating natural events such as births and deaths and it is observed often that young animal mothers do not always nurture offspring resulting in rejection and death. Female polar bears den at the start of winter and nurse their newborns for several months before emerging with their surviving cubs in the spring.

Aurora, the cubs' mother, remains on exhibit in the Tundra Trek at the Zoo with twin female Nikita and male Inukshuk.

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**To media:** At this time, Zoo professional staff is focused on their survival and the Zoo will share updates as available.



Feeding newborn male polar bear at Toronto Zoo ICU

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