

# BABY ANIMALS

DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY WITH CHILDREN IN MIND, BABY ANIMALS ENABLES THEM TO IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN THE FASCINATING WORLD OF ANIMALS AND NATURE.





# A WEALTH OF FUN !

Tested and Approved by children  
aged 3 to 8



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# ORGANISED AROUND SEVERAL THEMES:

BIRTH, THREATS & PROTECTION, LEARNING,  
VITAL FUNCTIONS, DEVELOPMENT AND  
INDEPENDANCE.

This exhibition is a co-production and  
collaborative effort between the **Royal  
Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences  
(RBINH)** and the **Natural history museum  
of Toulouse (MHNT)**.



**13 INTERACTIVE  
EXPERIMENTS**

**9 MULTIMEDIA  
ACTIVITIES**

**100 SPECIMENS  
ON SHOW**

**30 COMIC STRIPS**



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# BIRTH

- HOW ARE BABIES BORN?
- WHERE DO BABIES COME FROM? AN EGG? A TUMMY?
- WHERE ARE BABIES BORN? IN A NEST? IN A DEN? WHAT ABOUT A KANGAROO?

- An Introductory film

+ Animated films and stories about the birth of Baby Animals





## ACTIVITIES:

- Move around like a daddy midwife toad with his eggs on his back,
- Choose the softest nest or build it,
- Find out what comes out of an egg or a tummy with a digital card game.

## SPECIMENS DISPLAYED:

dolphin, canada goose, hippopotamus,  
gorilla, ...





# THREATS & PROTECTION

BIRTH IS A CRUCIAL, DANGEROUS MOMENT... HOW DO BABIES MANAGE? WHAT KIND OF HELP CAN THEY COUNT ON?

- **Multimedia "pick a scenario"**: The first moments of life can take place without a hitch, or end tragically. For a diverse selection of animals, it's up to you to choose a happy or sad ending... or a fantastical one!

+ **Animated films**



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# THREATS & PROTECTION

## ACTIVITIES:

- Put a baby kangaroo in its mother's tummy pouch
- Put on a camouflage poncho and go unnoticed like a seal or an antelope in its own environment...

## SPECIMENS DISPLAYED:

*puma, penguins, polar bear, wallaby, ...*





# LEARNING

STARTING TO LIVE MEANS  
STARTING TO LEARN, IN ALL  
KINDS OF WAYS.

- BY PLAYING
- BY IMITATING
- INSTINCT





## ACTIVITIES:

- Test your balance,
- Copy other animals and make funny faces... that you and other visitors can admire on the exhibition area's big screen.

*SPECIMENS DISPLAYED:  
Gorilla, tortoises, lion, ...*



# VITAL FUNCTIONS

EAT, LEARN TO WALK, FLY, SWIM,  
RECOGNISE SMELLS, ... THIS IS WHAT A  
BABY ANIMAL NEEDS TO SURVIVE.

**Quiz:** who eats what? No, not all babies only  
feed on milk! Give the different baby  
animals something to eat to see if they  
accept or refuse what you offer them.

**Activities:** go on a discovery of smells so you  
can reunite the mother and her baby in this  
olfactory treasure hunt.





# DEVELOPMENT

BABY ANIMALS GROW UP AND DEVELOP IN DIFFERENT WAYS, SOME GROW UP QUICKLY, OTHERS MORE SLOWLY.

DO THEY EXPERIENCE A COMPLETE METAMORPHOSIS OR DO THEY LOOK LIKE MINIATURE ADULTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE BORN?

## ACTIVITIES:

- Find out whose baby is whose!

## SPECIMENS DISPLAYED:

*Puma, tiger, panther, fish, butterflies,...*





# INDEPENDANCE

THE BABY ANIMALS CAN WALK, SWIM,  
FLY, EAT AND PROTECT THEMSELVES...  
ALONE!

THEY HAVE BECOME INDEPENDENT.

## ACTIVITIES:

It takes some baby animals several years  
to become independent, while others are  
independent from birth.

+ Animated films and stories





# ENDING

The exhibition finishes with a film, with background music, showing images of baby animals taking flight, starting to swim, leaving the nest or trying out their paws and legs.





## SURFACE AREA

450 to 700 square  
meters (4840 to  
7534.74 sq. ft)



## LANGUAGES

English, French,  
German, Dutch





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