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## **More Critters to Encounter at Nashville Zoo**

Nashville Zoo recently added four baby African pygmy goats to the Critter Encounters exhibit where guests can experience up close a variety of animals, including alpacas, goats and donkeys.

African pygmy goats are very sociable animals known for their docile and playful manner. They are originally from West Africa but are now domesticated worldwide. These goats can survive in almost any habitat and are great climbers with excellent balance. Offspring are even able to run and jump soon after birth.

The three females and one male Nashville Zoo acquired are all a little over one month old and will be bottle feeding for about three more weeks. Zoo guests are invited to watch these daily feedings at approximately 11:30 a.m. at Critter Encounters. The addition of these four pygmy goats closely follows the debut of two African crested porcupines at Nashville Zoo. Both exhibits can be found between Bamboo Trail and the Unseen New World plaza.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, please call 833-1534, or visit our website at [www.nashvillezoo.org](http://www.nashvillezoo.org).

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