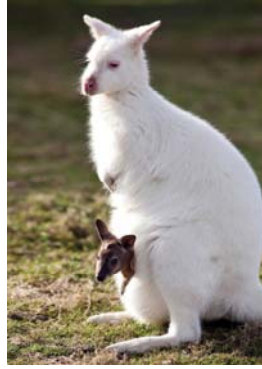


THE MOTHER OF ALL SURPRISES



West Midland Safari Park in Worcestershire has an impressive collection of White Bennett's Wallabies. In fact, so impressive they have descended from the original white wallabies that were given as a gift to Queen Elizabeth II whilst on a state visit to Australia in 1962.

Therefore, when Dawn the two-year old albino doe, introduced her new baby to the mob, the little fellow was left feeling a little conspicuous. The cute, four month old Joey, with rather distinctive colouration is outnumbered 34 to one, as the Park do not currently have any other grey wallabies.

Whilst the occurrence has no doubt spurred speculation amongst the Park staff, it appears that the new baby's arrival is simply down to the true course of nature repeating itself.

There is no doubt that as one of the latest arrivals at the Park, the new baby will receive lots of attention from staff and visitors and may even raise an eyebrow or two. For the time being, the yet unnamed youngster appears to be quite settled and content in Mum's pouch waiting for the right moment to pluck up the courage to hop out and start exploring.

It is unlikely that lovely soft grey fur of the new addition will cause anything but a little curiosity amongst its contemporaries in the Wallaby Wood, which forms part of the 150 acre, four-mile safari drive. But if the going does get a little tough, then a cuddle from Mum will usually do the trick.

West Midland Safari & Leisure Park is open daily until Friday, 6th November 2009. Admission costs £11.50 for adults, £10.50 for children. Amusement rides charged extra in all cases. Further information is available from www.wmsp.co.uk or by telephone 01299 402114.

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Photo Caption

Dawn and her new baby can be seen this Mother's Day at West Midland Safari Park

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