

Edinburgh Zoo news – it's a girl!

Following a check at Edinburgh Zoo the only koala joey in the UK has been declared a female weighing 759g.

Now the keepers have to choose a name for the young koala born last July, and will find an Aboriginal inspired name for the youngster whose sister Kalari was born the year before. Kalari means daughter.

Lorna Hughes, team leader for koalas at Edinburgh Zoo, said, "We are thrilled our youngster is doing well after her first health check.

"Like all young koala joeys, she spends most of her time clinging to her mum, so we gave her a soft toy to hold on to while she was being weighed.

"At nearly eight months old, she's now almost too big to fit inside mum Alinga's pouch and has started to venture outside and onto Alinga's back more regularly."





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Koalas are native to eastern Australia and are currently classified as vulnerable owing to habitat loss, wildfires and climate change.