

## Zonkey Khumba

The zonkey born in Mexico is only five days old, but just like Ippo, the zonkey that was born in Italy last year, zonkey Khumba has already countless fans all over the world. A [video](#) of Khumba, who is a zebra-donkey hybrid, shows the only five-day-old running around, rolling in the dirt, and nursing on mom while onlookers share their delight of the unusual sight. Khumba's mother is Rayas, a female zebra, and the father is Ignacio, a dwarf, blue-eyed albino donkey, reports [The Telegraph](#) on April 25.

As the story goes, Ignacio lives on a nearby farm and after a few visits by Rayas to the handsome blue-eyed albino donkey every afternoon, little Khumba was conceived. The offspring of Rayas and Ignacio is extremely rare in the animal world because the chromosomes of zebras and donkeys usually do not mix.

But as nature has it, Khumba was meant to be, and on April 21, the little one was born at Reynosa Zoo in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas in Northern Mexico. As seen in the video, Khumba has mom's zebra legs but is otherwise light brown. Despite being only a few days old, the little one runs around, kicks and bucks, and enjoys rolling in the dirt.

Even though Khumba is an extremely rare zonkey, it is not the only one in the world. Last year in July, Ippo the zonkey was born on the Aglietti family farm in Florence in Italy, reported the [Daily News](#). In contrast to Khumba, Ippo's mom is a donkey and his dad is a zebra. Ippo, as shown in [his Ippo video](#), is covered by a light layer of brown hair, and his zebra stripes shine through all over his body. In Ippo's case, his mom and dad didn't get some leisurely visits together, but his zebra dad had to actually climb over a fence to steal some precious moments with Ippo's mom.

Besides Khumba and Ippo, other zonkeys amaze fans in Japan, China, and the United States. San Diego, which is already home to an internationally renowned zoo and wild animal park, is also the home of the International Zebra-Zorse-Zonkey Association ([IZZZA](#)) which offers owners of unusual animal hybrids the chance to register their animals. Even though the Association's website is still under construction, it provides some insights into some of the unique cross-breeds that nature can have in store. In Italy, Ippo has already become a huge sensation and tourist attraction, and as each day goes by, Khumba is also delighting the hearts of more and more zonkey fans.





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