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The Little Hairy One

On view with her mother "Toli" at London Zoo this morning is "Bulu" - "the little hairy one". "Bulu" is the first Orang Utan to be born at London Zoo and she arrived on Mothering Sunday, 12th March.

No Orang Utan has ever been successfully reared in the British Isles, so very special care has been taken of "Toli" and her baby. For a while their section of the Monkey House was cordoned off, but "Toli" added her own methods of securing privacy and spent most of the day buried under a mountain of straw bedding to tend her baby in peace.

She has been a attentive mother and "Bulu" is growing fast. The baby Orang has brown eyes, a little russet hair on her head, her back and her arms and is described by Senior Head Keeper L.G. Smith, who has been taking care of her, as "just like Dad".

"Dad" is Charlie, the Orang Utan brought back from Borneo, by David Attenborough following a "Zoo Quest" expedition to Indonesia in 1956. "Charlie" was an aggressive, snapping, biting three year old when he was caught but, to quote Mr. Attenborough "he became tame faster than any other animal I have handled. Within three days I could approach him and within a week he was climbing into my lap and would consent to be carried about". David Attenborough has been to Regent's Park to see the new baby and it was he who suggested the Malay word "Bulu" for her name.

7½ year old "Toli" came to London Zoo when she was a year old and was a gift from the Government of North Borneo.
