

What Pigs and Pterodactyls Have in Common With Our Daughter

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Do you have one or two (or more) children and multiple “animals” like Kelley and I? Whether domestic, farmland, or extinct, I’m willing to bet we all associate our offspring with one or more different species.

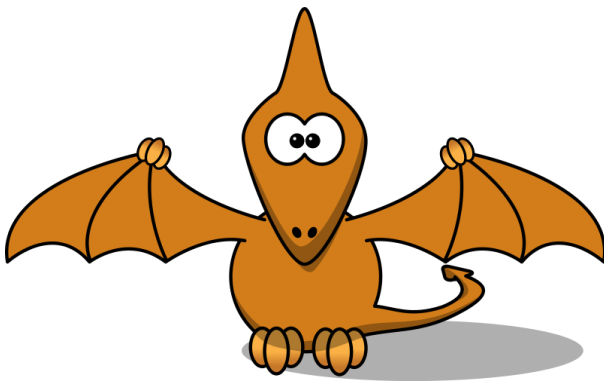
A pig is pretty common and is probably used to describe most breastfeeding babies when they are feeding or ready to feed. Avery makes a very distinguishable snorting while she is trying to latch and even during feeding; she even does it to let us know she’s hungry.



Of course she’s a cute pig!

If I had a choice of how she lets us know when she’s hungry, it probably wouldn’t be a pig, but it sure is cute and makes for a good laugh. I really don’t see her snorts getting old, and we will miss them when the phase is over.

We discovered her pterodactyl mimicking abilities when I was trying to help relieve any gas in her stomach a while back. I read about folding a baby’s legs up to her stomach to help push any trapped air out, so I proceeded to do so. Once her knees were up to her stomach she let out a long, “eugghhhhhh” sound and I automatically called it a pterodactyl sound. Why? No freakin’ clue, it could be any other living thing, but I chose pterodactyl and now it’s stuck.



Pretty cute for a pterodactyl too.

Our friends, Sean and Erin, weren't able to make it down to visit last weekend, so they came this weekend. They have a 20 month old daughter, Brooklyn, who is full of life and very adorable. It was great to see them since it's almost been a year, and Brooklyn helped to foreshadow what we're in for when Avery is a walking, talking, ~~terror~~ little angel.

I proudly showed Sean and Erin how Avery can be a pterodactyl and at one point thought, "Wow, this is my entertainment now." Put ashamed I am not, in fact, I'm way more proud to be doing this than plugging away at a computer. This just fits me better and I can't wait to run around after Avery as she tears through the house turning my hair gray. Sure, ask me if I still feel this way when that time comes!

The day they arrived, Avery was not accepting her normal nap times and only got a few, short 30 minute naps in. She just wouldn't stay in the crib like was doing; probably because there was too much going on. Can't blame her I guess. Anyway, she spent most of the night in bed with us. But, Kelley and I didn't care because as I said about my view on [Sleep Training](#), we are enjoying this time while we can.

Avery also started becoming more vocal while Sean and Erin were here. She has been cooing and "talking" to us some already, but she really ramped up the conversation that day and continues to a couple days later. As new parents, every single thing she does just puts us in awe and we have to tell everyone via text or on Facebook. Who doesn't, right?

I used to be annoyed seeing all of those baby posts by my peers, but now I totally get it. Our babies become our lives and they are the most wonderful yet stressful beings!

It was a short visit, but we enjoyed seeing our old friends and hope to go visit them soon. Maybe when Avery can run around make a nice mess!

Do you associate your kid's sounds with any animals? Please share, I'm interested what other parents are raising in their household.

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