

Many animals can walk at birth. Why are human babies born with so few skills?

Baby animals can walk, stand and nurse even shortly after birth.

This is absolutely impossible for human babies.

Why have humans become like this? Does anything good come of it?

We asked a biologist who is an expert on evolution. Evolution is the natural development that all living things have over time.

“Previously, we crawled around the forests on all fours like other animals,” Jarl Giske at the University of Bergen says.

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For us to be able to walk far for food and run fast from predators, our hips became narrower.

The narrow hips made it more difficult for women to give birth. It became more of a tight squeeze to get the child out.

“Our hips are so narrow that human babies must be born before their brains are fully developed,” Giske says.

The brains of baby animals, on the other hand, are almost completely developed. They can walk, see, hear, and concentrate on learning what the adults can do.

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