


Amazing quads!



Meet J.P. and Karen Jepp. They live in Calgary. They have quadruplets (quads).

 Karen gave birth to four baby girls on August 12, 2007. The quads are rare because they are identical (exactly alike).

Born in the U.S.

The quads were born in the United States. At the time, no hospital in Canada had special beds for four babies.

Babies were small

The babies were very small when they were born. They weighed between 2½ and 3 pounds each. They needed special care in the hospital.

The babies were in the U.S. hospital for a few days. Then they went to a hospital in Calgary.



The quads were in special beds in the hospital.

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Names for the babies

At first, doctors called the baby girls **A, B, C** and **D**. Soon the Jepps named their babies:

- ☞ **A** became Autumn
- ☞ **B** became Brooke
- ☞ **C** became Calissa
- ☞ **D** became Dahlia



The Jepps were happy to return to Calgary with their babies.

Many ups and downs

The Jepps had many ups and downs during the first few months.

The Jepps were very happy. But they were tired and busy all the time. They had a toddler named Simon. Now they had four baby girls to take care of too!

The babies had some health problems. They were in and out of the hospital many times.

Happy birthday!

The quads are one year old now. Simon is three. He loves his sisters. The five kids enjoy playing together.

The quads are healthy and happy. They are crawling. They are trying to stand up too.

Different personalities

The girls look alike. But they have different personalities. For example, Autumn is a leader. Calissa is very active.

Simon



Simon (left) and his sisters ate cake at the quads' first birthday party.

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Life with the quads

Life is busy for the Jepps. Their family grew from three to seven.

The Jepps have a bigger house now. They also drive a big van.

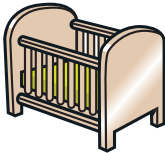
Taking care of the babies is very hard work. The Jepps are very tired at the end of the day!



bathtime



mealtime



naptime



playtime

Many people help

Many people help the Jepps. For example:

- ✓ Some people help take care of Simon and the babies.
- ✓ Some people cook meals.
- ✓ Some people donate things.



double stroller

Who is who?

How do people tell the girls apart? The girls wear different colours. For example, Autumn wears red or orange clothes.



People in Calgary love the quads

The Jepps often go for walks at a nearby lake. Sometimes they go to the zoo.

People get very excited when they see the quads. They smile at the girls. They are happy for the family.

Normal lives

The quads are very special. But the Jepps want the girls to have normal lives.