

Passport Frustrations

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This morning Karley ventured to the regional passport office in Surrey, BC to submit an application to get Monet a passport. The family is scheduled to come to Desert Hot Springs for 10 days in February and West Jet sent them a notice last week informing them that all traveling parties needed a passport. Makai got his last year but because Monet is just five months old, she hasn't yet needed one.

The drive to Surrey took Karley an hour and then she stood in line just to get a number so she could get some service. After standing in line for two and a half hours with all the same documents she had for Makai's application (only these were pertaining to Monet), when she finally reached the wicket, the attendant informed her that she needed the "long" form of Monet's birth certificate. (With Makai, she only needed the short one!) Arghhhh!!!

She was beyond frustrated and when she returned back home an hour later she called the passport head office in Quebec to see if she couriered the application in, would she have Monet's passport in time. She learned from them that they were just beginning to open the mailed applications from November that were supposed to already be in applicants hands by now!!

So tomorrow, we will be babysitting while Karley leaves with Ian at the crack of dawn to be at the Vancouver office by 7:30 AM when they open. Supposedly this speeds up the process and Monet's passport should be in Karley's hand within 20 days! The way this little baby is growing and changing, by the time she has her passport, customs won't believe it's her anyway! Don't you just love the efficiency of the government!!??

I wish this could be the picture used on her passport; the prunes went everywhere but her mouth!