

Bornean orang utans in Vienna Zoo



Photo: Jutta Kirchner

VIENNA - AUSTRIA

After an interruption of 22 years, a **Bornean orang utan** (*Pongo p. pygmaeus*) was born on 21 February 1998 at Vienna's Schönbrunn Zoo. The 15-year-old mother gave birth for the first time and takes excellent care of her female baby. She was born in Arnhem Zoo (The Netherlands) and arrived in November 1996 at Vienna. The approximately 24-year-old wild-born father lived from 1980 until 1988 in Moscow Zoo (Russia) and afterwards in Amsterdam Zoo (The Netherlands) where he sired his first offspring. He arrived in June 1991 at Vienna. The last orang utan born in Schönbrunn Zoo was 'Nonja' (1976) who became a famous 'painter'.

Source: Kurt Kolar

NUREMBERG - GERMANY

On 28 January 1998, a **bottle-nosed dolphin** (*Tursiops truncata*) was born and reared by the approximately 30-year-old mother, who has had three offspring before. The nearly 40-year-old father has been in Nuremberg since 1971. The birth took place in the zoo's breeding facilities which are not open to the public.

Dolphin watching in the wild is increasingly popular among tourists. The survival rate of young dolphins, however, has dropped in some of those areas where tourists have access to the wild dolphin population (e.g. Monkey Mia, Australia). This is one of the reasons why the behaviour and development of young dolphins are intensively monitored at Nuremberg Zoo within the framework of a research project.

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DVUR KRALOVE - CZECH REPUBLIC

A female **black rhino** (*Diceros bicornis michaeli*) was born on 24 January 1998. This is the 22nd black rhino born in Dvur Kralove Zoo since breeding started in 1977. The calf is reared by her mother who was born in 1969 in Kenya. She is the only wild-caught black rhino in Dvur Kralove and gave birth to six young. The father was born in 1977 at Cincinnati Zoo (USA) and this is his eighth offspring. Dvur Kralove is the only zoo to have successfully bred four rhinoceros taxa: Indian, black, Southern white and Northern white rhino.

Furthermore 1.3 **addax** (*Addax nasomaculatus*) were born between 27 December 1997 and 5 January 1998. Dvur Kralove Zoo breeds this species in the third generation.

Since 1980, more than 80 offspring were born. The **sable antelopes** (*Hippotragus niger*) delivered 4.2 offspring between 7 and 24 January 1998. Dvur Kralove Zoo breeds this species in the seventh generation. Since 1970, more than 90 offspring were born. A female **Rothschild giraffe** (*Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi*) was delivered on 14 February 1998. She is the seventh offspring of the mother and the 97th giraffe born at Dvur Kralove.

The first four **white pelicans** (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) of the 1998 breeding season hatched between 31 January and 9 February. Six eggs are still being incubated and further ones are expected to follow. The species reproduces regularly in Dvur Kralove Zoo. Since 1993, 15 chicks have been reared.

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Young black rhino in Dvur Kralove Zoo



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