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## FORT LAUDERDALE 1994: What is the Future for Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora?

GENEVA, 25 July 1994 -- The 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES or the Washington Convention) will take place in the United States in Fort Lauderdale, FL, from 7-18 November 1994.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 expected participants will be discussing the future of the wild fauna and flora of our planet. In addition to the representatives of the 122 member States to the Convention, representatives of governmental and international organizations as well as of national and international conservation organizations and users of the fauna and flora (traders, hunters, etc.) will try to find ways to prevent international trade from jeopardizing our natural heritage.

Among the 120 proposals from States to include species in Appendix I (international trade banned) or in Appendix II (controlled international trade) of the Convention, or to transfer species from one Appendix to the other, some of them will most likely create lively debates. Among these proposals, some examples are:

- The African elephant (transfer of 2 populations from Appendix I to Appendix II);
- The Rhinoceros (transfer of a population of white rhinoceros from Appendix I to Appendix II, debate on the future conservation of the rhinoceroses and on the problem of trade in rhinoceros horn);
- The Minke whale (proposal of Norway to transfer populations of the species from Appendix I to Appendix II); and
- Tropical timber (e.g., African mahogany).

In each of these cases, those who support a ban on trade are opposed to those who support the possibility of trading, under CITES control.

However, apart from these species, the 120 proposals deal with the consideration of the status of about 200 other species, such as Pangolins (the scales of which are used in oriental medicine), the Hippopotamus (the trade in ivory teeth is increasing), the Vicuna (a member of the camel family whose wool is in great demand), the Saiga antelope (whose horns are used in oriental medicine), the Cave swiftlets (whose nests are used to make soup), Parrots, Crocodiles, Aloes, Cacti and medicinal plants.

Another issue may cause great controversy too, namely the criteria to include species in the appendices of the Convention. The main question is to determine the level of threat at which a species should be subject to the prohibition on international trade or should be subject to controls of the Convention. This is, in a way, a problem of defining limits.

The Conference will also examine a Secretariat report on Convention infractions which, this year again, includes over 100 pages. Smuggling, false permits and tricks to legalize illegal specimens will be studied in order to find ways to stop, or at least to curb, illegal trade, from which traders and middle men earn large amounts of money.

Two important problems will always be underlying the debates: how to put the idea of sustainable use of wild fauna and flora into practice and how to apply CITES. Once again,

## CITES to Meet in Ft. Lauderdale, Continued

a compromise will have to be found between exporting countries (usually from the South) whose fauna and flora are resources but that often have little means for controlling its export, and the importing countries (usually from the North), that use these resources.

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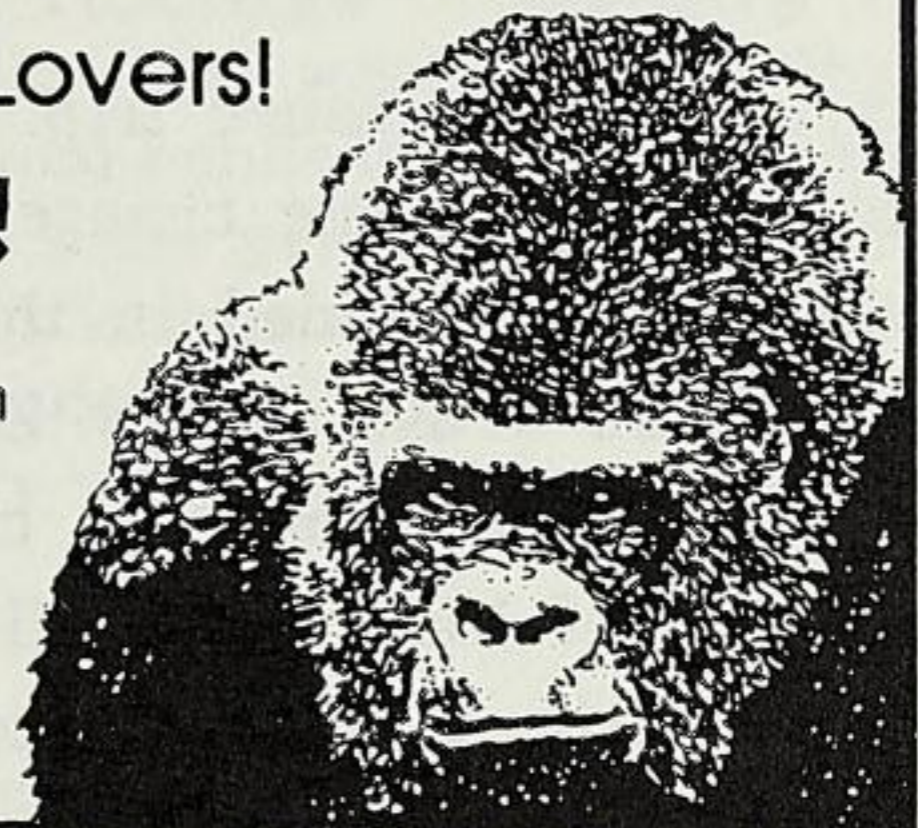
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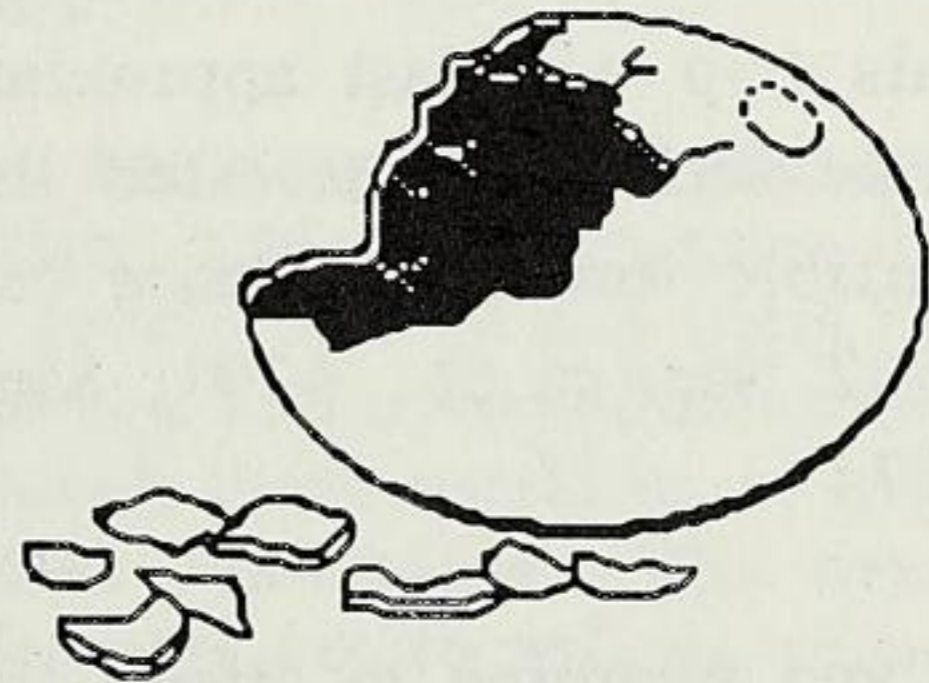
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## Births & Hatchings



Kansas City Zoo (K.S., MO)...announces the following B&H for May-July 1994:

**Mammals** - 0.1 Reeve's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*) [1st for zoo and pair]; 0.2 Red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*) [SSP-CITES II - 1st for pair and this female; both are being parent-raised]; 0.0.1 Chimpanzee (*Pantrolodytes*) [SSP]. *submitted by Shirley Williams, Zookeeper, Kansas City Zoo.*

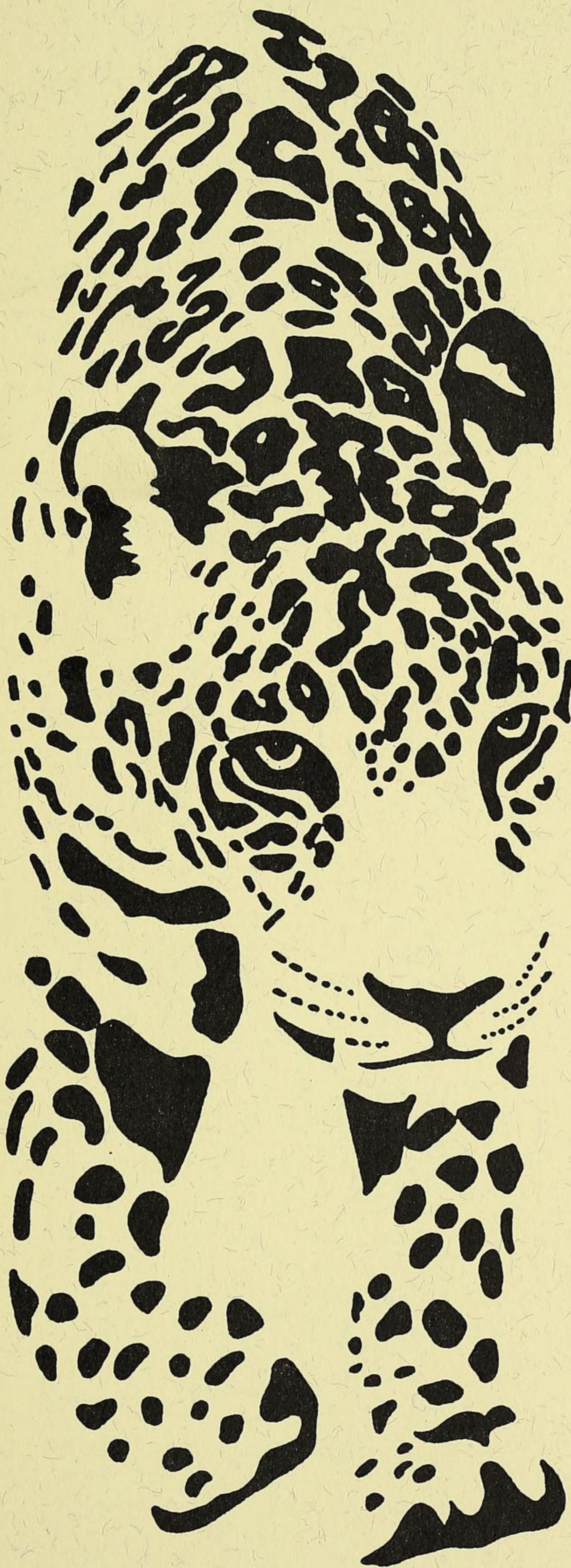
Lion Country Safari (West Palm Beach, FL)...announces the birth a 75-pound 0.1 Southern white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*) [E/SSP]. This marks only the second of this species to be born in the U.S. this year. It is the 16 White rhino birth in the facility's history. The dam is Aggie, age 26 years; the sire, Pops, age 12 years. The infant was named "Comet" as she arrived during the comet bombardment of the planet Jupiter. *Lion Country Safari News Release.*



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# From the Ngare Sergoi Support Group

Final financial report of funds sent to Ngare Sergoi  
from 1993 Bowling for Rhinos

*submitted by Andy Lodge, Coordinator,  
Ngare Sergoi Support Group, Inc.*



Total monies received from Administrative Offices for the 1993 Bowling for Rhinos was \$110,000.00. Total sent to Ngare Sergoi Rhino Project was \$110,000.00. Following is a breakdown of payments and dates funds were disbursed. Due to the fluctuation of the Kenya Shilling, Ian Craig and Anna Merz have requested that rather than send all monies at once, I send monthly payments of \$8000.00 until the currency stabilizes.

## BOWLING FOR RHINOS 1993

Date and amount received from National AAZK by Ngare Sergoi Support Group, Inc.

12 July 1993	\$25,000.00
08 August 1993	\$40,000.00
17 November 1993	\$35,000.00
12 January 1994	\$10,000.00
Total for 1993	\$110,000.00

Date and amount sent to Ngare Sergoi Rhino Project

14 September 1993	\$ 8,000.00	
01 October 1993	\$ 8,000.00	
08 October 1993	\$ 4,214.06	(sent to London for insurance on super cub airplane)
09 November 1993	\$ 8,000.00	
24 November 1993	\$ 178.42	(rest of insurance payment on super cub)
01 December 1993	\$ 8,000.00	
03 January 1994	\$ 8,000.00	
01 February 1994	\$ 8,000.00	
01 March 1994	\$ 8,000.00	
04 April 1994	\$ 8,000.00	
02 May 1994	\$ 8,000.00	
07 June 1994	\$ 6,350.00	(replace engine in Lorry)
01 July 1994	\$ 8,000.00	
01 August 1994	\$ 8,000.00	
01 September 1994	\$ 3,257.52	
Total	\$110,000.00	

Total Received from Bowling for Rhinos 1993	\$110,000.00
Total sent to Ngare Sergoi Rhino Project	\$110,000.00



# Latest Rhino Population Estimates Show Some Increases

According to the latest population estimates from the African Rhino Specialist Group (AfRSG), approximately 9,000+ rhinos exist on the African continent today. The group listed an estimated Black rhino population of 2,550 with a White rhino population at approximately 6,750. Scientists are encouraged because, for the first time in many years, there is not a significant decline in population numbers. Dr. Tom Foose, AfRSG member noted that the Black rhino population has appeared to have stabilized, indicating in part that the sanctuary/intensive protection zone strategy in use in most countries appears to be succeeding.

May 1994 estimates by country of the two African rhino species are shown below:

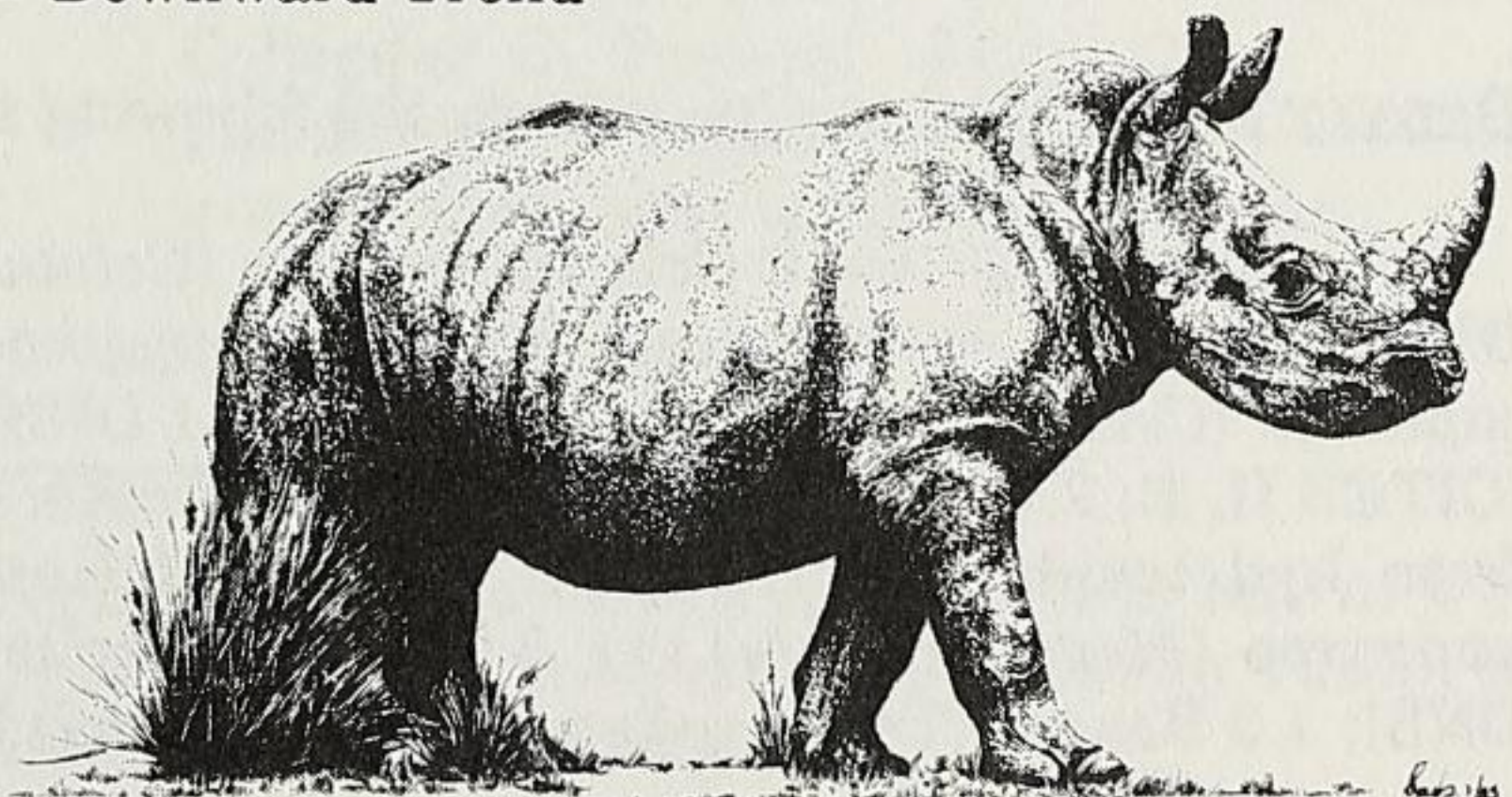
<u>Country</u>	<u>White Rhino</u>	<u>Black Rhino</u>
Angola		10
Botswana	18▼	4▼
Cameroon		27▼
Ethopia		5▼
Kenya	87▲	417▲
Malawi		2
Mozambique	0?	45▼
Namibia	98▲	583▲
Rwanda		10▼
S. Africa	6,376▲	897▲
Sudan	0?	
Swaziland	33▼	4▼
Tanzania		132▼
Zaire	32▲	
Zambia	6	33▼
Zimbabwe	134▼	381▼

▲ = Upward Trend

▼ = Downward Trend

--excerpted in part from

*African Wildlife Update,*  
*July-August 1994*





# Chapter News

AAZK is pleased to welcome two new Chapters into the Association. We wish them every success with their activities and projects. The new Chapter are:

## Queens/Prospect Park Wildlife Center AAZK Chapter

This Chapter includes members from the Queens Wildlife Center and the Prospect Park Wildlife Center in New York. Their mailing address is 53-51 111th Street, Queens, NY 11368.

Officers for the Chapter are:

President.....Diane Bogdan  
Vice Pres.....Lisa B. Eidlin (Queens)  
                  Marian Glick-Bauer (Prospect Park)  
Secretary.....Julie Simpson  
Treasurer.....Angela Santaniello  
Chapter Liaison.....Stacy Stanich

President Diane Bogdan reports the following:

On 6 August 1994, we held our first Bowling for Rhinos with great success. We would like to thank Barbara Manspeaker, Mark de Denus, Patty Pearthree and Ed Hansen for their patience in answering our many questions and the Staten Island Zoo for bowling with us.

We were able to raise \$959.00 for the Sanctuary as well as \$100.00 for our Chapter through T-shirt sales. Our top bowler was Jim Reeves of the Staten Island Zoo and Wild Animal Keeper Laura Greco of the Queens Wildlife Center raised the most sponsor money.

Our next event is a mixer at the Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation. We are also planning to hold round two of Zoo Trivia very soon.

Starting a Chapter is a difficult task but is definitely worth the effort. Our sincerest thanks to our Director Robin Dalton, Curator Dan Maloney, Regional Coordinator Frank Leonard and Bronx Chapter President Peter Psillas for all of their help. We couldn't have done it without them.

## Wildlife Safari AAZK

This Chapter includes members from the Wildlife Safari, P.O. Box 1600, Winston, OR 97496.

Officers for the Chapter are:

President.....Gretchen Ziegler  
Vice Pres/Sec'y.....Judy White  
Treasurer.....Syndi Michael  
Chapter Liaison.....Jean Smelt

Secretary Judy White reports the following :

"We are starting off slowly but surely with a small number of member, but we were able to participate with a larger chapter (Portland) during Bowling for Rhinos. Our first event will be sponsoring a barbecue for the Portland Chapter early this month. Our October meeting will entail establishing our Chapter goals and pursuing them along with some creative fundraisers. We are proud to be a part of such a great association.

## Greater Houston AAZK Chapter

Kelly Creamer reported that the GHCAAZK held their annual Bowling for Rhinos fundraiser. Thirty-eight bowlers participated in the event raising approximately \$3900.00. All the proceeds made will be sent to the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary in Kenya. About 30 spectators came out to cheer on the bowlers as they competed against each other for door prizes and overall awards.

Our Chapter would like to thank Kelly for all her hard work this year, as well as all the participants, sponsors and prize donors for making this one of our most successful Bowling for Rhinos events.

--*Felicia M. Hill, Chapter Liaison*

## Rocky Mt. Chapter AAZK

The final tally in for this year's Bowling for Rhinos. We had only 19 bowlers (since everyone is involved in preparations for next year's conference we kept our BFR event very simple), but raised \$5,215.50. We are very proud of Christine Bobko for winning one of the

## Chapter News, Continued

trips to Ngare Sergoi; Chris raised \$3,300.00. Way to go, Chris!

Speaking of conferences, the plans for next year are coming along. The Conference Committee meets twice each month and chairmen have been selected for all the various smaller committees. For those of you who are attending this year's Conference in Omaha, we hope you'll enjoy our little special presentation/invitation to come to Denver next year.

--Vickie Kunter, Chapter Liaison

### Bergen County Regional AAZK Chapter

The Bergen County AAZK Chapter held its fourth annual Bowling for Rhinos event at the Lodi Lanes on 15 May. Everyone involved had a great time and we raised over \$2000.00 for the Ngare Sergoi Support Group.

Conservation Day was celebrated at our Zoo and our Chapter set up an exhibit which showed renewable resources harvested from the rainforest. We sold tropical fruit mix and offered face painting which was popular with the kids. All proceeds went to purchase rainforest acreage. Our Conservation Parking Meter continues to do well, we have collected \$6,000.00 to date.

We began a new fundraiser in January called "Snack of the Month". Each month we offer a new snack to sell to the keepers and so far it has been a success.

--Marianne Vella, Sec/Treas.



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## Publications Available

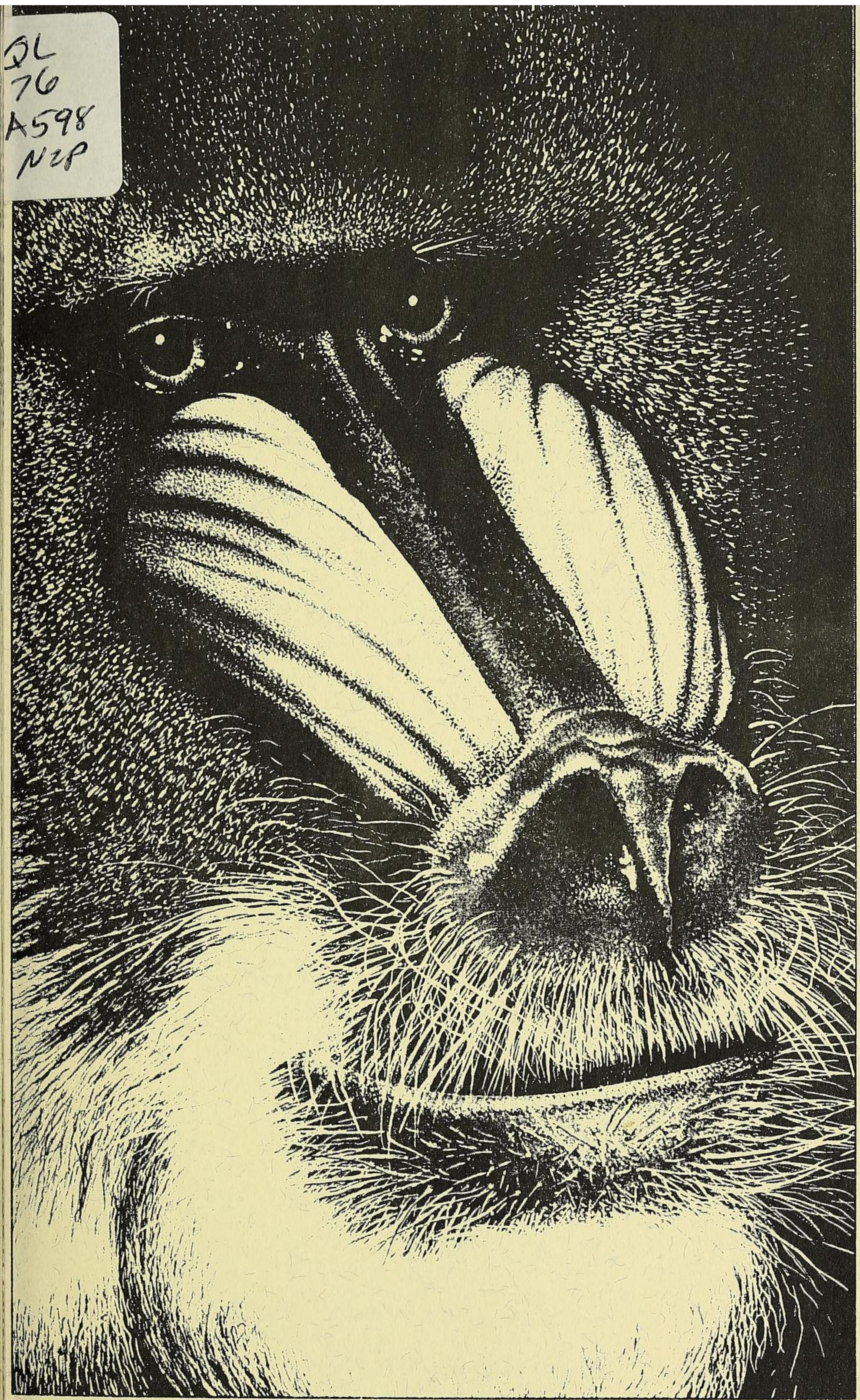
The Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, has just published the second edition of the **International Directory of Primatology**. The purpose of the directory is to enhance communications among organizations and individuals involved in primate research, conservation and education. It can be used by primatologists as a desktop working tool or by guidance counselors, educators, librarians, students and the general public as a guide to primate programs and information resources.

Coverage includes: 1) detailed entries for major primate centers, laboratories, educational programs, foundations, conservation agencies and sanctuaries; 2) a listing of primates held in zoological gardens worldwide; 3) professional primate societies, including the membership roster of the International Primatological Society; and 4) major information resources in the field. University and college libraries serving students in anthropology, psychology, conservation biology, and zoology will find this directory to be a useful reference tool.

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# Births & Hatchings



**Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)**...announces the birth of 0.3 white Bengal tiger cubs named Lanka, Divana and Arielle. The dam, Sakuru, gave birth to the triplets on 11 September 1994. The cubs weigh about 1.5 lbs each and display the characteristic white coat with dark grey stripes, blue eyes and pink noses. According to Safari Vice President Butch Dring it is quite amazing that all three cubs were white and female as the odds of this happening are rather small. The cubs will remain secluded with their mother for several months and will join the other white Bengals - Romulus, Babar and Noel - on exhibit next spring. *from News Release of 3 October 1994 - Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ.*



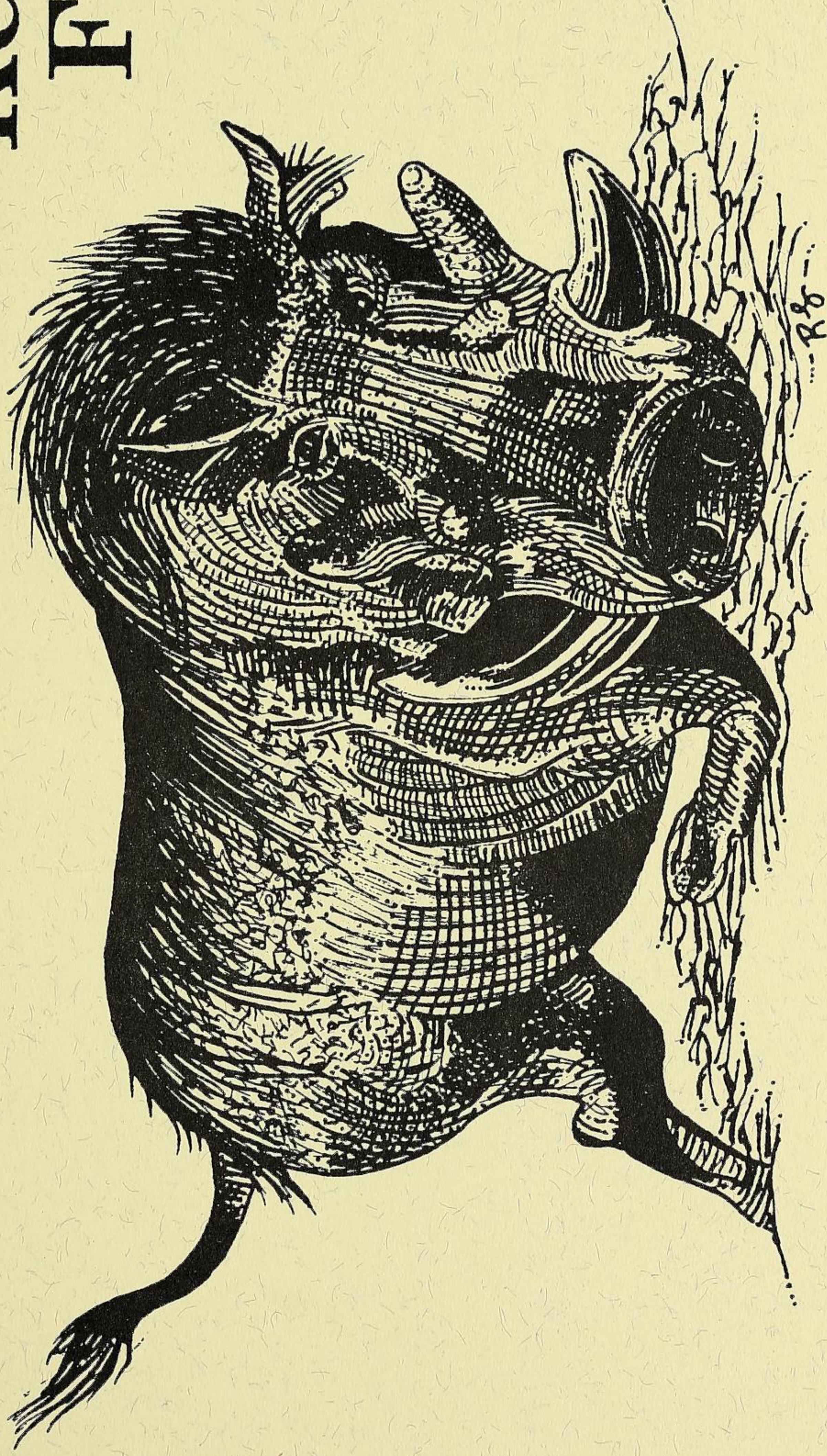
Shown l to r are Lanka, Divana and Arielle - white Bengal tiger cubs born on 11 September 1994 at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. (Photo by Ron Wyatt)

**Brookfield Zoo (Brookfield, IL)**...reports the following significant B&H for September 1993 - August 1994:

**Mammals** - 3.1.1 Goeldi's monkey (*Callimico goeldii*) [SSP]; 3.2 Rodriguez flying fox (*Pteropus rodricensis*) [E/SSP/U]; 0.1 Short-eared elephant shrew (*Macroscelides proboscideus*) [U]; 1.1 Lesser slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) [U - females rarely born in captivity]; total of 71 Naked mole-rat (*Heterocephalus glaber*) [U]; 1.0 Black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) [E/SSP]; 0.1 Bottle-nosed dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) [zoo's 1st successful birth]; 0.1 Kowari (*Dasyuroides byrnei*) [E/U/1st birth for facility]; 2.1 Reticulated giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis reticulata*) [0.1 1st giraffe born in new "Habitat Africa" exhibit; 1.0 is 50th giraffe born at facility]; total of 17 Rock hyrax (*Procavia capensis*) [1st hyrax born in new "Habitat Africa" exhibit]; 2.0 Golden-headed lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia chrysomelas*) [E/SSP - both parents are founders].

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# Chapter News

## AAZK Welcomes New Chapter

AAZK, Inc. is pleased to welcome the Florabama Chapter into the Association. This newly chartered Chapter has members from The Zoo at Gulf Breeze, FL and Zooland at Gulf Shores, AL. This Chapter is the first to incorporate members from two States.

Officers for the Florabama Chapter are:

President.....Thomas S. Akin  
Vice Pres.....Carol G. Porter  
Secretary.....Carol Opie  
Treasurer.....Sean Royals  
Chapter Liaison.....Tim Closson

The mailing address for the Chapter is:  
Florabama AAZK Chapter, c/o Thomas Akin, The Zoo, 5701 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561.

AAZK, Inc. wishes this new Chapter much success in all their activities!

## Knoxville Zoo AAZK Chapter

Newly elected officers for the Knoxville Chapter are:

President.....Stacey Lester (2nd year)  
Vice Pres.....Terry Cannon  
Secretary.....Sarah Glass  
Treasurer.....Rocky Sylar (2nd year)  
Chapter Liaison.....Theresa Collins  
(2nd year)

This June we held our first Bowling for Rhinos and it was a great success. We raised over \$2000.00 and all had an enjoyable time. We would especially like to thank Starlite Lanes for donating their facility to us for two evenings.

Also at the July meeting we talked about possible fundraising projects, such as a Zoo Calendar, and continuing existing projects. Our bake sales and Zoo Photo sales have both been going well. We were all very excited to get our first glimpse of our new rainforest Conservation Parking Meter which was unveiled at the meeting. Many thanks to the East

Tennessee Exotic Bird Association who raised the money to buy it for us. It is currently installed by the front gate where visitors will be sure to notice it.

--Sarah Glass, Secretary

## Riverbanks Zoo AAZK Chapter

The Riverbanks AAZK Chapter is not quite two years old and this is our first submission to AKF. Our officers for 1994 were:

President.....Keith R. Harris  
V.P./Liaison.....Valerie Pruett  
Treasurer.....Tamara Burton  
Secretary.....Kristin LaHue

The Chapter's second Bowling for Rhinos raised \$500.00 for the Ngare Sergoi Sanctuary and the Ujung Kulon National Park. Many thanks go out to the bowlers and corporate sponsors for their support.

The Chapter's new logo appears below. The logo was designed by Jami Steele and depicts a DeBrazza monkey, Palm cockatoo, and Horned viper. Since the Chapter adopted the logo, Jami has left Riverbanks to pursue other career opportunities. We wish her the best!

--Keith R. Harris, President





## Chapter News, Continued

### AAZK Honolulu Chapter

Within a month of announcing our newly elected officers, the Honolulu Chapter started off with a big blast on 27 January, 1994, with our Chapter's first-ever fully sponsored sleep-over at the zoo - Safari Under the Stars. It was a huge success and included behind-the-scenes tours, a BBQ dinner and nature videos. We held the 2nd Safari Under the Stars on 18 November, 1994.

Our 4th Annual Bowling for Rhinos was also a great success. Held on 14 May, at Pali Lanes in Lailua, the event raised close to \$4000.000 for Ngare Sergoi. Everyone did a super job organizing and raising money. Baseball caps with a rhino logo were distributed to bowlers with the purchase of a bowling packet.

University of Hawaii primatologist, Dr. Kim Kimminau, was a guest lecturer at one of our meetings and spoke on the importance of research in zoos. Another one of our meetings was co-hosted by the Sea Life Park training department staff. We went on a behind-the-scenes tour of the dolphin and false killer whale holding facility and attended a private dolphin training session at the Hawaii Ocean Theater. This was where basic operant conditioning techniques and husbandry practices were demonstrated. We were also very fortunate to get a close-up look at their unique "wholphin" (*Pseudorca/Tursiops* hybrid) with her own calf alongside her!

The most fun and most suprisingly successful fundraiser was our first-ever AAZK Garage Sale on 2-3 June. We raised over \$300.00 in the first two hours and finished up on Sunday with a grand total of \$621.35. All unsold items were donated to the Assistance League of Hawaii Thrift Shop. Thanks to the Vannatta family for the use of their garage and for their patience.

Throughout the year, T-shirt and patch sales have not been great. With intensified sales tactics we hope to do better next year on these items. A new T-shirt logo has also been suggested. This year was planned as being a member-building year and we did increase the Chapter roles by about 5 or 6 people. We also were able to catch the interests of

other outer-island zoo facilities such as Molokai Ranch and the Maui County Zoo. We plan to end our year with a meeting at the Waikiki Aquarium in December where new Chapter officers will be elected and final votes will be tallied for our fund-spending options.

Nineteen-ninety-four has been a learning year for many of us--with all of this year's successes under our belts, we're looking forward to an even better and more exciting year in 1995.

To all our fellow AAZK Chapters: Mele kalikimaka and Hauoli makahiki hou (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)!

--LeeAnn Anderson, President

### San Diego Chapter AAZK

Well, Fall is upon us, and with the holidays right around the corner, we have the perfect gift for you - an Animal Buns Calendar. We want to thank everyone who has already supported this fundraiser and we hope your Chapters are profiting from it too.

If you would like to order any @ \$22.95 retail and \$5.38 wholesale (minimum order of 25) plus shipping, just write the San Diego Chapter, P.O. Box 551, San Diego, CA 92112 or call (619) 231-1515 Ext. 4672.

We also want to thank everyone in Omaha, NE for showing us a good time at the 1994 AAZK National Conference. Five of our Board members were able to attend. We all had an educational and entertaining trip. We are looking forward to Denver's Conference next year.

We have had a great line-up of speakers lately. On 1 November we were lucky enough to have Michael "The Rhino Man" Wericke, give us an update on the latest situation for all rhino species.

In October we had the Director of the San Diego Zoo Pathology Dept., Dr. Linda Lowenstine, give us some very interesting facts on the largest zoo pathology department in the world. In September, we had Alan Mootnick, a