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"Boy Gibbon"
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ENRICHMENT OPTIONS

Psychological Stimulation
Behavioral Enrichment
Activity Manipulation
Occupational Husbandry

By Gretchen Ziegler, Sequoia Park Zoo
and Jan Roletto, Utah's Hogle Zoo

Rhino Enrichment

After a January snow, the day was nice enough to let the rhinos out. So, I built a snowman for our Indian rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*). It had apples for eyes, a carrot nose, banana for a mouth, and some fresh cut pine tree branches for arms. The snowman was about 4' 6" tall and it was a great success. Joya stayed and sniffed it from 1200-1530 hours when it got cool out and he went back inside. The first thing he went for was the arms, then the fruit, and he finally crushed the snowman altogether.

We also gave our Southern white rhino (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) large snowballs in their indoor enclosures. They crushed them with their horns, rubbed their noses in them, and slid them around their pens.

Following is a sequence of photos depicting the events after our rhinoceros was introduced to the snowman. *Photos by Tim Hays and Brenda Gunder.*



Photo 1: This is when 1.0 Indian rhino Joya was released into his outdoor enclosure with the snowman.

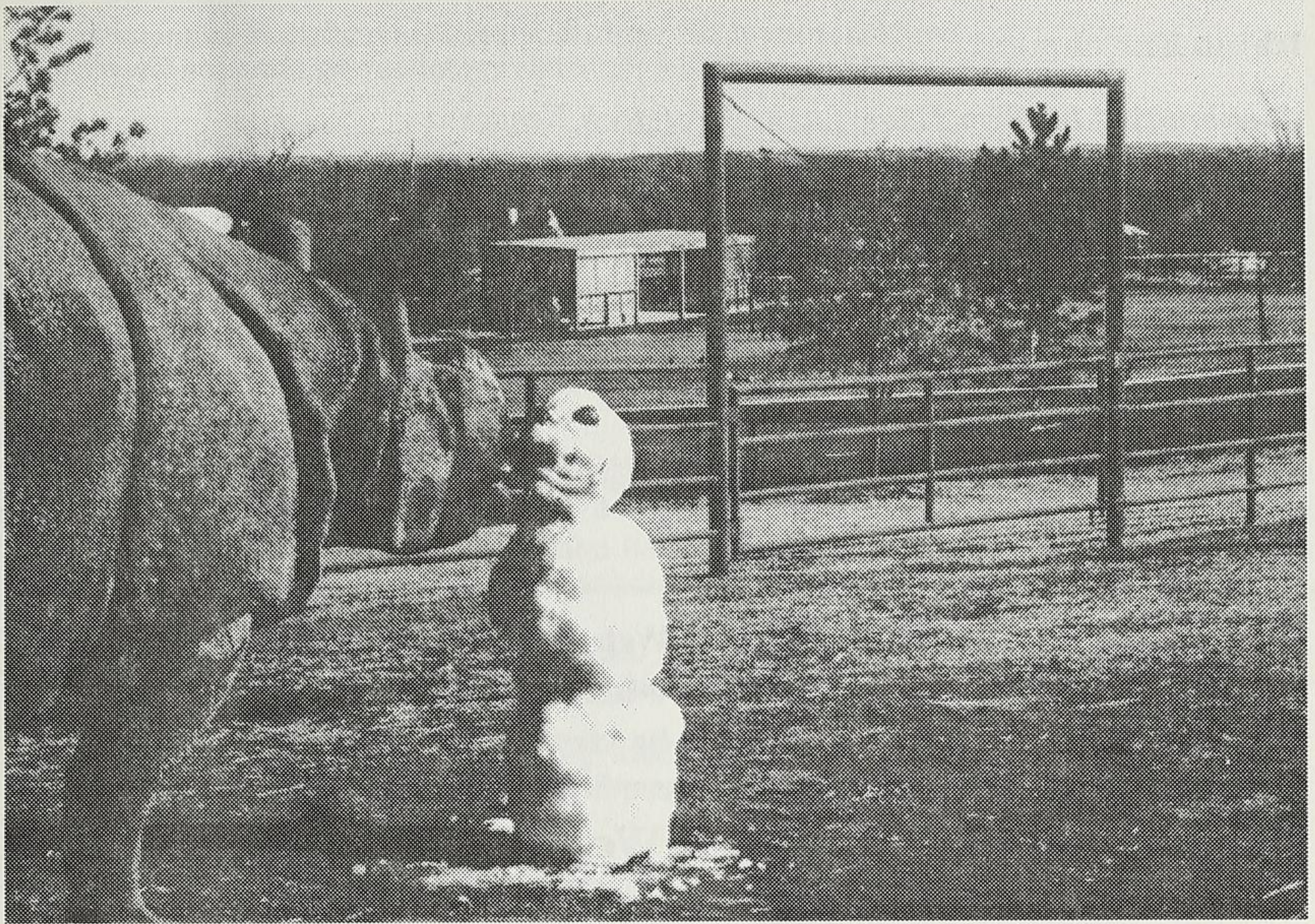


Photo 2: He has eaten the pine branch arms off, and is now sniffing the snowman to see what else is there.

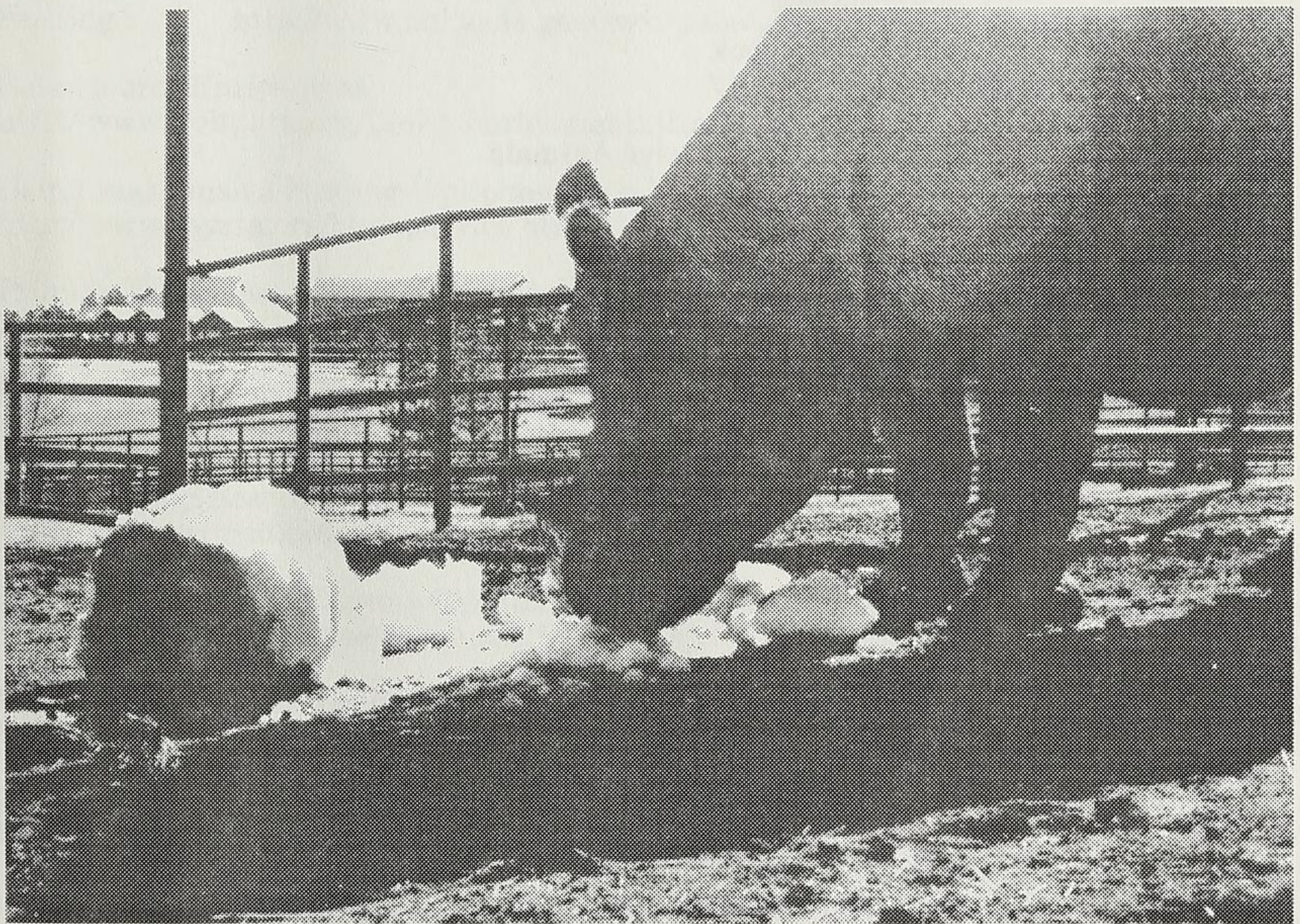


Photo 3: By this time he has eaten all of the fruit and the head, and has smashed it all except the bottom ball. Later, he trashed it completely!

Rhino Enrichment

—submitted by *Tim Hays, Large Hoofstock Keeper*
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You are invited to submit material for the Enrichment Options Column. This might include recipes, toys, puzzle feeders, olfactory enrichment ideas, etc. Drawings and photos of enrichments are encouraged. Send to: AKF/Enrichment Options, 3601 S.W. 29th St., Suite 133, Topeka, KS 66614.

(Ideas appearing in this column have not necessarily been tested by the editors for safety considerations. Always think ahead and use good judgement when trying new ideas. Eds.)

**Visit the new AAZK Enrichment Website - www.enrich.org/aazk or to join the Enrichment Listserv by e-mail jackbell@humboldt1.com
An archive of past postings can be viewed at www.caza.org/enrich.**

Additional Enrichment Websites to check out....

Environmental Enrichment in Captive Marmosets and Tamarins
<http://arrs.envirolink.org/psyeta/hia/vol8/buchanan.html>

<http://mommensj.web2010.com/menvirn.htm>

Environmental Enrichment Scrapbook
<http://www.well.com/user/abs/dbs/eesb/>

Environmental Enrichment (EE) for Captive Animals
<http://www.iwec.org/enrichment.htm>

Environmental Enrichment for Primates
http://www.animalwelfare.com/Lab_animals/biblio/enrich.htm

Environmental enhancement of caged Rhesus Macaques
<http://www.primate.wisc.edu/pin/pef/slide/intro.html>

Social Enrichment
<http://www.cwu.edu/~cwuchci/enrichment.html>

The Shape of Enrichment
<http://enrichment.org/publication.html>

Animal Enrichment
<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/8435/ak/enrich/index.htm>

Arkanimals Enrichment Page
<http://www.arkanimals.com/E/Enrich.html>

Environmental Enrichment for Captive Animals (Links)
http://www.well.com/user/elliotts/smse_enrich.html

Articles on Environmental Enrichment and Psychological Well-Being
<http://www.brown.edu/Research/Primate/enrich.html>