
Back When . . . & Then ?

Newsletter of the Society for Promotion of History of Zoos* and Natural History in India**
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Call for Papers

You may remember that in September of 1996, ZOOS' PRINT carried the first issue of Back When . . . & Then ? the Newsletter of the Society for Promotion of History of Zoos* and Natural History in India. (* and captive animal collections in any form. SPHZ*NHI -- pronounced spo-zan-ee, is a fledgling society but the Newsletter has attracted complimentary comments from all over the world and members as well, although not so many as we would like (or expected) from India.

Now we are preparing for the second issue of the Newsletter and hope to include it in May ZOOS' PRINT. We don't have much to print as yet and are soliciting articles, notes, bits, leads, announcements. Of particular interest is new information on animal collections of long ago, notifications of zoos celebrating centinaries or other anniversaries and photographs or lithographs. Please send SOON.

HISTORY CONTEST

The photograph below comes from John Edwards, author of London Zoo in Old Photographs, which was reviewed in BACK WHEN ... Dr. Edwards says the photo is a lazer copy of a stereoscopic photograph of a Javan rhinoceros, probably early this century. He thinks it may have been taken in the Madras Zoo. Photographs of Javan rhinos are rare and photos of Indian zoos in the early part of this century are also rare.

If anyone can offer definite information and proof (such as a photograph of the building in the back or other reference) with respect to this animal, the first to provide the best information will win a copy of R. B. Sanyal's book, A Handbook of the Management of Wild Animals in Lower Bengal.

The "story" will appear in the next issue of BACK WHEN ...

