

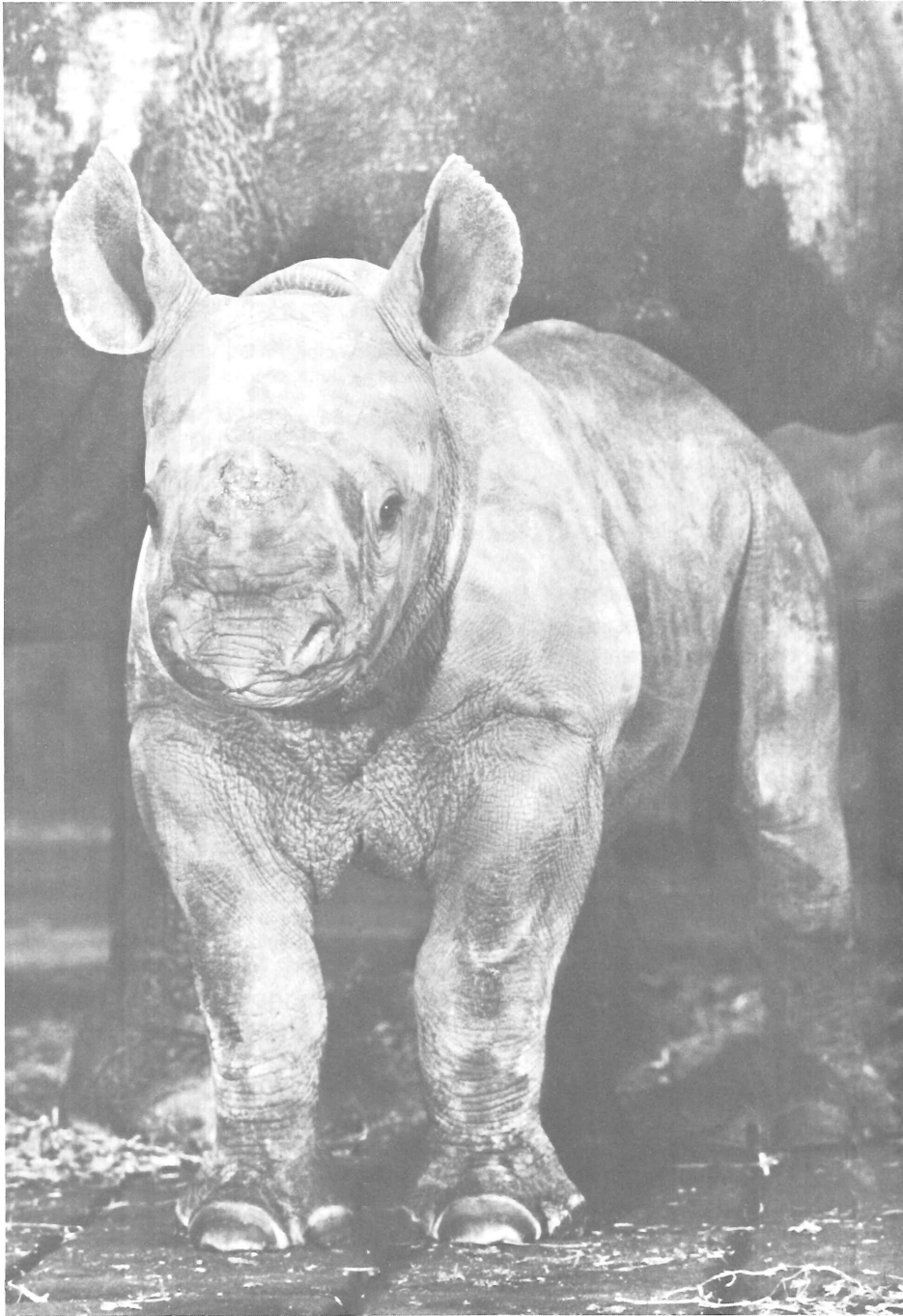
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FEMALE BLACK RHINO BORN AT BROOKFIELD ZOO



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## 1984 SNOW LEOPARD STUDBOOK PUBLISHED

Volume 4 of the International Pedigree Book of Snow Leopards was recently published by Dr. Leif Blomqvist. This volume includes data from field work and captive research in addition to listing live animals. Despite their protected status, four animals were removed from the wild in 1983, three from the Soviet Union and one from China. Details of international exchange programs involving zoos of Russia, Europe and North America are presented; and projected benefits to captive management are discussed. For further information, contact Dr. Leif Blomqvist, Helsinki Zoo, SF-00570 Helsinki 57, Finland.

(A. Shoemaker)

## WOOLLY MONKEY STUDBOOK PUBLISHED

The first edition of the North American Regional Studbook for Woolly Monkeys (Lagothrix lagotricha) was recently published. These primates are not officially endangered, and those currently held in zoos are derived from private or laboratory holdings. Although four subspecies are recognized by taxonomists, the studbook does not separate them. This edition contains a complete listing of specimens which are related to the present gene pool and an owner list of all animals alive as of 1 November 1984. The precariousness of this species in captivity is emphasized by the fact that since the cutoff date of 1 November, at least seven animals have died from old age related complications. For further information, contact Mary Jo Stearns, Louisville Zoological Park, 1100 Trevilian Way, Louisville, KY 40233.

(A. Shoemaker)

## 100TH PERE DAVID'S DEER BORN

The National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Virginia recently recorded its 100th birth of Pere David's deer. This large-scale breeding program was initiated in 1974 and has been a cooperative effort between the National and Bronx Zoos. Presently, there are 66 Pere David's deer at Front Royal.

(L. Collins)

## LOWLAND GORILLA BIRTH RECORDED

Recently, the birth of a lowland gorilla into a family situation was recorded as a first for the Oklahoma City Zoo. Most captive-born gorillas are not born into a family situation because the adults were wild-caught when they were very young and did not receive the socialization necessary to raise their young within a group. Gorillas born into a family situation are usually healthier and better adjusted, as well as more likely to reproduce in captivity.

(E. Biscone)

## BLACK RHINO BIRTH RECORDED

A female black rhinoceros calf was recently born at the Brookfield Zoo. This is the second calf for the 15-year-old wild-caught mother, and both mother and calf appear to be doing well. The father was born at the Zurich Zoo and sired this calf at five years of age.

(R. Scola)

## PROPAGATOR'S CERTIFICATES ISSUED

The following institutions recently received Propagator's Certificates. These certificates recognize achievement of sustained propagation by an institution and their contribution to the long-term survival of the species.

### GOLD

#### Behavioral Study of Birds, Inc.

Eclectus Parrot

### SILVER

#### Wild Animal Habitat

Black-Footed Penguin

(D. Anderson)

## CONGO PEACOCK DIES AT DALLAS ZOO

"Malale," the male Congo peacock who for many years was the only specimen of this species in North America, died at the Dallas Zoo on 16 March at age 19 years and 10 months. Following a post-mortem examination, the preserved specimen was sent to the University of Texas at Arlington.

(G. Toffic)