

GIANT ANTEATER MOTHER-RAISED AT THE REID PARK ZOO

The young giant anteater pictured above was born in November 1986 at the Reid Park Zoo, Tucson, Arizona. This latest birth is the fourth, second-generation offspring and brings the number of captive-born giant anteaters at the zoo to ten. The mother, who was born at the zoo in 1979, was hand-raised.

(S. McCusker)



(Photo by R. Garrison)

RECENT INDIAN RHINOCEROS BIRTH AT THE SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK

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INDIAN RHINOCEROS BORN AT SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK

The San Diego Wild Animal Park announced the birth of a female Indian rhinoceros on 28 May. The calf weighed 68 kilograms. This was the Wild Animal Park's seventh live-born Indian rhino, and the second female born - the first was the new calf's dam, born in 1978.

(T. Hanscom)



(Photo by M. Boisvert)

SPINY ANTEATER HATCHES AT OKLAHOMA CITY ZOOLOGICAL PARK

A study of the reproductive behavior of the spiny anteater (<u>Tachyglossus</u> <u>aculeatus</u>) has been conducted at the Oklahoma City Zoo since 1984. Two pairs of the species were maintained in a 6m x 6m enclosure; and on 17 March, a youngster was observed in the pouch of one of the females. Copulation was observed in January involving the other female; and because of past bad experiences with checking females for eggs, it was decided to wait and check for offspring. The time interval was based on published reports of gestation and incubation in this species. Upon discovery of the infant, both animals were moved to a 1.2m x 2.4m enclosure. Approximately 50 days after birth, the infant, weighing 128.1 grams, was deposited in a nest.