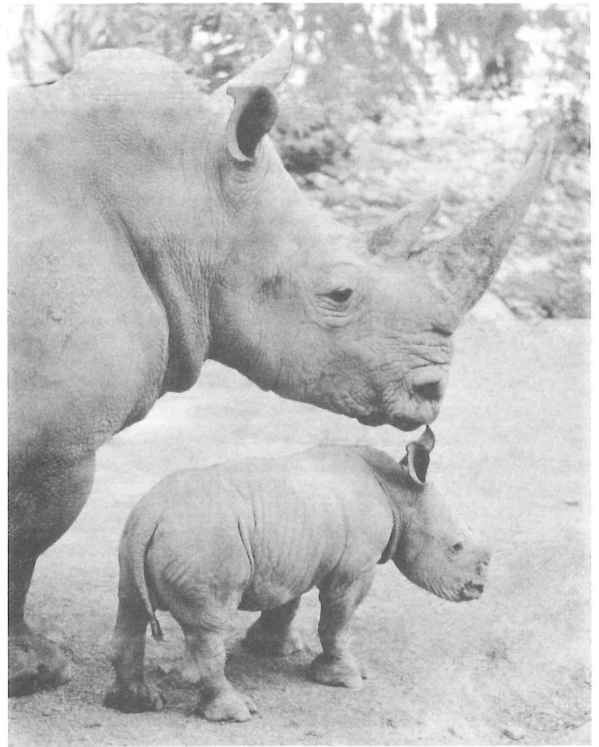


WHITE RHINO BORN AT THE KNOXVILLE ZOO

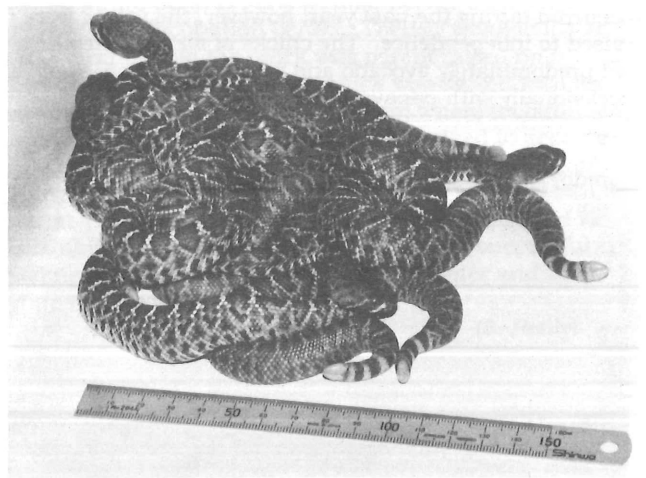
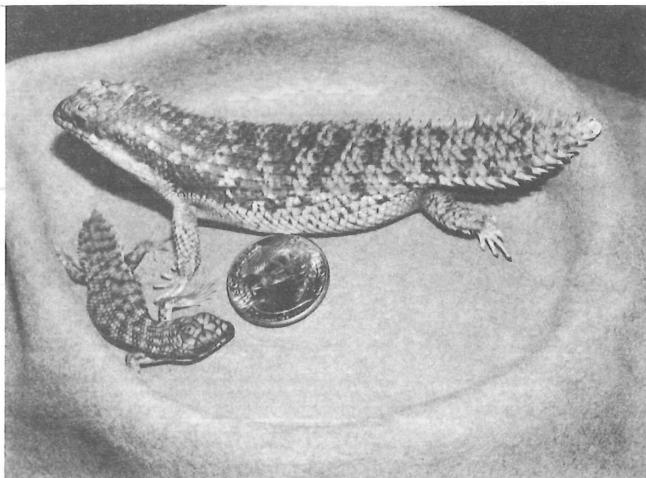
A male southern white rhino was born at the Knoxville Zoological Gardens on 15 September. The calf is the eighteenth born at the zoo and is the sixth offspring of the 24-year-old, wild-born mother, which arrived at the zoo in 1976. The 24-year-old father, which arrived in 1988, is previously unrepresented by captive offspring. The birth took place in the animal's outdoor enclosure in the presence of three female herd members. The calf stood within fifteen minutes and began nursing within two hours.

(J. Croxton)



(Photo by S. Morrell)

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHS OCCUR AT THE LOUISVILLE ZOO



(Photos by L. Smith)

On 3 July, a neonate pygmy spiny-tailed skink (*Egernia depressa*) was discovered on exhibit at the Louisville Zoological Garden. The 2.1 adults were hibernated for 64 days beginning 31 January at 14°C-15°C. Chasing and tail biting were observed when the animals were introduced on 7 April; however, copulation was never observed. The female began to appear heavier toward the end of May, which suggests a gestation of slightly less than three months.

Seven red diamond rattlesnakes (*Crotalus ruber*) were born on 3 September after a gestation of 114 days. Average weight of the litter members was 43.85 grams. The adult group of 2.1 were hibernated at 14°C-15°C for 77 days. Combat was observed between the males. This is the second *Crotalus* species successfully bred at the zoo.

(W. McMahan)