

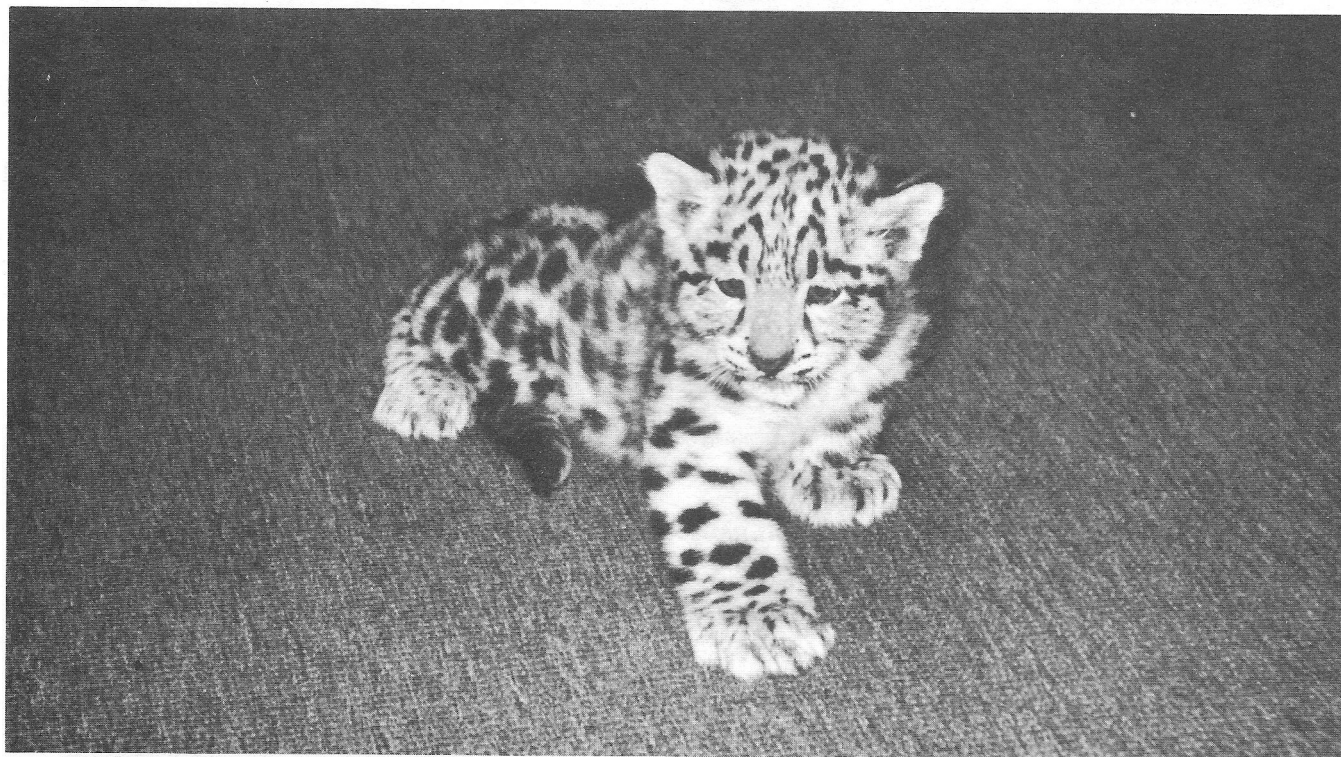
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### SNOW LEOPARDS BORN AT THE GREAT PLAINS ZOO

Two snow leopards were born on 26 July at the Great Plains Zoo, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The three-year-old mother of the male cubs is on loan from the New York Zoological Society as part of the SSP© program, and the ten-year-old father is owned by the zoo.

(E. Asper)



### SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO REPORTS SIGNIFICANT BIRTH OF BLACK RHINO

The Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita, reported the first black rhino birth in the state of Kansas, which occurred on 16 August. The 31-year-old mother had four miscarriages since her arrival at the zoo. She was the subject of an intensive reproductive study that determined she was not producing enough progesterone. After a progesterone supplement was implemented, blood was collected and sonograms were performed during the 469-day gestation. Due to the poor condition of the mother's teeth, her hay and alfalfa were processed through a leaf shredder and tree mulcher.

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