

**SOUTHERN
HAIRY-NOSED WOMBAT
BORN AT METRO TORONTO ZOO**

The first successful Canadian birth of a southern hairy-nosed wombat (*Lasiorhinus latifrons*) occurred at the Metro Toronto Zoo. The thirteen-year-old, captive-born mother is on loan from the Brookfield Zoo, Chicago, and the twelve-year-old, captive-born male is from the Taronga Zoo, Sydney, Australia. The wombats had been kept in the nocturnal wing of the Australian Pavilion with reversed lighting since 1984; but in the fall of 1993, they were placed together in a diurnal exhibit with free access to the holding and tunnels to encourage reproduction. In May 1994, they were returned to their separate exhibits. The baby, which was first observed in the pouch in September and sexed as a female in November, is out of the pouch and developing well.

(O. Claffey)



F. Faigal



**CINCINNATI ZOO
REPORTS BLACK RHINO BIRTH**

The 17th black rhinoceros was born at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden on 9 December and is now on exhibit. The zoo holds the world record for black rhinoceros births in captivity.

(B. Rish)

SPECTACLED BEARS BORN AT SAN ANTONIO ZOO

Two spectacled bears (*Tremarctos ornatus*) were born in late February at the San Antonio Zoological Gardens & Aquarium, Texas. One of the cubs, a female, died of unknown causes; and the second cub is being held off exhibit with its mother. Its sex has not been determined.

(C. Jividen)

SUCCESSFUL PENGUIN BREEDING SEASON REPORTED AT SEA WORLD OF CALIFORNIA

Forty chicks from Sea World of California's small Antarctic penguin species were raised this season and include 13 gentoo, 13 adelic, 10 chinstrap, and 4 macaroni. Eight were hand raised, and the rest were raised by their parents in the Penguin Encounter. Three gentoo pairs were successful in raising both chicks in the clutch.

(W. Turner)

**STATUS
OF
GRASSMERE WILDLIFE PARK**

On 1 January 1995, the Cumberland Museum Board of Trustees voted to temporarily close Grassmere Wildlife Park to the public. During this period, only essential animal care and security staff were retained. Several options regarding the park's future were reviewed, and a final decision will be made soon.

The City of Nashville is expected to approve the transfer of the Grassmere property from Cumberland Museums to the city on 18 April. It is anticipated that the Cumberland Museum's Board of Trustees will award a full management contract for the park to the newly formed Friends of Grassmere on 25 April. We expect the park to reopen to the public under this new relationship on 3 June.

(John Keeley, Director/
Operations and Husbandry)

PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

Proceedings from the Symposium on the Health and Nutrition of New World Primates held by the New World Primate TAG on 12 March 1995 are available at a nominal cost to cover printing and postage. For further information, contact Peregrine Wolff, DVM, Director of Animal Programs, Minnesota Zoological Garden, 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124 (612) 431-9271.