



*Western Lowland Gorilla Mother
and Baby at San Francisco Zoo*



Black Rhino at San Francisco Zoo

Notable Births Reported at San Francisco Zoo

A female black rhino was born on 16 July 1998 at the San Francisco Zoo, California, and marks the 12th offspring of the 27-year-old female and the third sired by the 9-year-old male.

On 23 September 1998, a female western lowland gorilla was born to the zoo's 18-year-old female and 23-year-old silverback and represents the third successful live birth for this pair. It is significant because the previous two offspring were male. This was the first birth in which the entire group was allowed unrestricted (and unsupervised) access to each other and the mother. The group consists of the silverback, two young males, and two unrelated females. *N. Chan*

Jamaican Boa Births Reported

The Ellen Trout Zoo, Lufkin, Texas, announces the births of Jamaican boas (*Epicrates subflavus*) on 17 September 1998. Two neonates have survived. There were also eight infertile ova and one stillborn. They arrived 137 days after the first witnessed breeding. At birth, they weighed five and seven grams. Currently, they are eating thawed juvenile anoles on their own. This is a first for this species at the zoo. *D. Ferri*



*Jamaican Boa at Ellen Trout Zoo
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