

BRONX ANNOUNCES NEW GIRAFFE

Bronx Zoo-goers can now visit two juvenile giraffes thanks to first-time mother Margaret II, whose new infant female born 20 January is the Bronx Zoo's first large animal birth of 2003. Named Margaret III, the new arrival made her official public debut on 31 January, joined by her older brother James XII, born on 25 December. Father James VI is keeping a watchful eye on the offspring from just off exhibit. The two juveniles can be seen playing together on exhibit as they explore their new environment, and will be growing approximately one inch per day. Calves nearly double their birth height within the first year: adult males can reach 18 feet tall and weigh over 4,000 pounds, while adult females can reach 13-15 feet tall and weigh as much as 2,600 pounds.

WICHITA WELCOMES WOLF PUPS

On 2 February, four maned wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*) pups were born at Sedgwick County Zoo. It is the first successful birth of maned wolves at the Zoo. The mother moved the pups to another den, where a video camera was placed to allow staff to monitor the new family. The maned wolf is an endangered canid from South America and can be found in the open grasslands of Central and Eastern Brazil, Eastern Bolivia, Paraguay, Northern Argentina and Uruguay. This high-profile breeding pair at the Sedgwick County Zoo are on loan, the male originally from the White Oak Conservation Center in Florida, and the female from the Kansas City Zoo. The pair was bred based on Species Survival Plan (SSP) recommendations.

CALLIMICO BIRTH AT THE BIODÔME DE MONTRÉAL



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On 31 January, keepers at the Biodôme de Montréal were thrilled to find a newborn Callimico (*Callimico goeldii*) gripping its mother's back. The Biodôme currently holds six Callimico: one 22-year-old male, the oldest in captivity, his 15-year-old daughter and a newly acquired pair, now parents for the second time (their first young was born in July 2002). The Biodôme participates in the Callimico Species Survival Plan (SSP) and is the only Canadian institution currently exhibiting Callimico. The SSP is working to establish a Canadian population of this species.

UTAH'S HOGLE ZOO WELCOMES TIGERS

Three Siberian tiger cubs were born on 16 February in Utah's Hogle Zoo's feline building. The birth of the cubs represents the first offspring for seven-year-old mother Tiksi and ten-year-old father L.C. In order to ensure their health, the cubs remained in a quiet, comfortable, off-exhibit area through March. Depending on their size and the stability of their bond with the mother, they may be placed on exhibit sometime in April. Siberian tigers, also known as Amur tigers for the region they inhabit in Russia and China, are the largest of all tiger species. It is estimated that only 350 to 400 Amur tigers are left in the wild. Loss of habitat and

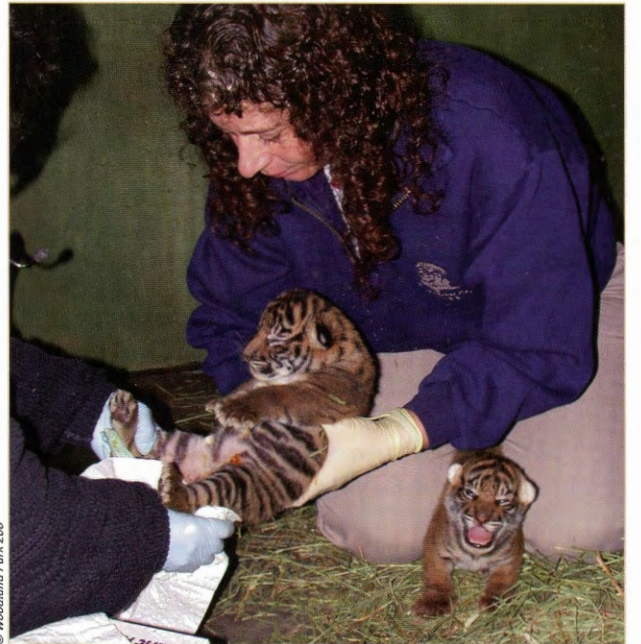
illegal hunting are limiting their numbers. The birth of Hogle Zoo's cubs were recommended as part of the Amur tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP).



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BLACK RHINO BORN AT CALDWELL ZOO

The Caldwell Zoo recently announced the birth of a male black rhinoceros on 6 January. He is the fifth rhino offspring for both the Zoo and for mother Christa, on loan from Cincinnati Zoo. The father, Cornelius, is on loan from the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Mother and calf are on display in the Zoo's rhino building.



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NEW STRIPES AT WOODLAND PARK ZOO

The birth of two Sumatran tigers at Woodland Park Zoo represents the first offspring between ten-year-old second-time mother JoJo, and nine-year-old first-time father Rakata. The cubs are currently off exhibit. The last birth of a Sumatran tiger at the Zoo occurred in 1992; only one Sumatran tiger birth occurred in North American zoos in 2002. Staff will monitor the cubs by remote visual monitor and weighing the cubs periodically to ensure consistent weight gain and hydration. 🐅