

American White Pelican, 2 Toucan Barbet, 3 Sugarbirds, 4 Hummingbirds, 1.1 Mikado Pheasant, 1 Blue Goose, 1 Ross' Goose, 1.1 Timor Python, 3 Red-tailed Sharks, 5 Tetra Serpae, 2 African Knifefish, 3 Penguin Fish, 3 Marbled Hatchetfish, 3 Black Angelfish, and 0.2 Siamese Fighting Fish.

Recent births and hatchings for the period 1-28 February 1971, include: 0.1 Dama Gazelle, 0.1 Harnessed Antelope, 3.0 Mouflon, 0.2 Cameroun Pigmy Goat, 0.1 Dwarf Zebu, 6.8 Aoudad, 0.1 Grant's Gazelle, 1.0 Sitatunga, 0.1 Eclectus Parrot, 2 Black Swan, 160 African Mouthbreeder and 55 Sailfin Molly fishes.

Recent acquisitions for the same period are 0.1 White Rhino, 2 North American Porcupine, 1 Gray Fox, 1.1 Puna Teal, 1.1 Patagonian Crested Duck, 1.1 Marbled Teal, 1.2 Laysan Teal, 1 Angelfish, 6 Dwarf Seahorse, 1 Jack Dempsey, 10 Sumatra Barb, 2 Clown Loach, 2 Butterbly Fish, 6 Penguin Fish, and 6 Glass Catfish. X 3/6

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SAN FRANCISCO — CAL. — U.S.A.

The San Francisco Zoo continues to serve as the major treatment and holding center for sea birds of several species which have been salvaged from the recent oil spill in San Francisco Bay and adjacent ocean areas. Over 1500 birds have been processed though hope for significant survival is dim. All previous experience with these highly specialized marine birds salvaged from oil slicks has been most discouraging, but efforts expended in this emergency will increase our knowledge and improve techniques, thus enabling us to achieve greater success in future emergencies.

From the Los Angeles Zoo four Striped Hyenas arrived; these mammals are a donation from a birthday fund.

A recent birth include two Jaguar cubs, born to 9 years old 'Lucy'.

On 5th February 1971, a male Sable Antelope (*Hippotragus niger*) was born; the baby stands under 2' and weighed about 30 lbs.

(Beverly Rongren)

SYDNEY — AUSTRALIA

Eleven newly hatched Taipan Snakes are causing some excited interest among Taronga Zoo staff members. The 14 inch babies were hatched on 18th February 1971, from 14 eggs laid by the mother early last December, incubated in a plastic container and all those hatched so far, appear to be healthy lively species. The new arrivals are in every sense zoo products: the parent Snakes were reared from juvenile specimens brought to the zoo. The male parent is now two years old, the female three years old. Incidentally, the mother laid another clutch of 17 eggs early February 1971.

On 27th October, 1970, a Père Davids Deer baby was born. A young Gibbon (*Hylobates lar*), abandoned by its mother at birth, has been successfully hand-reared; this is the fourth Gibbon birth at Taronga Zoo.

A new exhibit of Marine Birds simulates natural habitat with a rursing saltwater pool, sand and shells. The birds inhabiting the enclosure are of the oceans and shores and include a Giant Petrel, Pelicans, Gannets, Common Cormorants, Crested Terns, Silver Gulls and two Fairy Penguins.

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