

Cleveland Zoo
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EUROPEAN WHITE STORK RAISED

A pair of European White Storks which we have had in the collection for 8 years were successful in hatching and raising one male chick during 1971. The first egg was laid May 3, 1971. The second egg (infertile) was laid May 5, 1971. The chick hatched June 7, 1971 (35 days).

The female should be credited with this success because she was the only one to feed the chick. The male broke half of his lower mandible off several years ago and has a difficult time feeding. Many times the female has been observed feeding both the male and the chick.

After the chick was old enough to hold his head up the female would bring smelt to the nest and place them within reach of the chick. The chick would then pick them up himself. While in the nest the chick and the parents would do a lot of stick passing. The chick spent much of his time passing sticks back and forth in his bill. The bird has now assumed adult plumage.

(Richard W. Merrill)

JAVAN RHINO INCREASE

375.

One of the world's rarest animals, the Javan Rhinoceros, has increased in numbers in its special reserve at Udjong Kulong in Indonesia, from about 25 in 1967 to about 38 in 1967, according to a report received by the World Wildlife Fund. Prof. Dr. Rudolph Schenkel of Basle University, reported that counting of tracks showed that there could be as many as 42 Javan Rhinos there, but 38 is taken as the median figure. Exact figures are impossible as it is difficult to see the Rhinos in the dense jungle.

There may also be a few Javan Rhinos in the Gunung Leuser reserve in Sumatra.

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THREE BABY GIBBONS

One does not often hope to have a baby white-handed gibbon, and when three (2.1) arrive within a two month period, you must know the pleasure gained. We were expecting the first baby because the one female of the trio had hurt her arm. The veterinarian had put her down to examine the injury and had palpitated the fetus. This infant was born 8 August. Both females of the trio were active in grooming the infant male. When the second male infant was born 3 November, each female of the trio tended her own baby. 7 December, the female of our pair, kept since the fall of 1970 with the male that had never before fathered young, delivered a female infant. The two females of the trio had a falling out 9 January. The youngest male infant was abandoned and is now being hand raised. The two females have been kept separate since that time — with the male alternating days for companionship.

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