



Tiger's Tale

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Annual Zoo Safari

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Time: 9:00 A. M.

Place: Crandon Park Zoo Office

Once again it is time for the Florida Zoological Society to hold its fun filled Safari Day outing on the Crandon Park Zoo grounds. For those members who haven't had a chance to make regular visits to the zoo a part of their busy schedules during the past year this is the perfect chance to get caught up with the face changes that have occurred among the zoo inhabitants. Here at the zoo life is in a constant state of flux as many small new faces are always appearing on the scene, causing the zoo to have an excellent birth record. Come and join us on Saturday of September 12 and see how many new faces you can find.

The Safari Day functions begin at 9:30 A.M. in the zoo office. For anyone missing breakfast or just wishing to indulge in a morning's second cup of coffee, a large assortment of fresh donuts and plenty of hot coffee will be yours to enjoy. While munching on these tasty tidbits and sipping coffee, old friends will have a chance to engage in conversation and newcomers will be able to meet new acquaintances with a mutual interest. At this time a few tame zoo animals will be on display for individuals to see at close range, pet, hold and even (for the perfect zoo souvenir) be photographed with. So remember, on Zoo Safari Day, it is a must to bring the family camera.

After this informal beginning a short meeting will be held in front of the zoo office when Dr. Gordon Hubbell, Zoo Director and Dr. Harris Stewart, Zoological Society President will inform us on the latest news concerning both the zoo and the society. During the remainder of the morning a special tram train tour of

the zoo will be conducted emphasizing outstanding exhibits. For those wanting a more comprehensive view of the total zoo world, informed personnel will be available to give behind the scene peeks into the hatchery building where so many of the zoo's valuable birds (especially waterfowl) have begun their lives, into the kitchen (a most essential building where carefully planned, well balanced meals are prepared for each animals species) and a tour through the hospital under the guidance of Dr. Ronald Sampsell, Zoo Veterinarian. In the way of an unusual event will be a short demonstration showing how a young rhino is trained. (see story below).

We will be looking forward to seeing you on the second Saturday in September. Tell your friends and relatives they are cordially invited to participate in the days activities. Don't forget the zoo is for everyone between the ages of 1 and 101, so bring the entire family and make the Annual Zoo Safari Day a happy family togetherness day.

"A Training Session for Shanti"

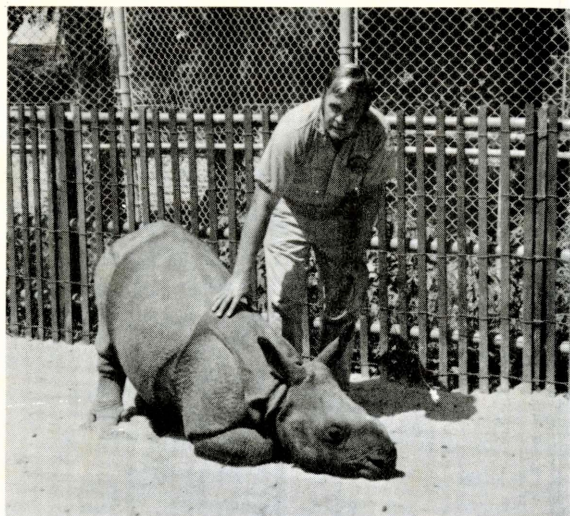
Shanti, the zoo's newest baby rhino, is put through her paces as keepers Bill Doss and Gene Gissy strive to train her in somewhat the same manner as her close relative, the horse, would be trained. Everyday Shanti has been receiving a lesson and her progress in obeying commands is coming along nicely. For the people involved though, her training is a hot sticky business, which sometimes gets a little overpowering, especially when 450 pounds of baby rhino with a mind of her own decides contrary to instruction what will be her next move.

Right:

"Mohan and Shanti"
(God and Peace)

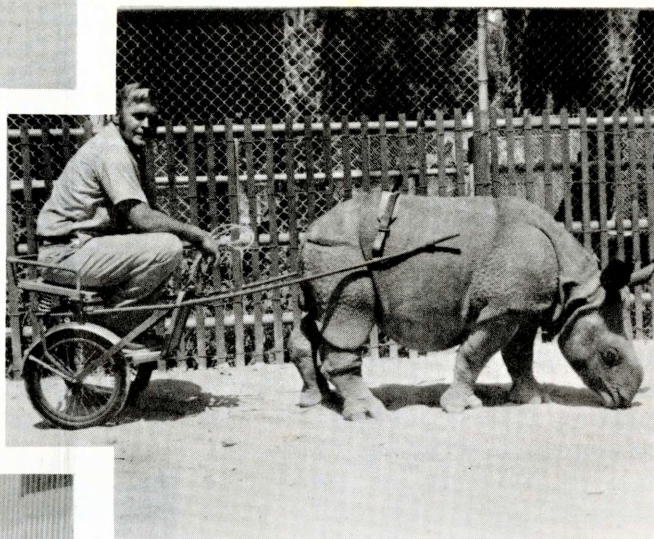
The rhinos take a refreshing stroll in their private swimming pool on a hot August afternoon.





Left: Bill Doss, zoo-keeper, gives Shanti an affectionate pat as she poses in this posteriorly elevated posture, which is just a rhino's version of an ordinary kneel.

Right: Bill Doss goes for a rhino drawn ride. As for Shanti, she is nonchalantly unconcerned that she has been reduced to a beast of burden.



Left: With one blink of the eye you see what appears to be a rough riding scene from a western rodeo, but a second blink brings into focus Zookeeper, Gene Gissy, bouncing through the zoo's rhino enclosure on the back of Shanti.