

Japanese Zoo News

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Topeka Zoo

Ueno Zoo — Tokyo

A baby Sandy Wallaby was found rejected by its mother on 29th January 1971; the baby was bottle raised by the keepers. On 9th September 1970, the mother was seen mating. Since then the keepers had been checking her pouch every day, and on 13th October, they found a newborn baby nursing. The growth of the youngster is being traced day by day.

On 21st November 1970, 1-1 Japanese Green Pheasants (the national bird of Japan) and 1-1 Mikado Pheasants were shipped by air to the Zoo in Montevideo, Uruguay, in exchange for a pair of Capybaras which arrived at the Ueno Zoo on 29th September, 1970.

Moreover a male Sumatran Tiger arrived; the Zoo has now two specimens, both males.

Higashiyama Zoo — Nagoya City

The Zoo added two rare species to its feline collection: on 6th October 1970, a pair of 5-month old Snow Leopards arrived from Russia; on 29th October 1970, a pair of Clouded Leopards arrived; estimated age of the male: 2 years old; the female 1 year old.

Higashiyama Zoo opened a Children's Zoo on 24th October; facilities such as an incubator exhibit, a Japanese mammal house, etc., are designed under educational consideration.

On 26th November 1970, a pair of Indian Desert Cats, a subspecies of *Felis libyca*, was donated by the Los Angeles Zoo, probably the first arrival in Japan.

Oji Zoo — Kobe City

The first South American Tapir to be born in Kobe Zoo arrived on 17th November 1970; a female. It is only the fifth to be born in Japanese zoos.

Suma Aquarium — Kobe City

The Government of Cuba donated an unusual member of the Gars: a *Lepisosteus tristoechus*. On arrival the length of the male was 105 cm and of the female 70 cm.

Longevity Notes

'Mamoru', one of the 6 Reindeer at Tama Zoo, Tokyo, died on 12th October 1970, after 11 years, 8 months and 8 days at the Zoo. This probably is a longevity record of this species in Japan. The major cause of death was the fracture of the left hind leg. He arrived on 4th February 1959, at the estimated age of 3 years; he became the sire of the first Reindeer born in Japan.

A Malayan Bear at the Zoo of Takarazuka City died of old age in October, 1970, after 19 years and 10 months in captivity.

A Black Leopard died of peritonitis in November 1970, after 20 years and 2 months at the Tennoji Zoo, Osaka City.

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After lacking suitable facilities for anthropoids for many years, we are pleased to announce that the Denver Zoo now exhibits a complete series of these valuable animals. Currently on exhibit are 1.1 Lowland Gorilla, 1.3 Chimpanzee, 1.0 Sumatran Orangutan and 1.1 Lar Gibbon. Another female gorilla is due to arrive in the near future and we hope to acquire a captive born female orang in the spring. The male orangutan is a 10 year old animal born in the famous breeding colony at nearby Colorado Springs. All of the apes, as well as a fine series of monkeys, baboons and lemurs, are exhibited in our modern Primate Building which opened in July of 1970.

The next major project for the Denver Zoo will be a large Bird House, estimated to cost not less than \$1,000,000.00. Planning on this building is now underway.

We are also pleased to announce that Paul N. Linger, General Curator of the Topeka Zoo, Topeka, Kansas has accepted appointment as Assistant Director of the Denver Zoo. Mr. Linger will take up his new duties on February 1st. The birth of a female Black Rhinoceros was recorded on the night of January 6. This is the third birth to our breeding pair aged 12½ and 13 years. Estimated birth weight of the young rhino was 60-65 pounds. The baby is thriving under its mother's care.

Other births since 1st December, 1970 include 1.1 Lion, 1.1 Jaguar, 1.1 Brown Capuchin, 1.0 Llama, 1.0 Dromedary Camel, 1.0 Beisa Oryx, 0.1 Reticulated Giraffe and 1.0 Nile Hippo.

New acquisitions since December 1, 1970, are 0.1 Lowland Gorilla, 1.0 Orang Utan, 0.1 Greater Spot-nose Monkey, 0.1 Woolly Monkey, 1.2 Caracal, 2 Himalayan Griffon Vultures, 2 Cinereous Vultures, 4 Bali Mynahs, and 1 Ball Python.

20 White Rhinos for San Diego

The largest shipment of animals ever received by the San Diego Zoo, California, U.S.A., arrived by rail and was unloaded on 18th February 1971.

Twenty White Rhinos for the new San Diego Wild Animal Park completed the last leg of a month-long journey which has brought them from the Umfolozi Game Reserve in South Africa to the hills of the San Pasqual Valley, site of the wildlife preserve scheduled for opening early in 1972.

The twenty animals and their shipping crates weighed about 40,000 kilogrammes.
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