

New Faces Around the Zoo



Joining her mate on the African Plains is our female eland (right), recently received from Lion Country Safari, California. Elands, the largest species of antelopes, come from central and southern Africa and are characterized by their rounded hoofs and heavy spiral horns carried by both sexes. They are gregarious, occurring in groups of a few individuals to herds of up to 100 or more.

A pair of one-year-old African white rhinos — the first to be exhibited at the Philadelphia Zoo — arrived from the San Diego Wild Animal Park in May. One of the animals is a gift from Zoological Society Board Member G. Kurt Davidyan, President of American Polarizers, Inc., a subsidiary of Smith Kline Corporation. The other was donated by The Blanche G. Whitecar Foundation of Philadelphia.



Mandy, our three-month-old female kinkajou, is being hand-raised by Veterinarian Assistant Ann Hess. Mandy weighed only four ounces at birth but, thriving on a formula of evaporated milk and water, she gained at the rate of an ounce a week. Kinkajou births are rare in captivity.



Head Keeper of Birds Ralph Horn holds the golden conure that he hand-raised after it was abandoned by its parents. Ralph cared for the bird both day and night from the time it was a month old until it was three months old. This member of the parrot family (also called Queen of Bavaria conure) is rarely bred in captivity, although parent birds successfully raised two young at our Zoo in 1972.

