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PAIGNTON ZOOLOGICAL & BOTANICAL GARDENS LTD. DEVON, ENGLAND.

We have recently had born at Paignton Zoo the following:- 1.0 giraffe; 0.1 impala; 0.1 Roe deer; 5 Blackfooted penguins; 2 Grey kangaroos; 6 Bennett wallabies; 1 Mona monkey; 1.1 Colobus monkeys; 1 Spider monkey; 1 Pouched rat; several Fat dormice; 4 Canada geese; 4 Cayenne woodrail; 3 Cornish choughs.

PHILADELPHIA ZOO'S AFRICAN PLAINS EXHIBIT OPENED

Phase 1 of the Philadelphia Zoo's exciting new African Plains Exhibit was officially dedicated and opened to the public on Saturday, May 4. The naturalistic display simulating the East African Plains will allow zebras, giraffes, antelopes, ostriches, cranes, and waterfowl to mingle freely much as they would in the wild. There are no bars or fences to obstruct visitors' view of the animals. Electrically heated animal shelters are concealed by artificial rock or gunite, which creates a realistic "kopje" effect. Another prominent feature of the exhibit is the fibreglass baobab tree constructed by the Zoo's Exhibits Department. This huge tree with root-like branches is an integral part of the African Plains landscape.

Under construction for almost two years, Phase I of the African Plains cost approximately \$981,000. The City of Philadelphia appropriated \$650,000 for planning and construction, and the Zoological Society of Philadelphia provided \$331,000 for the gunite, electrical, and other work. Construction on Phase II of the exhibit is scheduled to begin shortly. It will consist of two additional sections and will feature white rhinos and several other species of antelopes and birds.

FIRST WHITE RHINOS COME TO PHILADELPHIA

Two 1-year old African white rhinoceroses made their public debut on 1st May 1974 in the Philadelphia Zoo's recently opened African Plains Exhibit. The Zoo has never before had white rhinos on exhibit in its 100-year history. Both the male and female rhinos were born in the San Diego Wild Animal Park in the spring of 1973. The female weighs about 180 kg. (400 pounds) and the male, 320 kg (700 pounds).

They will share a portion of the large giraffe yard until their permanent enclosure is completed as part of Phase II of the African Plains Exhibit. The Zoo hopes to dedicate Phase II in the summer of 1975.

ROTTERDAM ZOO, HOLLAND

Births and hatchings during January and February include: 0.1 Watusi cattle; 1.0 White-tailed gun; 0.2 Two-humped camel; 1 Javan banteng (born dead); 1.3 Pigmy goats, 1. Gelada baboon (born dead); 1 Patagonian cavy; 4 gerbils, 0.1 Elephant seal (born dead); 1 Victoria crowned pigeon; 1 Cereopsis goose; 34 Garter snakes, 1 Bedotia geayi.

Animals added to our collection during the months of January and February, 1974: 0.1 Canadian puma; 0.1 Margay, 1 serval; 1.1 Flat-headed cat, 0.1 jaguar, 2 kinkajous, 0.1 Elephant seal, 1.0 Chapman zebra, 3 Red birds of paradise, 0.1 Wilsons bird of paradise, 1.0 Andean goose, 1.0 Chestnut teal, 1 African gallinule.

Births and hatchings during March and April 1974 include: 0.3 Siberian tigers, 2.3 Sumatran tigers, 0.1 Black leopard, 2 Temminck's golden cats, 3 Jungle cats, 1.0 Reticulated giraffe, 1.0 llama, 5 Pigmy goats, 0.1 Dwarf zebu, 1 blackbuck, 3 Pine martens, 5 emu, 7 Black swans, 3 Hawaiian geese, 1 Patagonian crested duck.

Animals added to our collection during this period are:

1.1 Siberian tigers, 2.0 Black-footed cats, 0.1 Snow leopard, 0.1 Leopard cat, 0.1 Margay, 2.1 Crab-eating Raccoon, 1 Coucang, 0.1 Tamandua, 1.0 American bison, 0.1 Capibara, 6 Chil. Flamingoes, 1 Brown pelican, 1 White breasted Toucan, 1 Malayan Hornbill.

Births and hatchings during May include 2 Black swan, 1 jaguar, 2 Black leopard and 2 Siberian tiger cubs. The emu has laid 11 eggs.

Noteworthy is the arrival of two rare Black-footed cats and a female Siberian tiger.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, U.S.A.

The acquisition of the pair of Stone sheep is a notable event as these are possibly the only ones presently in the U.S. Their normal range is from the southern Yukon to the northern part of British Columbia or the middle of western Canada.

The Stone is a race of the Dall's sheep which is found further north through Alaska. The Dall's sheep is white in color, especially in the extreme north. It tends to become darker or saddle-backed in the south. The Stone sheep is typically pale faced with dark gray or black over the rest of the body. The horns are long, slender and spiral outward and reach upwards to 51 inches. When mature, a ram can weigh up to 200 pounds.

The pair that we have were born last spring at the Okanagan Game Farm in south western Canada. They will be fed primarily good alfalfa hay and a small amount of grain daily. They are presently with the sitatunga next to the aoudads or Barbary sheep of Africa.

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