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During the past year emphasis was placed upon obtaining new stock for many of our established herds to increase their genetic diversity. Additions included males of the following species: eland, llama, axis deer, reindeer, beisa oryx and mule deer. Additionally, females of some species were acquired through trade for the same purposes; added were two bighorn sheep, reindeer and roan antelope.

The mammal collection suffered a major setback with the death of Thomas, our male gorilla, in August. A search was immediately begun to obtain a replacement. Due to a set of fortunate circumstances (for Denver), the Topeka Zoo needed to find a temporary home for their adult male. Max arrived in Denver in late December, and was introduced to our female, Maguba, soon after arrival. Both have settled in and are adjusting to each other. As Max is a temporary breeding loan, we have arranged to obtain an additional male from the Rotterdam Zoo and he should arrive in late spring of 1983. Our female, Bibi, on loan to the Cincinnati Zoo, has been accepted into one of their breeding groups and is reportedly now pregnant.

Our breeding female giant anteater suddenly died in mid-January, followed a few days later by her last offspring, a three-month-old male. Attempts to find a suitable mate for our male proved fruitless until November when we had the opportunity to acquire two wild-caught

females. One animal was shipped to the San Antonio Zoo for pairing with our captive-reared male on loan there. The remaining female will be introduced to our male in the hope that this breeding programme can be reinstated. Based upon our lack of success in breeding cheetahs, we decided to place our trio on breeding loan to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska. We replaced these animals with a pair of unrelated, captive-bred maned wolves. This marks the first time this species has been exhibited in the Denver Zoo. The maned wolves have adjusted well to their new home and currently occupy the old cheetah enclosure. In fulfillment of a trade account, we received a trio of cape hunting dogs from the National Zoological Gardens of South Africa. These animals were loaned to the Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita, Kansas. This decision was based on our lack of proper facilities or space. We also purchased a pair of Brazilian tapirs to bolster our present group and, hopefully, stimulate reproduction.

Due to the growth of our young orangutans and the lack of adequate exhibit space for all forms of great apes, the trio of chimpanzees were placed on breeding loan in other institutions. The loss of our breeding female Malayan giant squirrel led to the decision to discontinue this species in the collection. This provided space for the acquisition, on breeding loan, of a trio of callimicos or Goeldi's monkeys from the Brookfield Zoo. The adult female is pregnant and should deliver early next year.

A group of gelada baboons was obtained and are gradually being intro-

duced to one another in an attempt to establish a normal family unit. A further trio of white-faced saki monkeys was purchased to bolster our population of these interesting small primates.

The Cincinnati Zoo placed adult pairs of both caracals and jaguars here on breeding loan. Our caracals have not bred in the past few years and these new additions will hopefully stimulate reproduction in our group. The jaguars are welcome additions as the male is the melanistic colour phase while the female has a normal pattern.

Both of the Przewalski's horse fillies born in 1981 were shipped to the San Diego Wild Animal Park where they will be introduced into a herd situation. A female lesser panda, on breeding loan to the Lincoln, Nebraska Children's Zoo gave birth to triplets, all of which survived. We intend to place them on breeding loan in various institutions around the country.

Notable births in 1982 included a male colobus monkey which represents a first in the collection. The snow leopards bred for the second time and success-

fully reared a pair of young, also a first successful rearing of the species in our collection. We have purchased the male offspring, and the female belongs to us as a result of the breeding loan. Subsequently, the young female was traded for another female to give us two unrelated pairs of these endangered felines. One pair of golden lion tamarins produced a female offspring. Several months later the mother died, but the male successfully reared the infant. A new female was introduced to this father/daughter group, was accepted, and has now paired with the male. The younger pair of black rhinos produced their third viable calf, a female, in mid-November. This is a full second generation birth and is the eighth black rhinoceros born in Denver. The California sea lions raised their fourth offspring in as many years and the servals reared two female cubs. One of these will be exchanged for a male to give us two unrelated pairs. Various hooved animals continued to reproduce at an exceptional rate. Notable births included 5 reindeer, 8 pronghorn antelope, 9 spring-



A highlight of 1982 was the birth of a female black rhinoceros, the eighth representative of this endangered species reproduced here.