

Spanish Lynx Born

On 19th May 1972 three cubs were born to the pair of Pardel or Spanish Lynx (*Felis lynx pardina*) at Luciano Spinelli's private Zoo at Cecchina, near Rome, Italy. The mother refused to care for her litter and the cubs are being bottle-raised.

According to the International Zoo Yearbook (volume 13 ; 1972), there are only 5.5 of this very rare Lynx in seven zoos, with pairs only at Spinelli's zoo and Dormund Zoo, Germany. It is believed to be the first birth of Pardel Lynx in captivity. In fact, another record for Spinelli, after the famous Birth of the Cheetahs. The gestation period was 93—94 days.

(P. L. Florio)

NEW:

World Wildlife Safari

A new drive-through Zoological Park is now under construction in Winston, Southwest Oregon, USA. The preview opening will be in September 1972; reopening will be in March of 1973.

Our first phase will include wildlife of Asia and Africa, including nilgai, yak, black buck, sika deer, axis deer, Himalayan tahrs, Bengal tiger, etc.; Demara's zebra, sitatunga, Eland ostrich, crowned cranes, adjutant storks, elephant, lion etc. We also have cheetah from Southwest Africa. However, these animals



Dr. Luciano Spinelli with
3 cubs of *Felis lynx pardina*;
photo taken two days after birth.

will not be on display, but will be kept in a large isolated area of our 600 acres. We are hopeful of breeding them here.

During the next two years we will develop a N. American Wildlife Area, which will include wolf, cougar, various cervids, brown bear, etc. Our goal is to generate revenue from tourists so that we may carry out and contribute to research and education aimed at wildlife conservation.

In addition to our present breeding progress for red wolf and cheetah, we and the Institute for the Study and Conservation of Endangered Species will sponsor the second International Symposium on the „World's Cats”, next March. The area of emphasis will be reproduction and captive management.

(Randall L. Eaton)

Correction

On page 25 of 'International Zoo-News' (volume 19 - no 1) we mentioned that the Djakarta Zoo had sent animals to Bangkok Zoo; this should be: to Rangoon Zoo. We apologise for this error.

West Berlin Zoo
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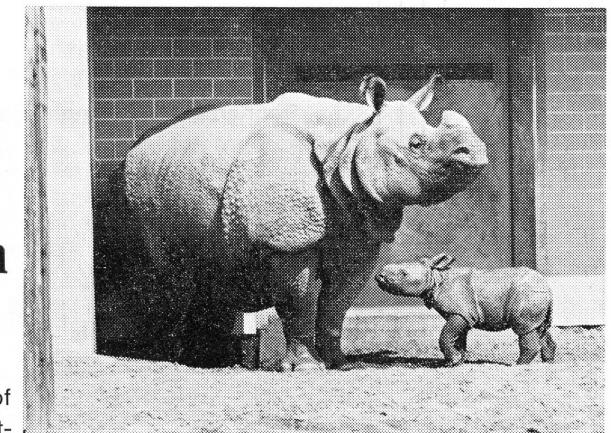


Photo: Zellmann

Indian Rhino Born

Owing to the kindness of the Basel Zoo in Switzerland, the "heavyweight bride" Miris was able to meet her bridegroom Arjun in Basel (where he had come from Berlin in 1965). After a pregnancy of 477 days, a male was born on 4th April 1972. Healthy and carefully looked after by his mother, he is developing very well. The name of the Indian Rhino is 'Kumar'.

This breeding success is very valuable because in India and Nepal there are only about 700 Rhinos left.

(Prof. Dr. Heinz-Georg Klös)