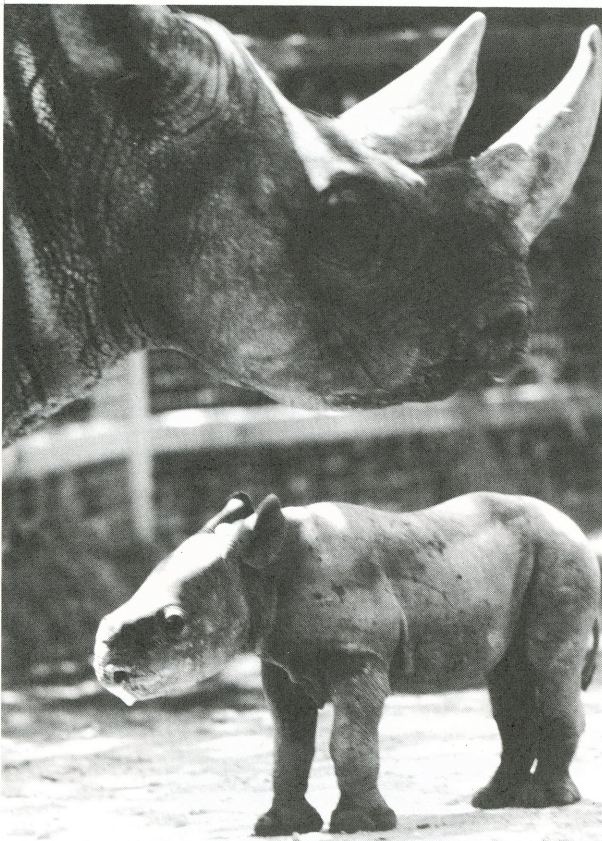


Announcements



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TUFTED PUFFIN HATCHES AT THE SEATTLE AQUARIUM

The Seattle Aquarium's third tufted puffin (*Lunda cirrhata*) since 1990 successfully hatched on 16 August 1994. The chick was parent raised and fledged on exhibit on 30 September. Using an infrared sensitive camera, aquarium staff again filmed the parent-chick behavior inside the nest chamber for the second year in a row. The inclusion of sound this year allowed the recording of parent-chick vocalizations during the chick-raising process.

(M. Carlson)

SIGNIFICANT BLACK RHINO BIRTH OCCURS AT THE DALLAS ZOO

On 3 July 1994, a male southern black rhinoceros was born at the Dallas Zoo. This is the first captive conception for this species at the zoo and for the parents which were a part of a 1989 importation from Zimbabwe.

At 49 pounds, the calf was relatively small in comparison to survey results for black rhino birth weights. In addition, there was an excessive accumulation of hoof material (peritope) that suggested the possibility of a premature birth. The low birth weight, possible prematurity, slow nursing response, and hoof condition led to a five-day management plan involving daily weighing, physical exams, hoof treatments, and stall rest. Weights for the calf over the period were 49, 52, 55, 60, and 63 pounds. The calf's nursing response improved quickly, and the excessive hoof material sloughed off gradually with no complications.

(L. Fitzgerald/K. Lew)

