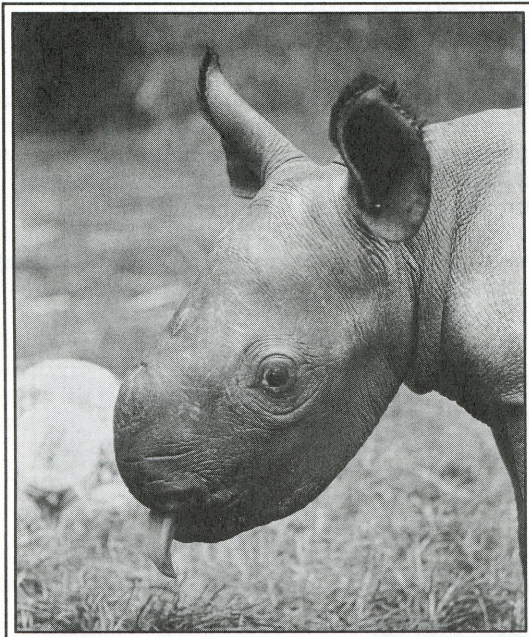
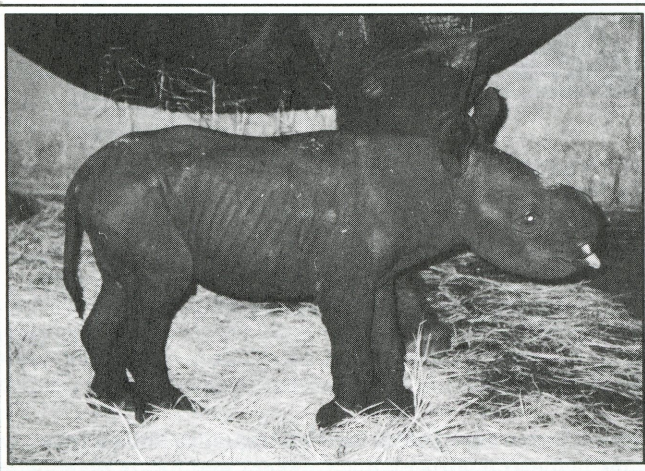


BLACK RHINO BIRTHS REPORTED AT SAN FRANCISCO AND RIVERBANKS ZOOS



A female black rhino calf was born at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens on 13 August, weighing 60 pounds at birth. She is the tenth offspring for her 24-year-old mother and the first for her 8-year-old father. The calf is being hand raised by staff. Her birth is especially significant because of the last 21 black rhinos born in the U.S., 17 have been male.

(N. Chan)



A male black rhinoceros was born at Riverbanks Zoological Park and Botanical Garden on 22 August. The calf weighed 77 pounds at birth and is the first of this endangered species born at the zoo. The father, born at the Los Angeles Zoo in 1986, and mother, born at the San Francisco Zoo in 1988, were paired through the Species Survival Plan and have been part of the Riverbanks collection since 1991. Both animals are on loan, and all offspring will be divided equally between the owning institutions. The calf belongs to the Los Angeles Zoo and will remain at Riverbanks for one to two years.

(M. Leverette)

PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINES BORN AT THE PITTSBURGH ZOO

Two prehensile-tailed porcupines were born recently at the Pittsburgh Zoo, becoming the first recorded births of *Coendou prehensilis* at the facility. The first, born on 25 May, was kept on exhibit but was bottle fed for 60 days by the keeper. The second, born on 15 June, was a breech. The mother suffered injuries during the birth and died two days later. This baby was subsequently bottle fed for 32 days, though keepers report it was seen on several occasions nursing from the mother of the first born.

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