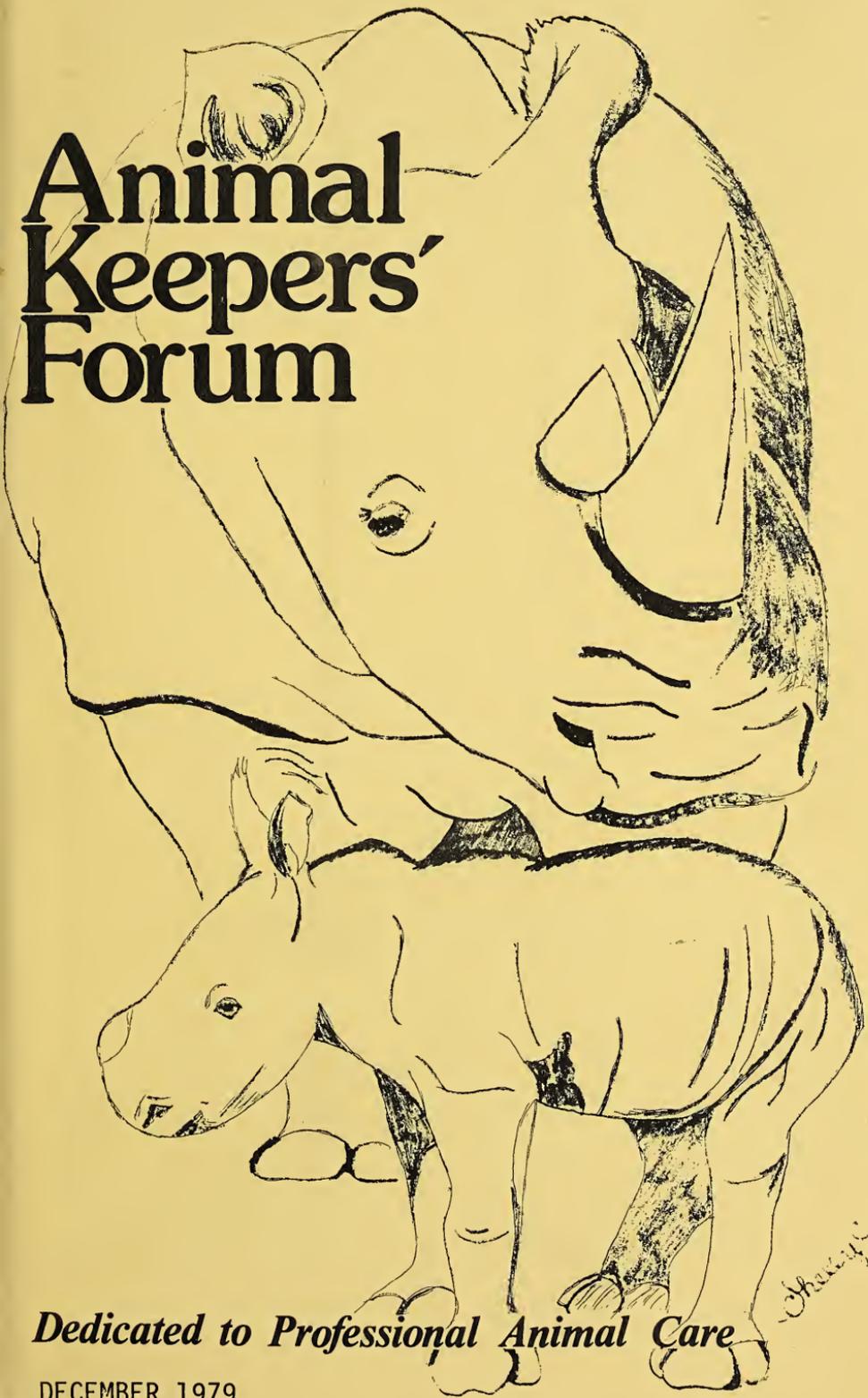


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Shelly Carpenter illustrates the December cover with a one-day old White Rhino and her mother from the Phoenix zoo. The father's name is Khetla and the mother's name is Tambile, so the baby is KT or Katie. Thanks, Shelly!

This is a special issue to finish out the 7th year. Karen Osman from the Rio Grande Zoo combined her interest in animals and in heraldry and her talents as an artist for a special article for our readers. It is on page 228. The proceedings from the 1979 conference are also in this issue, beginning on page 237.

SCOOPS and SCUTTLEBUTT

CORRECTION FOR "HAND-REARING THE SAIGA"

Marcia Rohrer wrote that the paper "Hand-rearing the Saiga" which was in the October issue of AKF contained a serious error. It was stated that "122 cc. of Bovine Anti-bacterial Serum" was given. This should be 12 cc. Our apologies for this, and our appreciation to her for correcting it.

WASHINGTON PARK ZOO RECEIVES ASIAN BULL ELEPHANT... Roger L. Henneous

On Thursday, October 25th, Washington Park Zoo, Portland, became the home of the 13 year old Asian Bull TUNGA; the oldest and largest of the elephants owned by the late H.M. Berry of Woodland, Washington. He comes to Washington Park Zoo as a back-up to Packy, Portland's first-born elephant and present herd sire. Tunga is a promising prospect for increasing the genetic diversity of our already successful breeding herd of Asian elephants.

PHILADELPHIA ZOO GETS RARE INDIAN RHINOS Jeanne Laura Segal

The Philadelphia Zoo has acquired a pair of rare Indian rhinoceroses from the Basel Zoo in Basel, Switzerland. The two animals have a combined weight of about 8,500 pounds (3,860 kg.) Their 400-mile journey was by jetliner, truck and finally, forklift. Fewer than 1200 individuals survive in the rhino's native habitat of Northern India.

TOPEKA ZOO APE HOUSE GROUND BREAKING

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Discovering Apes Building took place at the Topeka Zoological Park on 7 October 1979. The Discovering Apes Building is a million dollar project. Designed for social family groups of great apes, this innovative facility will present Zoo visitors with an experience unparalleled in Zoo History. After crossing a bridge over a sunken jungle, visitors will step into an Indonesian tree house to view the orangutans at tree-top level. The gorillas will be shown in the world's first walk-thru gorilla exhibit. Visitors will stroll through a glass tunnel down the middle of a simulated jungle clearing complete with live plants. Gorillas will be on all sides and even across the top of the tunnel. How would you like to be nose to nose with a 400 pound gorilla?