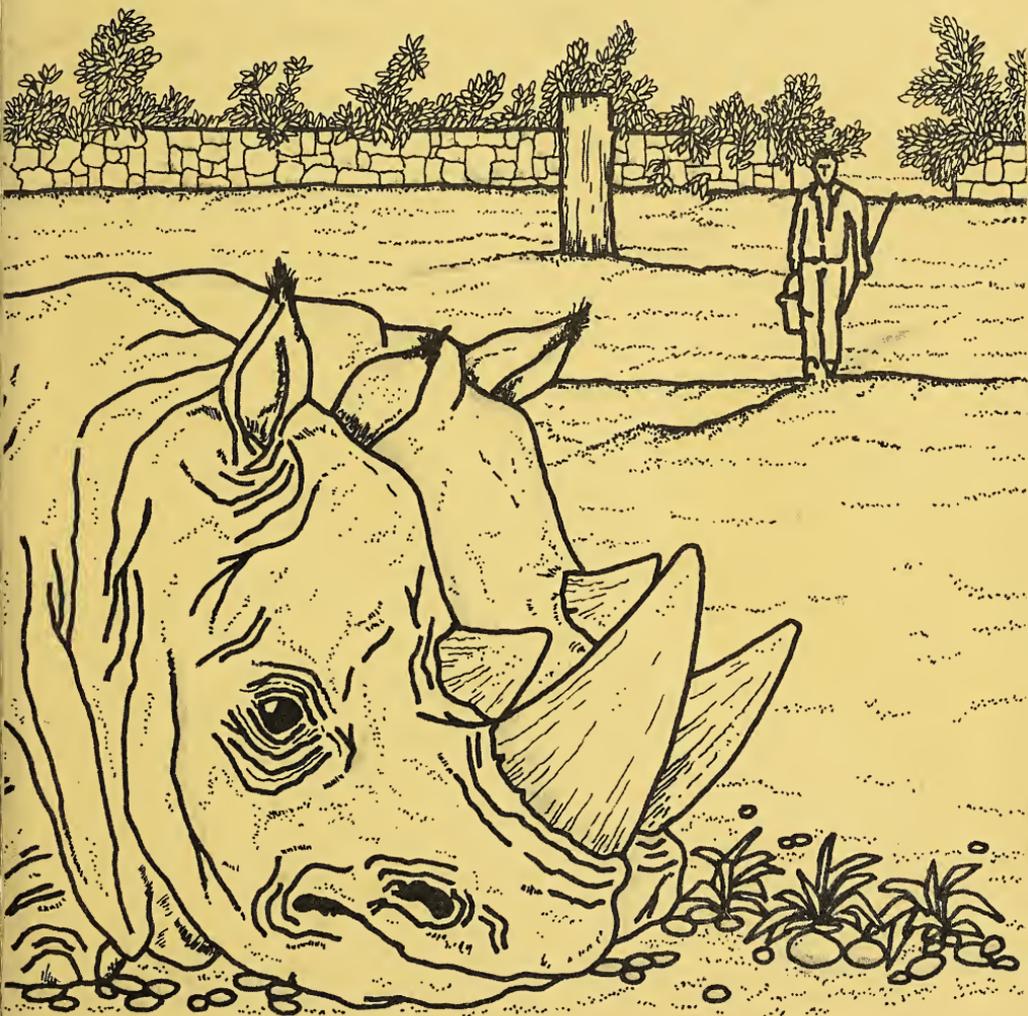


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Lutz Kuschinski of Glasgow, Scotland is the artist who did the cover for this issue. His artwork of the rhino and keeper is appropriate for the Conference month of the AAZK. His drawings also appear in ZooLife, the publication of the Zoological Society of Glasgow and West of Scotland, of the Calderpark zoo. Thank you for sharing your talent with AAZK!

SCOOPS and SCUTTLEBUTT

KAUFMAN RESIGNS BOARD POSITION by Ron Kaufman, Editor-in-Chief, AKF

I have recently been appointed Education Coordinator for the Topeka Zoo. This is a new position for the zoo and I am looking forward to the challenges it will provide. On the other hand, I will miss my involvement in animal care.

Too, I must resign my position on the AAZK Board of Directors. This does not mean that I will be dropping from AAZK, an organization I deeply believe in. I think my best contributions to AAZK have come through AKF and I will continue my involvement in AKF.

STOLEN ANIMALS FOUND. Sally Smith, Roeding Park Zoo, Fresno, CA

At midnight on July 25, Acting Zoo Director Ron Tremper was notified by police that the two missing animals had been found alive. We accompanied a Fresno Police Detective to a small town about 40 miles away to claim the animals. We found them to be in relatively good condition after their ordeal, although thin and nervous. The Muntjac had been found in an orange crate in a wooded area, with someone providing milk. The Raccoon Dog was found in a private home. One week later both have returned to normal in the Zoo Nursery with medication continuing on the infected eye of the deer.

The thieves have not been apprehended, but we are pleased to have the animal back in good health.

Sally also wanted to add some information to the report of the baby Lowland Gorilla in the May 1979 *Forum*. 'Alberta' was born at the Roeding Park Zoo in Fresno, the first gorilla ever born at our zoo and the first for either parent. The male belongs to Roeding Park Zoo and the female is 'Alvila' on loan from San Diego Wild Animal Park, who has been at our zoo two years. 'Alberta' is the first second-generation gorilla in the history of San Diego, but she was born at Roeding Park Zoo. Due to the breeding loan agreement, however, after her necessary removal from the mother and a critical month regaining her health in Fresno, she was taken to San Diego for permanent residence.

Migration of Birds is available for \$4.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, W.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. # S/N 024-010-00484-3. It is an updated version of the classic work by Frederick C. Lincoln. The 120 page book contains color drawings by the noted Fish and Wildlife Service artist, Bob Hines.