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Return of the King

by Bill Zeigler, General Curator

At last - "lions and tigers and bears" yes, lions are back at Metrozoo after an absence of five years. During the month of December, one male and three female juvenile lions were placed on display at our tiger paddock located in the Asian section of the zoo.

The young animals were donated to Metrozoo by D.H. and Roxi Luce and Robert and Pat Engress, who operate a company called Endangered Species, Incorporated, located in Trenton, Florida.

The lions are approximately six months old and are unrelated to each other. It is Metrozoo's hope that when the African veldt display is completed in a few years, these cubs will be the foundation for a healthy pride on a specially designed moated paddock. This new paddock will allow the public to see the lions surrounded by what in nature, would be their natural prey, giving visitors the sense of actually being on an African plain.

Until then, you will get a chance to watch and be a part of the growth of these young lions as they mature and develop their personalities.

Over the last five years, the request to see lions has always been number one or two on the list of desires from our visitors. So much so, that the zoo felt compelled to bring them back before their display in Africa was completed. With the Zoological Society providing the transportation, zoo staff went to Trenton on November 18th to bring the cubs back.

What is it about lions that attracts the public so much? Perhaps we can find the answer by taking a look at their history.

First appearing in the Pleistocene era about 10,000 years ago, lions were much larger than their present day relatives and were called "cave lions." They ranged over much of Eurasia, all of Africa and North America and possibly northern South America. The human inhabitants of the day, "cave men," regarded them as ferocious and dangerous animals. Drawing them on the walls of their caves, the people sometimes embodied lions with various spirits or powers.

As habitats changed and more forests developed, lions were forced out of their former ranges; but the respect for their strength and cunning remained etched in the minds of men.

The lion became a symbol for many things. Egyptian pharoahs used them as a sign of power and dominance over their empires. King Richard the "Lionhearted" used the lion as a symbol of strength and bravery. Sayings like "a lion's share," "strong as a lion" or "in the lion's den" became common descriptive terms and are still used today. The human imagination and tendency to exaggerate stories of bravery and skill finally placed the lion on the throne of royalty with the title "King of Beasts."

This is only the human concept and is not representative of the lifestyle of lions nor their role in the ecological balance. The popularity of lions in zoos has always been fair but in the 1960's it jumped dramatically with the publication of "Born Free," "Living Free" and "Forever Free" by Joy Adamson depicting the life of Elsa, the lioness. Because of her work, the popularity of lions was reborn throughout the United States and Europe. Soon, every zoo had an Elsa and each Elsa had many babies!

It was also during this time that the world began to recognize in earnest the destructive ways of our civilization and the effect on our environment and wildlife. It was during this period that zoos began to play a more important role in conservation. Breeding programs for endangered species started to become more prominent in their affairs. Cage space and money began to be allocated more to endangered species and lions became "second class citizens" in the zoo world.

Since then, the breeding of lions has decreased. Today lions are only bred when there is a specific need for them so they do not take up needed space. As natural habitats continue to shrink, we will eventually need to re-evaluate the status of the African lion and perhaps there will be a need to develop a Species Survival Plan for them as we have for many other animals.

With these facts in mind, let us look at the lion today and how it lives. *Panthera leo*, the lion, is a very social animal living in prides consisting of as few as four to as many as thirty seven animals. They usually

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Zookeeper Lisa Cusmono displays Metrozoo's latest arrival; a 70 pound female lion cub. Metrozoo will now have lions on display.

contain one to three males, numerous females and subadult animals. The females of a well established pride can consist of two, three or more generations of mother/daughter relationships. Young males are pushed out of the pride as they mature.

The breeder males will stay with a pride an average of one to three years, depending on their strength and how well they defend their pride against other males. This change in breeder males every few years is a natural breeding scheme that helps insure low inbreeding in the group.

During the daylight hours, lions are very sedate and although they can be active at any time, they will normally spend the day sleeping, sometimes as much as 20 hours. Don't be surprised if everytime you come to see our lions, they are taking a cat nap under the trees.

Lions hunt mainly during the night and late evenings and although they are swift, their body size prevents them from attaining speeds comparable to the cheetah; surprise is their main tactic. Sometimes they hunt individually, but most often two or more animals participate. Occasionally, an entire pride will be involved. When hunting this way, the lions will spread out as they approach their intended prey and begin to run them. Hopefully, as the prey panics, they will pass close enough to enable one of the pride members to dash in. If a chase lasts more than a few hundred yards, the lions usually give up. Normally, one out of every eight hunts is successful.

Their prey consists of many types of herbivores with the zebra and wildebeest being the predominant target. However, smaller gazelles, antelope and warthogs are eaten too. The largest game sought is the cape buffalo and it takes many lions to bring down this great beast.

Breeding takes place throughout the year but most females within a pride give birth around the same time. This phenomenon of unison cycling is common among most animals, including humans.

The gestation period is approximately 100 to 119 days with litters as high as six animals, the norm being three to four.

Cubs can be born with their eyes open or closed and weigh approximately three pounds. They are weaned at about six to seven months and begin to participate in hunting activities at eleven months to one year of age.

Sexual maturity occurs between the third and fourth year; however, they do not reach their full body weight until they are about five or six years old, at which time a large male can top 400 pounds.

As always, the average life expectancy for zoo animals is greater than animals in the wild. Most likely, the wild lion reaches an average age in the mid-teens but zoo lions have been known to often reach their mid-twenties; some may live as long as thirty years.

Scientists have described many subspecies or races of lions. In fact, depending on the literature you read, as many as thirteen have been identified.

In reality, the distinction between subspecies is very dubious and usually based on the male lion's mane through its length, color and proportion. Other characteristics such as the size of the cat and the amount of spotting that stays in the animal's coat as it matures are also used. The problem, however, is that within any population these characteristics vary greatly. Manes can be yellow, brown, dark brown, or black. As a general rule of thumb, you will find that lions from high, cooler climates will have longer, darker, fuller manes than those who live in lower, hotter climates.

At the present time, only one subspecies is given any sort of real recognition. This is the Indian lion, *Panthera leo persica* from the Gir Forest of western India. It is classified as an endangered species by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), the Department of the Interior (USDI) here in the United States, and it is listed as an Appendix I species with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Our national zoo association is trying to develop a breeding program for this subspecies. The latest estimate of the wild population is approximately 180 animals.

The African lion has fared much better and still exists in a large portion of Africa including the Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, the Sudan and Chad. It is now, however, extinct in northern and southern Africa and is coming under increased pressure from agricultural and livestock expansion all over Africa. Today, there may be less than 200,000 lions left in Africa according to some scientists.

Despite the future of lions in the wild, zoos in the United States have enough animals to develop a self sustaining population and you can be assured that Metrozoo will display lions from this point in time and play an important role in their long-term survival.

We hope you will visit our lions often and get to know them as individuals. It will be interesting to watch them develop. They will, without a doubt, become an integral part of the Metrozoo family.

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The Miami Marriott Dadeland Gala

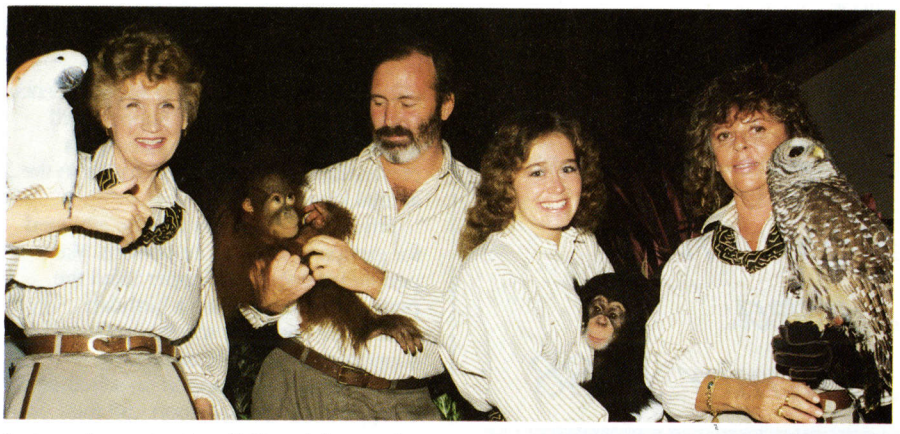
Over the years the Zoological Society of Florida has enjoyed tremendous community support. We are thankful that south Florida realizes what an important community asset Metrozoo is and has grouped together to insure that this valuable resource reaches its potential.

In each issue of Toucan Talk we highlight a corporate sponsor who has truly enriched Metrozoo through its participation. A most recent corporate friend is the Miami Marriott Dadeland who generously donated the proceeds from their grand opening gala to the Zoological Society of Florida. This elegant evening raised over $35,000 for the important project of the rebuilding of the children's zoo at Metrozoo.

Not only did the Marriott treat the Zoological Society of Florida to a spectacular evening filled with culinary delights and beautiful decorations but they also allowed us the chance to recognize some of the people who have been instrumental in helping the Society reach its goals.

To the members of the Miami Marriott Dadeland we say "thank you and we are delighted to have you as a part of our family"!

Mr. Gene Bates, Vice President of Texaco's Latin American and west African Division made a special presentation in the amount of $50,000 to the Society's Development Campaign for the children's zoo. Presenting Mr. Bates (left) with an award for this magnanimous contribution are Ray Goode, President of the Zoological Society of Florida (center) and Executive Director, Joseph E. Ferrer (right).



Society volunteers and staff (from left to right) Margaret Bertolami, Walter Dupree, Lori Bruckheim and Carole McGugan were on hand with Fanny, a baby orangutan and Wally, a baby chimp who were on loan to the Society for the evening. Also in attendance were barred owl, Chips and Muluccan Cockatoo, Ferdie.

Director of Dade County Parks and Recreation, Bill Bird was honored by the Zoological Society of Florida because he was awarded the prestigious Gold Medal Award which recognizes the best parks system in the United States. Mr. Bird has had the distinction of operating the only parks system ever to receive the award twice. Although Mr. Bird was unable to attend the Marriott Opening, Bob Yokel, Director of Metrozoo and Commissioner Clara Oesterle were present to accept the honor on his behalf. Pictured from left to right are Executive Director of the Zoological Society, Joseph E. Ferrer, Robert Yokel, Commissioner Oesterle and Society President, Ray Goode.

Outgoing Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Lester Goldstein (left) and Past President, Roger Carlton (right) present President Elect Lawrence Turner (center) with an award for his outstanding service as Chairman of the Investment Sub-Committee.

Ray Goode, President of the Zoological Society of Florida (left) presents Archie Bennett, owner of the Marriott Hotel (right) and Cesar Gonzalez, General Manager of the Marriott Hotel (center) with a limited edition sculpture by artist Rick Caine.

Dade County Commissioner, Clara Oesterle presents Cesar Gonzalez, General Manager of the Marriott Hotel and Archie Bennett, Owner of the Marriott Hotel with a certificate of appreciation while Merlin, the Marriott magician looks on.

Director's Choice

"I wanted to create animals that were so warm and realistic that they touched the sensitivity of both children and adults...and evoked the same kind of love that man naturally feels towards real animals."

Riccardo Chiavetta

The Avanti Collection of handcrafted plush animals, designed by Riccardo Chiavetta of Italy and Applause, adds a new dimension to the appreciation of animals. His technique is incredibly faithful in recreating every detail of a given breed. The animals are so realistic, they almost come to life before your eyes!

Featured from the collection is the playful lion cub, priced at $80.00.

Remember, all proceeds from the gift shops support Metrozoo and as a Zoological Society member, you receive a 10% discount with any purchase of $10.00 or more.

Jay Kline

The Miami Youth Museum

The Miami Youth Museum has been established as a place where a child's creative energy is encouraged to design a dream and build a memory. This museum, unlike many others, provides an opportunity for "hands on" discovery as children learn about their own culture and those that surround them.

Through its many programs, the Miami Youth Museum has established itself as an important resource for our community to enjoy. Currently on display at the Miami Youth Museum is "Young At Art - Bridging The Generations", a special exhibit designed to promote creative understanding between the elderly, who have experienced the cultural arts and the young, who possess an abundance of imaginative energy.

As a member of the Zoological Society you can experience the Miami Youth Museum at a 20% discount. The Miami Youth Museum is just one of eight organizations that are offering our members a discount on admission.

The others include: The Center for the Fine Arts, the Miami Seaquarium, the Museum of Science & Space Transit Planetarium, Vizcaya, the Historical Museum and the Gold Coast Railroad Museum.

To receive the 20% discount on admission, you must show your valid Zoological Society membership card with proof of identification. The discounts apply to regular admission only and may not be used in conjunction with any other discounts or for special engagements.

Take your children to their creative heights. Visit the Miami Youth Museum located in the Bakery Center at 5701 Sunset Drive, Miami. Museum hours are Tuesday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 pm.

Giving For the Future

How do you make $1,500 per year for eight years equal a gift of $100,000 to the Zoological Society of Florida and Metrozoo? If you are 35 years old, your outlay for under $12,000 can equal a gift of $100,000 or more.

If you are already making an annual gift to the Zological Society, you may wish to consider funding an alternate program that is usually completed in eight short years and can do so much for the Society's future planning.

If you are not yet involved in an annual gifting program, we would appreciate some of your time in order to explain the program to you and to show you the many benefits.

This innovative program has such flexibility that it can create a growing gift without any outlays beyond a limited time.

Helen B. Wolfenstein, CLU, CJFC and Phillipa Roxburgh, CLU, the volunteers who are working with the Society to create future funding look forward to talking to you about this exciting program.

Please complete the inquiry form below if you wish an immediate appointment or information.

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Wildlife Photography Workshop

Professional wildlife photographer, Irene Hinke Socilloto, will conduct a photography workshop at Metrozoo on February 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The course is designed for the student with basic knowledge of the operation of a 35 mm single lens reflex camera, who desires to improve his or her skills in the area of wildlife photography. Instruction will cover the following topics: film; equipment selection; lens limitations; composition; exposure problems; lighting; and how to locate, attract, and approach subjects. Photo tips are based on 10 years of Irene's personal experience in field photography.

The lecture will be complimented by slide presentations and equipment demonstrations. Each student will be provided with a handout outlining the class discussions and listing additional reading material. Ample time will be available for questions. Following the classroom discussion, the group will have the opportunity to apply the principles they have learned to the animals at Metrozoo. The zoo's open paddock design, simulating natural habitats, is perfect for the wildlife enthusiast.

Bring a camera, tripod, telephoto lens, cable release, and film (preferably Kodachrome 64 or Fujichrome ASA 50). Wear comforatble shoes and clothing. Bring several wildlife slides for a short critique session.

The fee for the workshop will be $60 for members of the Zoological Society, and $70 for nonmenbers. Enrollment will be limited to 20 students. *For additional information,* contact the Education Department at 255-5551.

Third Annual Photo Contest

Shutterbugs, don't despair. The Zoological Society has merely postponed the photo contest until May.

Look for more information in your upcoming issues of Toucan Talk or call Lisa Amaro, Special Events Coordinator at 255-5551.

Art at the Zoo!

The Zoological Society of Florida diligently works to provide its membership with a wide variety of special events ranging from black tie evening affairs to five mile runs throughout the zoo! Our main goal is to provide something for everyone.

Many of our events have been so successful that they are annual ones; however, just because they take place each year does not mean that we stop improving upon them. A fine example of this is our annual art exhibit.

For the last six years it has been the Zoological Society of Florida's tradition to have famous wildlife artist, Charles Frace display his works at the zoo on Thanksgiving Day Weekend. This year was no exception and our membership anxiously awaited Mr Frace's return. However, appearing wtih Mr. Frace this year were wildlife sculptors Todd Warner and Melodie Tyrell. Both Mr. Warner and Ms. Tyrell added a new dimension to our successful show and allowed us the opportunity to show a different medium of wildlife art.

The weekend was a great success and we would like to thank Charles Frace, Todd Warner and Melodie Tyrell for displaying their beautiful works at the zoo.

Cynthia Zeigler

Feast With The Beasts!

By Kathie Schlesinger and Sharon Watson

The Zoological Society of Florida, American Express and Metrozoo have just the ingredients for the perfect special event!

First, we chose a novel setting for a black tie evening affair - Metrozoo of course! The "Preview Center", the first 30 acres of the zoo will be used to host a party for a limited maximum of 1,000 guests on April 15th, as in the past, first come first served basis.

Culinary delights to please everyone's palate will be provided by thirty of Dade and Broward counties' finest restaurants. To date, our prestigious list includes the following:

Mr. Chu's
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Mr. Laff's Restaurant
Joe's Stone Crab
Cafe Flamingo
Monty's Stone Crab
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Bobby Rubino's Place for Ribs
Raimondo's
French Connection
Valenti's
Big Splash
Island Oasis

The House of Seagrams has donated the wine and spirits for this spectacular evening so you, as our guests will enjoy the best of everything.

To add to the evening's vast array of delights will be a wide variety of entertainment ranging from rhythmic jazz to the classics will entertain our guests throughout the evening.

The party starts at 8 p.m., however, "The Honorary Beast Keepers", those who contribute at the patron level of $500 per ticket will be treated to a preview cocktail party beginning at 7 p.m. at the Tree Tops Restaurant which overlooks the entire zoo!

The "piece de resistance" for this memorable evening at the zoo is that all the funds raised will go toward the rebuilding of the children's zoo which is a necessary asset for every world class zoological park.

Come out and help our worthy cause while you enjoy an evening that will be second to none. Our Feast committee made up of over 100 volunteers is working to create a spectacular evening that will be sure to please everyone.

General admission tickets are priced at $150 each. Mark your calendars for April 15th and be a part of Metrozoo. We definitely throw the wildest parties in town! For more information, call Special Events Coordinator, Lisa Amaro at 255-5551.

Zoological Society of Florida Thanks Its Major Donors

The Zoological Society has received an overwhelming response from south Florida's corporate community throughout the years; however, 1986-87 was an exceptional year. Over three quarters of a million dollars was raised through the corporate development campaign under the leadership of Frank Baiamonte and Hank Luria, Development Committee Chairmen. We would like to recognize the following corporations and foundations for their generous gifts which have helped to put Metrozoo in the forefront of zoos located throughout the world.

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Director's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Zoological Society of Florida, to faithful old friends and cherished new friends, we welcome this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. What a year it promises to be!

The children's zoo is finally off the drawing board and into the initial construction phase. The amphitheatre, animal contact area, elephant training ring and elephant ride are just the beginning of a project that will be the result of the best ideas from the most innovative and creative minds the Society and Metrozoo have to offer. Quality endeavors do cost money. We ask that you review the fund rasing projects highlighted in this newsletter to benefit the children's zoo, particularly "Feast with the Beasts" and actively participate in what promises to be a really fun event for a most worthy cause.

The koala exhibit will also be a reality this spring. The Eucalyptus grove planted nearly two years ago has finally reached the stage where it can supply the dietary needs of the six hungry little critters it will have to support. This has also been a lengthy project but when one is dealing with nature, patience is a lesson to be learned. The end result will be well worth the wait and you, as a Society member, will be first in line for a "Koala Preview".

Last, but certainly not least, we are really looking forward to our move into the Society's new Membership/Administration building. For six years we have been located in three trailers at the rear of the zoo's administration building. In the beginning when our membership and staff were small, these were adequate. With your phenomenal support, the incredible growth of our membership and corresponding staff increase, we outgrew our cramped quarters a long time ago. Additionally and most importantly, since our new building will be located right outside the zoo entrance, we will be conveniently situated to service your needs promptly and efficiently. Best of all, as stated in previous newsletters, the funds for this building came from private individuals and were not diverted from zoo support dollars. We are planning to have a Certificate of Occupancy on March 1st and if construction proceeds on its present schedule, the target date will be met.

I hope that as you read this newsletter, you will share our sense of excitement for the progress being made at Metrozoo and that you will feel gratified in knowing you have played an important part in that progress. On behalf of the Board of Directors I thank each of you and invite you to continue working with us.

Volunteer Training

Winter/Spring training for Zoological Society of Florida volunteers will begin again in February. Expand your horizons, meet new people, become an amateur zoologist and have fun while doing it. The classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, February 23 through April 5. *For more information* call Ruth Hamilton, the Volunteer Coordinator at 255-5551.

Society adds New Senior Membership Categories

Due to the many inquiries we have received regarding a Senior Citizen discount, the Zoological Society is pleased to announce that two new Senior Citizen membership categories have been instituted which can provide substantial savings over the current standard membership.

For those 62 and over who wish to purchase or renew an Individual membership, the Senior Citizen rate is $15.00 versus the current $20.00. A husband and wife may join as Senior Citizen Dual for $20.00 instead of the $30.00 donation for regular Dual membership. We do request, however, that anyone joining or renewing in either of these Senior categories, do so in person (bring proof of age) at the Zoological Booth located by the front entrance of the zoo.

Another new category that has been introduced into our regular program, is Family Plus.

For $10.00 per additional adult living at the same address, who would not normally be included in the standard family membership (19 year old attending college; niece; grandmother etc.) can now be added to the Family membership. This amounts to a 50% saving by that person not having to purchase an individual membership.

We are sure a number of you can benefit from at least one of the above mentioned categories and hope you will take advantage of the savings offered.

Some of you may be aware that the County has lowered the age of free admission to the zoo, for children, to 2 and under. This means that those members who have children 3, 4 or 5 and were able to join in the Dual category, must now upgrade to a Family membership. If you are uncertain if this means you need to change your membership, please give us a call.

The Zoological Society is continuously striving to meet the needs of our membership and by adding these new categories, we hope that this, in some way, indicates our effort to accommodate those who make our Society one of the best in the country.

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Hurry and Register For Jungle Jog!

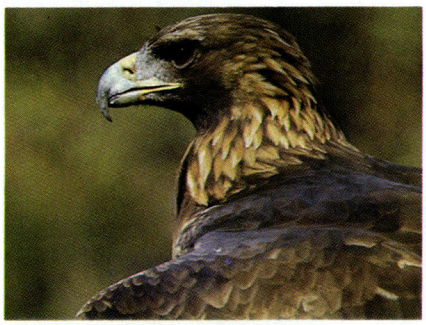
The 6th Annual Jungle Jog is coming to the zoo on Sunday, January 17th at 8 a.m.

Once again, the Jungle Jog has been slated as the State Sanctioned 5 Mile Championship Run sponsored by: Baptist Hospital, Racal Milgo, Bud Light and Reebok.

This year we've added a new category, The One Mile Reebok Walk for all of you recreational walkers.

It is a day at the zoo that we know you won't want to miss. *For more information* call the Special Events desk at 255-5551.

Experience Alaska: Summer 1988



The Zoological Society of Florida's "Alaska Wildlands Expedition" will allow 12 south Floridians to escape our steamy August weather for 12 days in the Alaskan wilderness.

The Alaskan adventure begins in Kenai, a town northeast of Anchorage. Travellers will spend the first six nights of the trip in rustic cabins (complete with sauna), while the days are spent rafting, hiking, and photographing the wildlife along the Kenai River, Talkeetna mountains, and in the scenic Denali National Park.

On the seventh day, participants will travel via Anchorage, to Cordova, where they will board the "Discovery", a 65 foot cruise ship. The next 5 days will be filled with opportunities to view and photograph trumpeter swans, Canada geese, caribou, grizzly bears, Dall sheep, moose, sea otters, killer whales, and Minke whales.

This expedition is limited to 12 persons, due to the accommodations on the ship. The cost of the tour will be $4,284, including airfare, per person. The expedition will begin in Kenai on July 31, and leave from Cordova for home on August 11. For additional information and a detailed itinerary, call the Travel Coordinator, Ruth Hamilton, at 255-5551.

Evening Entertainment at the Zoo

Consider a novel way to spend a Saturday evening...wine and cheese, followed by an entertaining and interesting presentation by zoo staff, an outdoor buffet, and finally, a special behind the scenes tour. "Supper Safari" adult programs at the zoo provide a refreshing alternative to traditional Saturday night entertainment.

Programs and menus vary from season to season, and special programs are offered for the holidays and special events. February 13's "Sweetheart Supper" will include champagne, chocolate, and a presentation on courtship behavior in the animal kingdom.

Private programs may also be arranged for groups of 50 or more persons. Many people have found a Supper Safari the perfect way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special event, and support our zoo at the same time.

For further information on scheduling a Supper Safari presentation, call the Education Department at 255-5551.

Calendar of Events

January 3
Avicultural Society Meeting
3 p.m./Classroom #2

January 17
The Sixth Annual Jungle Jog
8 a.m. Metrozoo

January 17
Zootography Club Meeting
10 a.m./Classroom #2

February 6
Wildlife Photography Workshop
9:30 a.m.

February 7
Avicultural Society Meeting
3.p.m./Classroom #2

February 21
Zootography Club Meeting
10 a.m./Classroom #2

April 15
Feast With The Beasts
8 p.m. Metrozoo

Thank You!

A special thanks to award winning children's author, Grandma Marian who donated both her books and her time to the Zoological Society of Florida. Grandma Marian was present Thanksgiving Day Weekend to personalize her book Georgie the Jovial Giraffe.

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Wildlife Limited Edition Prints

by Jim Boyle

- This exceptional edition of Jim Boyle's work has been reproduced on acid free paper, 22" x 30", in six colors.
- Edition size: Only 500 of each image will be printed and 50 A.P. (Artist Proof).
- After meticulous examination by the artist, each print will be numbered and signed.
- A certificate of authenticity, sealed by Jim Boyle will accompany each limited edition print.
- These prints can be reserved separately, or in sets for considerable savings. Priority for same print number will be given to set orders.

Posters

- The open edition is printed on quality poster paper 22" x 30". (unsigned and not numbered.)

The Artist

Jim Boyle has been an artist in the South Florida area for more than 25 years. He has contributed to many magazines and newspapers locally and across the country, including Columbia pictures and major cruise lines. The Zoological Society of Florida has used his talents for other fund raising projects in the past, along with the countries of Chile and Belize.

KOALA

PANDA

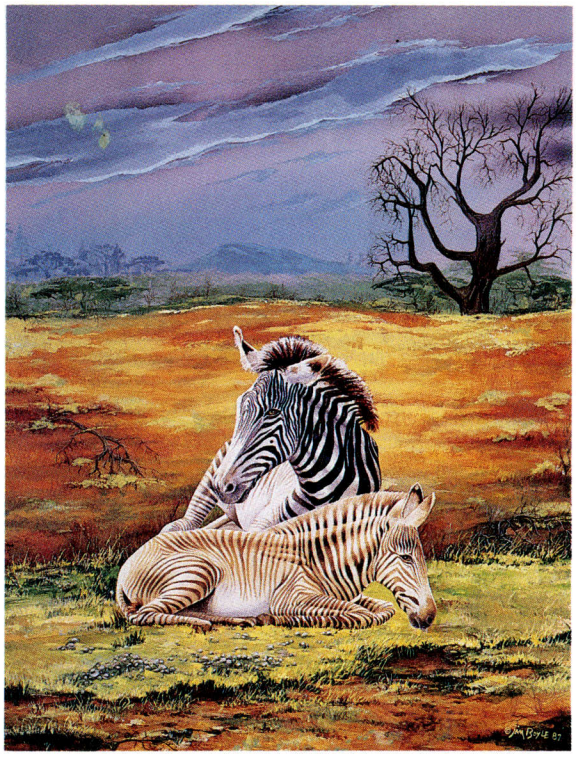
Originals

- The originals of these prints are on permanent display at:

  PLACE DES ARTS, MAYFAIR IN THE GROVE, COCONUT GROVE
  (PENTHOUSE LEVEL ACROSS FROM BURDINES); phone: 443-6446

- Along with other works by JIM BOYLE.

ORANGUTAN



ZEBRA

To Order

Name _____ *Society Member* *Yes* *No*

Street _____ *Membership Account #*

City _____ *State* _____ *Zip*

Telephone _____

Enclosed is a check for the amount of $ _____ (Make checks payable to the Zoological Society of Florida.)

Charge the Amount of $ _____ to: ___ Mastercard ___ Visa ___ Am. Ex. Expiration ___ ___ ___ ___

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Signature _____ (Not Valid Without Signature)

Limited Edition - Set of four - $139.95; Single prints -$49.95
Posters - Set of four - $39.95; Single posters - $12.95

	KOALA	PANDA	ZEBRA	ORANGUTAN	SET OF 4	TOTAL	
Quantity	___	___	___	___	___	# ___	$ _____
Quantity	___	___	___	___	___	# ___	$ _____
					Please add $3.00 for Postage and Handling		$ _____
						TOTAL	$ _____

- Proceeds from the sale of the prints will benefit the Zoological Society of Florida's "ADOPT AN ANIMAL" program
- When you order a LIMITED EDITION you will become an honorary member of the "ADOPT AN ANIMAL" program for one year. A certificate of adoption will be included with your order.
- Feeding and caring for the more than 2800 wild animals at Metrozoo is expensive. Help us to defray this cost by sending your order to: Zoological Society of Florida, 12400 S.W. 152 Street, Miami, Florida 33177 - (305) 255-5551.

Each of the animals featured are on the ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST, which means that the population size is decreasing rapidly, and without countermeasures, it will become extinct.

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