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PAWS -New Children's Petting Zoo

Close your eyes for a moment and try to remember your childhood. Remember your first family excursion to the zoo? Can you recall the feeling of awe you experienced when you saw your first lion, tiger, or rhino? Try to recapture that moment when you visited your first petting zoo and fed the deer. You closed your eyes tightly when the animal approached and tentatively held out the pellets in your hand. When you felt the nibbling and dared to open your eyes, a feeling of wonder overcame you when looking into those liquid brown eyes, giving you the courage to touch the soft warm fur. Were you lucky enough to ride an elephant? When you climbed into the howdah you knew you had to be at least one hundred feet off the ground! When the elephant began to walk you could feel the strength and size of this awesome animal; but the surprising gentleness was a feeling too.

These are the memories we tried to create with PAWS, our new children's petting zoo. We want to kindle that small spark that often ignites into a lifelong love



of and interest in the world's wildlife. PAWS is bright, colorful, and totally

conducive to teaching our children the important message of conservation. We invite you to take a guided tour of your new facility.

As you exit the lush, tropical environment of the aviary, or round the bend from the tapir paddock, you are greeted by a brilliant wash of vivid colors, the theme of PAWS. At the entryway, a huge arch has been constructed to resemble Lego building blocks. The first thing you notice is the gentle breeze which will be constant, even on the hottest days. To your right is the newly renovated **Sportservice** snack bar. The size has been doubled to accommodate zoo patrons and it is constructed of stainless steel for cleanliness and easy maintenance. To your left is the Society's "Elephant Walk" gift shop which is designed and stocked for the convenience of our little shoppers. This very successful gift shop is manned by



volunteers and feature our new PAWS t-shirts. The entire patio area is tiled, covered with tenting fabric, and furnished with picnic tables complete with umbrellas. Directly across from the patio is the children's play area with three reclining elephants and a camel, all made for climbing on, donated by the **Schull family**. While parents relax on the patio, the children can have some fun in the sun!

Following the path to the right, we arrive at the elephant training ring, sponsored by **Luria's**, (home of MIAMI METROZOO'S BIG SHOW.) Here you can double your pleasure because the new training ring is twice as large as the old one and features twice as many elephants. The bleacher areas are tented with Tetlar, a teflon fabric highly resistant to mildew and weather. All of the colorful tents are made with this fabric, guaranteed to last for twenty years.

The elephant training ring and elephant rides are managed by **Allen Campbell** who owns **Elephantastic!**, Inc. based in Denver. Assisting him in the presentations are **Eileen Kearin**, affectionately known as "Squirt", and **Chris Danhauer**. Watching these three experts work with the elephants definitely imparts their knowledge and great love for their chosen profession.

To the left of the elephant ride is the **Texaco Ecology Theater**. Shows presented here star the Society volunteers along with a variety of animals, coordinated by **Lori Bruckheim**, Outreach coordinator. The theme of the show is Florida's Vanishing Wildlife and the educational emphasis is on the wonderful creatures that live in our own back yard.

At the rear of the entire facility is the petting area, sponsored by **the Grad Family**. Here your children can get that up close and personal experience with gentle animals whose personality is suited for such interaction.

The holding barn for the animals in the petting zoo is sponsored by the **Knight Foundation**. We not only thought of patron comfort, but ensured that creature comfort was built in as well. The barn is designed much like the koala exhibit with the latest in epoxy sealers to keep the area clean and sanitized. It will be the animals' night house and will provide shelter from the rain. The keeper's tack room and food preparation area adjacent to the barn is of the same construction.

The lush landscaping was done by the **Dade County Park and Recreation Department** and provides the finishing touch to soften the high-tech construction. As the plants mature, the construction beams will be blended into the magnificent botanical garden the County has created.

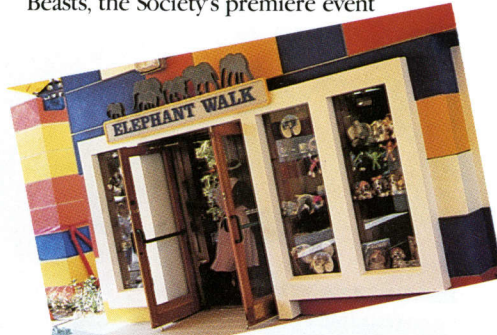
There are many people responsible for the completion of this project. First and foremost, we thank our major sponsors - **Texaco, Latin America/West Africa, The Grad Family, Luria's, The Knight Foundation, Sportservice, Miami Marriott at Dadeland, The Schull Family**, and the **Dade County Park and Recreation Department**. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the restaurants who participated and the wonderful folks who attended last year's Feast With the Beasts, the Society's premiere event



which raised a lot of money for the children's zoo. We are also very grateful to everyone who supported our 1987 year end campaign.

We thank **Denis Arden**, Architect, for his creative vision; **John Little** and **Henry Kaufman** of **Matrix Construction, Inc.** for their expertise in this unique construction project; and **Bill Boyette**, Construction Foreman, for pulling the whole job together.

We wish you and your little ones many, many happy hours listening, feeling, touching and enjoying PAWS, the children's petting zoo.



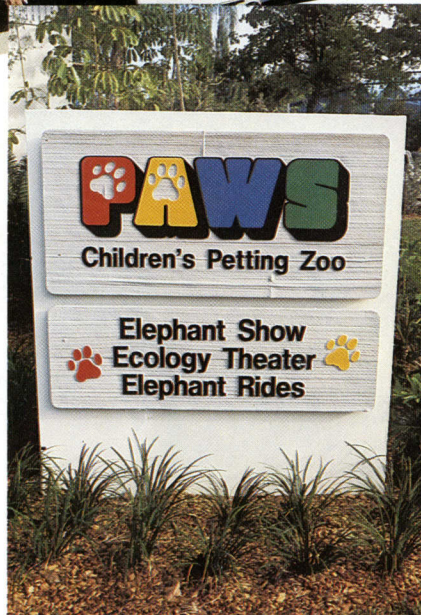
Dr. Moses and Beatrice Goodman Fund

Angels appear when you least expect them. **Mrs. Beatrice Goodman** contacted us and said that she thought PAWS, the new children's petting zoo, was one of the most important components of Metrozoo.

She feels strongly that if you educate children about wildlife at an early age, they will support conservation and preservation as adults.

For this reason, Mrs. Goodman decided to start a \$50,000 endowment fund through the Zoological Society in memory of her late husband. Her gift will initiate the **Dr. Moses and Beatrice Goodman** fund from which the interest will be used to support the upkeep and maintenance of the children's zoo.

On behalf of every child who will enjoy PAWS, we extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Beatrice Goodman, conservationist and Society benefactor.



Adopt-an-Animal

Our featured animal this issue is *Panthera tigris tigris*, the magnificent tigers, undisputed stars of Metrozoo. They reside on a paddock that befits their regal status, complete with a replica of a thirteenth century Cambodian temple.

Metrozoo has two white tigers, born August 23, 1983, purchased from the Cincinnati Zoo. They are both named after provinces in India. Lucknow, the male, has dark stripes and weighs approximately 420 pounds. Kampur, the female whose stripes are barely visible weighs about 300 pounds. Both tigers have ice blue eyes and are larger than the orange tigers. The white tiger is NOT an albino, but a genetic variation of the orange. The white is determined by a single recessive gene. Only a tiger with two recessive white genes will be white. All known white tigers result from captive breeding. There are only about 150 white tigers in the world today, each worth between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

In May, 1951, a large white male tiger was captured in the jungles of the State of Rewa, in India. He was named Mohan, the Indian word for "Enchanter," and reared by the Maharajah of Rewa. He was bred with Begum, a wild caught orange Bengal tigress. In order to preserve the white trait, Mohan's descendants have been bred back to one another in various combinations. He became the progenitor



of nearly all captive white tigers.

The white tiger is recognized a symbol for majesty and power. It has for centuries figured heavily in Indian, Malaysian, and Chinese legends and superstitions. Images of white tigers known as gods of the west and the controllers of wind and water figure in the decorations of many Chinese temples. The Maharaja of Rewa's people looked upon the white tiger with superstitious awe, believing them to be representatives of kindly gods. The sighting of a white tiger signified a good omen and was always cause for celebration.

The Miami Florida Cat Fanciers Club have adopted the ultimate cat by adopting a white tiger. Each year the club hosts a show at the Homestead National

Guard Armory and for the past few years, they have donated the proceeds to the Adopt-an-Animal program. Their show held on February 25 and 26 this year marked the club's 50th birthday. In addition to donating the proceeds to the Zoological Society, they also collected \$1,000 to adopt their very own "fancy cat." Our sincere thanks to all involved for the strong support throughout the years.

You can become part of our Adopt-an-Animal family by calling the development office at 255-5551. Remember, your adoption fee is tax deductible and you are helping to defray the cost of feeding the more than 2,800 animals at Metrozoo.

I Found A Baby Bird - What Should I Do?

Each spring, the Society office is flooded with calls from worried folks who find a baby bird and are in a quandary about how to handle the situation. Many of these "orphans" end up being hand raised in captivity by well intentioned people, usually without success.

We hope the following information will clarify the steps to be followed if you come upon a baby bird you feel is in need of a helping hand:

- It is often believed that if you touch a baby bird, its parents will not return to it. This is not true. It does not matter if the baby bird has been touched by humans. The parent birds will not reject it because birds have little sense of smell.
- The first thing you must do is

determine whether the baby is a "fledgling" or an "infant." The fledgling (a baby with feathers, short stump tail, not-quite-grown-up looking) is at a normal stage of development where it will no longer stay in the nest, even if you put it back in. The fledgling is being coaxed by its parents to find its own food. The best way to help is to put the fledgling in a nearby bush or shrub, not too high up in case it falls or jumps. You can also help by keeping an eye on the little bird, but you must rely on Mother Nature to work out the problem.

- An infant bird (pink and naked or fuzzy or downy, covered with pin feathers) needs to be returned to its parents. Look for the nest in the area where the bird was found. Remember, nests may be found in unusual places such as hanging baskets, roofs of buildings, even on the ground. If the original nest cannot be found, make an artificial nest from a plastic berry box, hanging basket, or similar container. Place the nest and baby securely in the nearest and safest spot to where the baby was found. The parents will come to care for the baby

when they hear it call for food.

- If you must provide temporary care to an orphan bird, place the baby in a cardboard box lined with paper towels. A top may be needed to keep the fledgling in. Place the box in a warm, quiet, safe place. Do not handle the bird unnecessarily. The best temporary diet for most baby birds is dry cat or dog food soaked in warm water until it is soft. If the baby is hungry, it will open its mouth when the nest is jostled. When the baby is full, it will no longer accept food willingly. The bird will need to be fed approximately every 15 to 30 minutes from sun-up to sun-down. Do not attempt to force water or milk into any bird's mouth.

As soon as possible, contact a rehabilitation center and take the bird there for care. All birds except for starlings, pigeons, and English sparrows are protected by the Migratory Bird Act and it is illegal to keep them without a permit.

For more information or for the number of the nearest rehabilitation center, telephone the Tropical Audubon Society at 666-5111.

Feast With the Beasts

Again on April 14th

Last year, the Miami Herald rated Feast With the Beasts the "best organized event of the season." South Florida magazine said it was the "year's best." The second annual Feast With the Beasts is scheduled for April 14, 1989, and sponsored by **American Express**, it promises to be better than ever!

This lavish black tie affair takes place on Metrozoo grounds. The zoo becomes a fantasy land bathed in twinkle lights and adorned with helium balloons. Under the direction of Feast With the Beasts Chairman **Kathie Schlesinger**, committees are hard at work preparing for the extravaganza. Proceeds from this year's event will go to the building of a future small clawed Asian otter exhibit.

Tickets are \$150 per person for general admission. For a donation of \$500 you can become a Beastkeeper, the distinctive patron category, entitling you to special

recognition and a party for "Beastkeepers only" to kick off the festivities that night.

Tickets are limited to the first 1,000 people. Call now, 255-5551 and use your American Express, Visa or Mastercard to reserve your Feast With the Beast tickets.

The following restaurants have already signed up

The Ark Restaurant
Bella Luna Ristorante
Bobby Rubino's Place for Ribs
Brooks Restaurant
Cafe Chauveron
Capriccio
Captain's Tavern
The Carlyle Grill
Christy's
Creative Tastes
The Depot
East Coast Fisheries and Market

French Connection
Grand Cafe at the Grand Bay Hotel
Haagen Daz
La Tavernetta
Las Tapas Restaurant and Tavern
Leon's
Los Ranchos
Mayfair Grill at the Mayfair House
The Olive Garden Restaurant
Palm Forest - Holiday Inn
Le Jeune Center
Peacock Cafe
Pier House Restaurant at the Pier
House Resort
Raffaello
Renaissance at the Sheraton Bonaventure
Resort and Spa
Red Lobster
Restaurant St. Michel in the
Hotel Place St. Michel
Stuart's at the Cardozo
Valenti's

with many more to follow!

Spirits provided by:
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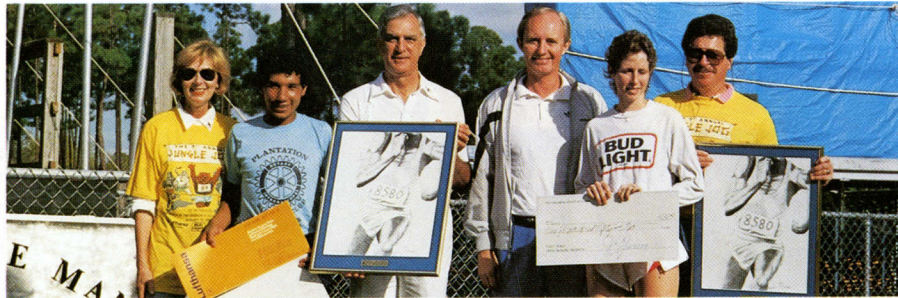
Jungle Jog

The 7th Annual Jungle Jog was a tremendous success. Over 1,800 runners and walkers registered for the race. 1,111 runners finished the 5 mile run and over 400 finished the 2 mile fitness walk.

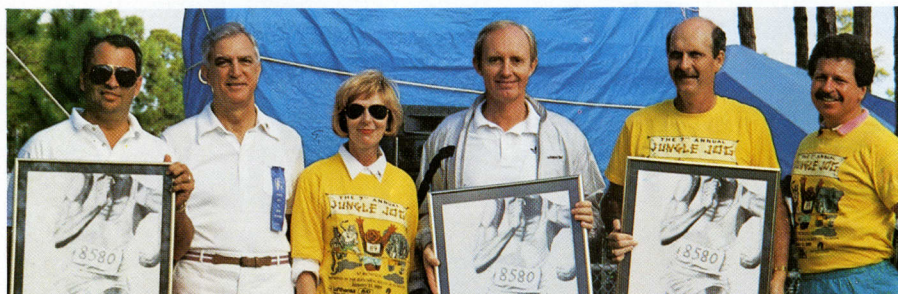
First place overall in the men's division was **Luis Vanegas** of Boca Raton, with a time of 24:59. First place overall in the women's division was **Sherry Morin** of Port St. Lucie with a time of 30:06. First place in the men's wheelchair category

was **Ernest Alomar** with a time of 26:15 and the women's wheelchair winner was **Lisa Sandelin** of Miami with a time of 35:29.

We thank our major sponsors, **Baptist, Bud Light and Lufthansa German Airlines**. We also thank **Del Monte, Gatorade**, and **Crystal Water** for donating fruit, Gatorade and water for the runners. The race would not have happened without the assistance of our volunteers, Volunteer Race Committee Chairman **Pat Enochs, John Marshall**, and the **Miami Runners Club**.



Board member **Bobbi Litt**, left, is joined to her right by first place winner **Luis Vanegas**, Board member **Frank Baiamonte**, Lufthansa Area Manager **Don Smith**, first place winner **Sherry Morin**, and Board member **Bill Gallwey**.



Special thanks to our sponsors who supported Jungle Jog. (Left to right) **Ramon Oyarzun** from Bud Light, Board members **Frank Baiamonte** and **Bobbi Litt**, **Don Smith** with Lufthansa, **Tom Moore** from Baptist Hospital, and Board member **Bill Gallwey**.



Karen Roskin

Photo Contest

GET YOUR CAMERAS

READY!!! The Fourth Annual Photo Contest sponsored by **Kenya Photo Mural** is scheduled for the month of August.

The grand prize will be tickets to Germany, provided by **Lufthansa German Airlines**, registration is August 5th through August 11th. Photos will not be accepted after 4 p.m. on August 11th. The winners will be announced at a reception on August 29th.

Eligible photos will be those depicting "Animals in the Wild" and will be limited to photos taken at Metrozoo, featuring animals on public display between April, 1988 and the present. Entry photographs must be taken from the public viewing areas at Metrozoo, without the assistance of zoo or Society personnel. All photos must be *first time entries*.

For registration forms and a complete list of photo contest rules and regulations, contact the special events office at 255-5551.

William Zeigler

Education Outlook

Programs for Children

Zoo After School

Grades: 1-4

Animal adventures abound for kids at the zoo. Teachers and animals introduce children to a variety of new topics:

March: Our Popular Pachyderms

April: Fantastic Fledglings

May: Animals In Our Backyard

Dates: March 22
April 5 and 19
May 3 and 17

Hours: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$12 Members
\$15 Nonmembers

Programs for Teens

Toucan Team

Grades: 9-12

Students study biology, animal behavior, and management of exotic animals. After completing this course, participants are eligible to join the "Service Team", our junior counselors, for our Summer programs.

Dates: Saturdays, April 22-May 20

Hours: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$80.00 Members
\$90.00 Non-members

Junior Zoologist

Grades: 7-8

For young teens interested in careers in zoology or veterinary medicine, the Junior Zoologist program gives an introduction to animal-related careers. Students will learn how animals are cared for in captivity, based on their lives in the wild.

Dates: Saturdays, April 22-May 13

Hours: 10:00-12:00 a.m.

Fee: \$40.00 Members
\$45.00 Non-members

Programs for Families

Two For The Zoo

This popular program provides entertaining and educational activities for parents and pre-schoolers (age 3 and up) together. Arts and crafts projects, visits with some of our smaller animals, and an electric cart "Safari" on zoo grounds are included.

March: Our Popular Pachyderms

April: Fantastic Fledglings

May: Animals In Our Backyard

Dates: March 22 and 29
April 5 and 19
May 3 and 17

Hours: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$12.00 Members
\$15.00 Non-Members
(\$5.00 per extra child)

Breakfast With The Beasts

What a way to start the day! Enjoy the beauty of the zoo in the early morning while having your breakfast, then enjoy the special animal "encounters" we have planned for you.

March: Trunks and Tusks

April: Gorilla Encounter

May: Young Creatures Great and Small

Dates: March 19
April 23
May 14

Hours: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$12.00 Members
\$15.00 Non-members

Family Overnight

Families will have the opportunity to "camp out" at the zoo for an exciting animal evening. Bring your sleeping bags and comfortable clothes; we'll supply everything else.

Dates: March 25
April 22
May 27

Hours: 6:30 p.m., Saturday-8:30 a.m.
Sunday

Fee: \$20.00 per person, children 5 yrs. of age and older, please.
\$30.00 per person for Non-members.

Programs for Adults

Supper Safari

Spend an evening at the zoo! Enjoy wine and cheese, listen to Everglades researcher Sonny Bass' fascinating slide/lecture on the Florida panther and we'll serve you dinner under the stars.

Date: April 1

Hours: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20.00 members
\$25.00 non-members

T.E.C. Weekend Teacher Workshop

Part of a series of workshops offered through the Teacher Education Center. This popular 10-hour program trains teachers to utilize the zoo as an educational resource and help them to interpret the zoo to their students.

Dates: March 18-25
April 22-29
May 13-20

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fee: No fee; register through T.E.C. at 887-2002

Adult Overnight

Discover the secrets of the zoo after dark. We'll serve you dinner and treat you to the sights and sounds of a zoo that belongs to the animals. Sunday morning you'll learn what some of our residents eat and enjoy a continental breakfast as the sun rises.

Dates: April 8
May 13

Hours: 6:00 p.m. Saturday-8:30 a.m.
Sunday

Fee: \$20.00 per Member
\$30.00 per Non-member

Registration Policy: Advance registration is required for all programs. Registration is by mail or credit card only. Program information may be obtained over the telephone; however, a reservation in the program is contingent upon payment. Fees may be paid by check, money order, cash or Visa/Mastercharge/American Express. A confirmation letter will be issued upon receipt of payment. Fees are refundable up to one week before the program date. A \$5 processing fee will be retained in the event of cancellation. \$10 will be retained for all camp programs.

Register Here

Mail to: Education Department,
Zoological Society of Florida,
12400 S.W. 152nd Street,
Miami, Florida 33177

Participant's Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____
Program(s): _____ Date: _____ Fee \$ _____
_____ Date: _____ Fee \$ _____
Member **Membership #** _____ **Nonmember** **Fee \$** _____
 Mastercard Visa Amer. Exp. Expiration Date _____ **TOTAL** _____
Card # _____ Signature _____

For Camp and Children's Programs, please complete the following:

Parent's Name _____

Student's Age _____ Grade in school (as of Sept. '89) _____



A gala evening was hosted by Chase Federal Bank at the Dadeland Marriott in December to introduce the eagle the bank is generously sponsoring through a \$15,000 contribution. Pictured from left to right are: Robert Brown, Senior Vice President/Retail Banking, Edwin J. Gray, President, Chief Operating Officer, Cynthia Zeigler, Associate Director, Zoological Society, Charles L. Clements, Jr., Chairman of the Board/Chief Operating Officer, and Richard Mahmarian, Board of Trustees member, Zoological Society of Florida.

Toucan Trader's Choice

Have you visited the beautiful **Parrot Jungle and Gardens** recently? **Dr. Bern Levine**, Zoological Society Board member and **Mr. Richard Schubot** purchased the attraction this past fall. Their commitment is to expand and improve this natural setting which is home to many exotic bird species. Their desire is to devote their total energy to the birds, so they have retained the Zoological Society of Florida to manage and operate their gift shop under a management contract.

Revenue from the gift shop management contract with Parrot Jungle will be additional financial support to the Society and Miami Metrozoo.

Currently, the Parrot Jungle gift shop is undergoing minor renovations and is being re-merchandised with beautiful t-shirts, unique and exotic bird collectibles, and fun souvenirs. There is something for everyone - and you receive a 10% discount in the gift shop as well as a 20% discount at the gate when you show them your Zoological Society of Florida membership card.

Please stop in and browse in our new shop on your next visit and remember your purchases go to the support and care of the animals at Miami Metrozoo.

Welcome New Wildlifera!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we have developed a new level of individual giving called our **WILDLIFERS CLUB**. These are dedicated individuals who contribute \$10,000 to the conservation and preservation efforts of Metrozoo. In addition to having the opportunity to help a worthy cause, they

receive many tangible benefits such a Life membership to the Zoological Society of Florida, 2 tickets to our Feast With the Beasts extravaganza, a behind the scenes tour of the zoo, and a very special Supper Safari on zoo grounds in their honor.

A sincere thanks goes out to the following new WILDLIFER members: **Jeff Berkowitz, Beatrice Goodman, Jerry and Jane Goodman, DeWayne Little, Sandy Miot, Ed Soto, and Sara Woodruff**. Their support and dedication will help us make Metrozoo the best zoo in the country!

Pictured presenting a \$5,000 contribution to Zoological Society Development Director, **Tricia Serodino**, is **Jim Keavney**, Senior Vice President of **Eduard J. Gerrits, Inc.** Gerrits is the latest corporation to join our family by becoming the proud sponsor for the bongo paddock, located in our African lobe.



Deborah Goutreux

Membership Has its Privileges





President's Message...

For the past five years, the Society's support of Metrozoo has been in evidence throughout the zoo with the completion of highly visible capital projects such as the **Christopher A. Weeks Animal Clinic**, the **Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Foundation Koala Exhibit**, and the recently complete PAWS, the children's petting zoo. Over 2.5 million dollars have been spent funding these various projects and they not only fulfill the Society's basic purpose, but give visible evidence of how our funds are invested in the zoo.

The time has come when our dollars will, of necessity, have to be allocated to programs that are of vital importance to the day to day operations of the zoo and its animal collection.

In most of the world's wild places, populations of wild animals are declining. Thousands of creatures will be lost during the next few decades - forever. Because of trends now far advanced, these losses are no longer avoidable. Among the threatened and endangered are not only creatures whose plight has been widely publicized at home, such as America's whooping crane, California condor and black-footed ferret, but far more species from abroad; and they may mean even more to human society. The tiger, Asiatic elephant and gorilla are all endangered. Almost all of these species are dying as a result of the expanding human population and the conversion of wild lands for man's use.

By the end of the century, almost 80% of the earth's people will live in the poorest, least developed countries, where about 80% of the remaining wildlife dwells today. During this period, Africa's population is expected to increase 104% from the base year of 1975, while Latin America's has been projected to increase 96%. Biologists predict that the consequences will be the loss of 15-20% of all living species of plants and animals and the dangerous diminution of many

more. A few of these animals could be preserved in zoos and aquariums. That is the goal of the Species Survival Plan (SSP) of the **American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA)**. It is a supplement, not an alternate, to preservation in nature.

Specifically, the SSP seeks to strengthen and coordinate captive programs so that zoos can help the worldwide effort to preserve vanishing species in five ways:

1. by reinforcing natural populations which may have been so reduced by human activities, natural catastrophe, or even epidemic diseases that they are no longer viable genetically or demographically.
2. by providing animals for repopulation of original habitats when that proves practical.
3. by serving as refuges for species destined for extinction in nature.
4. by maintaining repositories of germ plasm in addition to populations of wild animals.
5. by conducting research and developing more successful techniques of animal husbandry in support not only of captive propagation, but also of the care of faltering populations of wild animals in nature.

Because the passenger capacity of this zoo "Ark" is so small, because its space and support is provided by many different entities on a voluntary basis and because the basis of species selection systems and the factors such systems must consider are continually changing, the most difficult decisions facing zoo animal propagators are between related animals whose plight is equally serious. The SSP seeks to respond, at least in part, by encouraging research which will enable the Survival Plan to preserve different species of different backgrounds in different ways.

At the present time, Metrozoo participates in 15, or 33% of the 46 programs including the radiated tortoise, Andean condor, black palm cockatoo, wattled crane, ruffed lemur, golden lion tamarin, gorilla, orangutan, tiger, Asian elephant, Indian rhino, black rhino, Grevy's zebra, gaur, and scimitar horned oryx.

The Society contributed \$30,000 to the **AAZPA** over a period of three years. We also purchased the computers and programs which are used to continuously and scrupulously maintain records of each individual animal's lineage, fertility, sex, longevity, care and medical history.

As zoos continue to balance their role as an entertainment facility and main arena of biological conservation, it becomes an increasingly expensive proposition. As the wild continues to vanish, zoos are the only alternative most animals will have for long term living arrangements. For many creatures, the zoo is their last chance as a species to remain on earth. It is an investment that the Society must make in the future of Metrozoo and a debt that we owe to our own future generations.

IN MEMORIAM...

The Zoological Society of Florida extends our deepest sympathy to the family of **Gilbert Voss**, President of the Society from 1961 to 1963.

Mr. Voss was very active with the Society during its infancy and was one of the people responsible for the formation of the Bylaws by which we are still governed today.

We bid a fond farewell to a pioneer environmentalist with the hope that his conservation efforts will continue for the benefit of all citizens of this community.

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Volunteering at Metrozoo - A Commitment Worth Keeping

The Zoological Society's volunteers are truly the "soul of Metrozoo". They provide invaluable support to the Society and to Metrozoo in such capacities as tour guides, in demonstrations at Texaco's Ecology Theatre, Outreach for presentation in Dade County's classrooms, and as sales assistants to zoo patrons in our gift shops. Their experience is challenging, rewarding, and enjoyable.

If you would like to make a difference at one of the world's great zoos, call the Volunteer Coordinator for more information at 255-5551.



Noted Zoologist Dr. Anne Savage to Speak on the Cotton-Top Tamarins of Colombia

Since 1985, **Dr. Anne Savage** has spent most of her time in the jungles of Colombia researching the natural history of the cotton-top tamarin. Due to the rapid destruction of the tamarin's native habitat, this engaging primate is being pushed to the brink of extinction. Ms. Savage, an expert in her field, has collaborated on many papers and is actively pursuing tamarin conservation and educational efforts in both Colombia and the United States.

Join us on Sunday, April 30th at 7 p.m. for a fascinating slide/lecture on these highly endangered creatures. A wine and cheese reception will follow her presentation. The cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Call the education department at 255-5551 and make your reservations.



The Society recently presented Dade County with \$1,400,000 in permanent buildings and exhibits at Metrozoo, including the Society Administration Building, Koala Exhibit, Koala Outpost, Kangaroo and Wallaby Exhibit, and the three trailers which served as our offices. Pictured accepting a proclamation are from left to right Lester Goldstein, Board of Directors, Mayor Stephen Clark, Joseph E. Ferrer, Executive Vice President, Laurence O. Turner, Jr., President, Cynthia W. Zeigler, Associate Director, and Bill Bird, Director, Park and Recreation Department.

Bravo!
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Summer Camp Preview

This summer's activities will be devoted to "Animal Assets", a theme centering on animals and how they have adapted to their environments. New this year, your Kindercamper or Jungle Junior will have a choice of two different summer sessions to give them twice the opportunity to experience the zoo.

Pre-registration policy: students registered by April 15 will receive a \$10.00 discount on program fees. (Please check your registration form to make sure you have subtracted the discount).

Kindercamp

This is a first-hand experience for our campers. Through direct observation and contact children will learn the characteristics of different types of animals as well as participate in animal-oriented crafts, games, and songs. Age: 3-5 years old (children must be 3 years of age by April)

Session 1

Dates: June 19-June 23
June 26-June 30
July 10-July 14
July 24-July 28

Session 2

Dates: July 31-August 4
August 7-August 11
August 14-August 18
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to noon
Fees: \$65.00 Members
\$75.00 Non-members

Jungle Juniors

Grades: 1-3

Jungle Juniors will spend their afternoons discovering the zoo and how it works. By entering the zoo before regular hours, they will observe zookeepers on the job, and learn how our animals are fed and cared for.

Session 1

Dates: June 26-June 30
July 10-July 14
July 24-July 28

Session 2

Dates: July 31-August 4
August 14-August 18
Hours: 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Fees: \$75.00 Members
\$85.00 Non-members

Zoocamp

Grades: 4-6

Zoocampers will become amateur zoologists while gaining an appreciation for the functions of a modern zoo. They will learn from the Educational Staff as well as zookeepers and the animals themselves. Campers should bring a brown bag lunch Monday through Thursday; Friday we will provide lunch with the zookeepers.

Dates: July 17-July 21
Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$95.00 Members
\$105.00 Non-members

Summer Safari

Grades: 7-8

This is a summer version of our Junior Zoologist program: it is for young teens interested in careers in zoology or veterinary medicine. The week-long program gives the student an introduction to the care of captive wildlife and animal-related careers.

Dates: August 7-August 11
Hours: 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$80.00 Members
\$90.00 Non-members

Toucan Team

Grades: 9-12

This is a special 1-week session of our teen volunteer training program. After completing the course, participants will be eligible to serve as junior counselors for our summer programs.

Dates: June 19-June 23
Hours: 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$80.00 Members
\$90.00 Non-members

Register Here

Mail to: Education Department, Zoological Society of Florida, 12400 S.W. 152nd Street, Miami, Florida 33177 (305) 255-5551

Participant's Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____
Program(s): _____ Date: _____ Fee \$ _____
_____ Date: _____ Fee \$ _____
Member Membership # _____ Nonmember Fee \$ _____
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For Camp and Children's Programs, please complete the following:

Parent's Name _____
Student's Age _____ Grade in school (as of Sept. '89) _____

Registration Policy: Advance registration is required for all programs. Registration is by mail or credit card only. Program information may be obtained over the telephone; however, a reservation in the program is contingent upon payment. Fees may be paid by check, money order, cash or Visa/Mastercharge/American Express. A confirmation letter will be issued upon receipt of payment. Fees are refundable up to one week before the program date. A \$5 processing fee will be retained in the event of cancellation. \$10 will be retained for all camp programs.