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Toucan Talk

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Over thirty years waiting, spanning two zoos, the proud moment was heard over the zoo radio as "we have a grey fuzzy at the front lake!" Yes, a Caribbean or American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) has finally hatched at Metrozoo. The anxious moment could be told in the eyes and facial expression of Brett Bannor, who made the discovery on morning rounds. The flamingo mania craze which has overwhelmed South Florida for years had arrived here with living chicks. The first flamingo hatched on May 10, 1989, and our second on Mother's Day! At press time there is still one egg that may hatch; by all accounts this is a record year.

Why now, what took so long, and why is everyone so excited about these birds? To answer, we must first look at the history of flamingos at Metrozoo and Crandon Park Zoo; then explain flamingo biology from a bird's viewpoint. First, the original birds from Crandon Park Zoo are over 35 years old; not young even for a flamingo. The flock at Crandon totaled 19 birds which originally were housed in the waterfowl pond, then transferred to the flamingo exhibit. There they shared the exhibit with wild roseate spoonbills and white ibis. The flock acted and behaved like flamingos should but never laid eggs. Each spring Carl Burch, Zoological Supervisor Bird Department, explained the flamingos would display and build

nest mounds but never lay. On Thanksgiving Day 1982, the Crandon flock was transferred to the entrance lake complex at Metrozoo. Today 12 of these birds remain and have been joined by 48 flamingos from Hialeah Race Track.

Flamingo births at North American zoos are not rare but always require some management manipulation and possibly some good luck. Flamingos are one of those birds that inspire fascination, express moods, delight visitors and are becoming less common in the wild. All good reasons to maintain a breeding flock instead of a display group. Besides, when visions of Miami are projected positively the flamingo is always there.

Flamingos need flamingos to breed.

We're In The Pink

by Ron Johnson, Curator of Birds



Simple right? The answer is no. Flamingos are extremely social birds and in the wild many flocks number in the thousands. The behaviors and breeding displays are stimulated by the presence of other adult flamingos. In captivity, the minimum flock size which will breed is between 12 and 20 birds. We knew our flock size had to be increased to insure breeding. The difficulty is that Caribbean flamingos, the most colorful of the six species, are in high demand and not readily available. So, we entered into a cooperative breeding program with Hialeah Race Track acquiring young and adult birds. Hialeah has the largest group of Caribbean flamingos and in recent years has raised over a hundred each year. This arrangement took three years to negotiate because the United States Government considers the race track flock to be 'wild'!

Two other aspects of flamingo biology complete the picture. First, adult Caribbean flamingos are pink in color and only recognize pink birds as adults. We must supplement their captive diet with products that allow the birds to manufacture the red or pink pigment which gives the feathers their bright color. White or grey birds are recognized as juveniles. In the wild they eat small microscopic shrimp, algae, and zooplankton which give them color. The second consideration is that they require

Lori Bruckheim

a secure mud flat, partly submerged in brackish water to build their nests. In 1986, the entrance lake was modified to accomplish these requirements.

Since then, we have been waiting for the young Hialeah birds to reach adulthood and color. In 1987 three eggs were laid but none were fertile. Last year no eggs were laid, possibly due to disturbance by predators. This year the flock has laid 11 eggs. Pairs have been formed by Hialeah-Hialeah adults, Hialeah-Hialeah juveniles, Crandon-Crandon adults, and Crandon-Hialeah birds. So far only the adult Hialeah pair have produced young but wait until next year. This breeding success can now be said to be on the right track (thanks to Hialeah) and looking pink for the future!

Captivating Curiosities

Did You Know...

- Hummingbirds go into suspended animation at night, otherwise they would starve to death.
- North American (Virginia) opossums can have up to 18 young in a litter.
- Boa constrictors are ovoviviparous, which means the females retain eggs in their body until the young hatch, thus giving birth to live young.
- A woodpecker's brain is loosely connected to its skull, otherwise it would give itself a concussion everytime it drummed.
- The fairy bluebird's feet are the smallest, in relation to its body size, of any perching bird in the world.
- One of the differences between hornbills and toucans is the size of their tongues. Toucan tongues are the length of their beaks while hornbills are very tiny. This is why hornbills will take twigs in their beaks to help clean the inside of their mouths.
- Giraffes have seven cervical vertebrae (neck bones), the same as mice, just elongated.
- Kiwis (flightless Australian birds) have the largest eggs in proportion to their size.
- Metrozoo had its first successful flamingo hatching on May 10, 1989 and both parents are taking good care of the chick.
- Metrozoo's flamingos built their own mud nests and this accomplishment took approximately one week to complete.
- The closest living relative to birds are the alligator and the crocodile.
- Alligators can grow up to 16 feet and weigh up to 1,600 pounds.



Banteng

by Bill Zeigler, General Curator

So why has Metrozoo put another cow on display? This has been asked by a number of people since our banteng, **Bos banteng** have gone out on their paddock. To answer that, let's look in two different directions. First, the banteng is a member of a dwindling group of animals in the genus **Bos**, or true cattle, consisting of about seven living species. By dwindling, I refer to those species that are still wild and undomesticated. Included with the banteng are the gaur, **Bos gaurus** and the rarest, the kouprey, **Bos sauveli**.

All three of these species live in Southeast Asia or India. They are hunted by the natives for meat and are under tremendous pressure from habitat destruction. All three are listed as endangered species by the Department of the Interior and as an Appendix I species by the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species, or CITES. All of them are in need of conservation programs in the wild. As a zoological park we have a responsibility to assist such programs. We are already involved with the Gaur Species Survival Program (SSP) of the A.A.Z.P.A. and as the need continues to grow for the banteng, Metrozoo will be there to assist.

The second reason is the history and culture surrounding the genus **Bos**. Cattle have been domesticated for at least as long as man has had the written word. They have played a tremendous role in the society of man, helping to shape our

history as well as feed people. From the days of the wild west and range wars, to today's expansion of pasture land in the tropics, cattle have played a part for better or worse in man's effect on the world around him. They will continue to affect our future as long as there is a fast food chain or that great American tradition, the family barbeque.

Genus: **Bos**

Subgenus: **Bibos**

Species: **banteng**

Smaller than the gaur, the banteng will reach a length of about 2 meters (about 6 feet) and shoulder height of approximately 1.5-1.7 meters (4½ to 5 feet). They are similar in color to the gaur, however, their leg stockings are more a pronounced white and unlike the gaur they have a white rump patch. At one time the banteng could be found over most of Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, and south through Malaysia to Java. However, it is now rare in most of its former range or exterminated altogether.

Found in herds of 10-30 animals, they move through their preferred habitat of hilly forest country by night, feeding on grasses and young plant shoots. By day, they usually lie in dense forest or thickets hidden from man and the heat. Mating during the dry seasons, they give birth after a gestation of about 280 days to a single calf. Twinning is extremely rare and has never been recorded in the wild.

Education Outlook

Breakfast With the Beasts

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

July: Reptiles: Fears, Facts, Fascination
August: Avian Advantages

Dates: July 23
August 13
Hours: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Fee: \$15.00 Members
\$20.00 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: July 22
Hours: 6:30 p.m. Saturday - 8:30 a.m. Sunday
Fee: \$20.00 Members (children 5 and over, please)
\$30.00 Non-Members

Adult Programs

Supper Safari

Spend an evening at the zoo! Enjoy wine and cheese; listen to a fascinating lecture and then we'll serve you a light dinner under the stars.

Sex with the Animals - A Wild Night Out at Metrozoo: Back by popular demand, join zoo personality Ron Magill for his hilarious slide lecture on the animals' mating behavior - laugh and learn!

Date: July 15
Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fee: \$15.00 Members
\$18.00 Non-Members

T.E.C. Weekend Teacher Workshop

Part of a series of workshops offered through the Teachers Education Center. This popular 10-hour program is held on two consecutive Saturdays and trains teachers to utilize the zoo as an educational resource and helps them to interpret the zoo to their students.

Dates: July 8 and 15
August 5 and 12
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 animals that abound at our world class zoo. Sunday morning you'll learn what some of our residents eat and enjoy a continental breakfast as the sun rises.

Dates: July 29
Hours: 6:30 p.m. Saturday - 8:30 a.m. Sunday
Fee: \$20.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-Members

Children's Programs Summer Camp

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 Jungle Junior will have a choice of two different summer sessions to give them twice the opportunity to experience the zoo.

Jungle Juniors

Grades 1-3

Jungle Juniors will spend their afternoons discovering the zoo and its animals. They will explain different ways that animals have adapted to survive, and learn firsthand from some of the zookeepers, the truly unique characteristics exhibited in the animal kingdom.

Animal Assets I

Dates: July 10-July 14
July 24-July 28
Hours: 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$75.00 Members
\$85.00 Non-Members

Animals Assets II

Dates: July 31-August 4
August 14-August 18
Hours: 1:30 p.m.-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 nature's wondrous world of animal adaptations. 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: August 21-August 25
Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$95.00 Members
\$105.00 Non-Members

Summer Safari

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 animal adaptations, the care of captive wildlife, and animal-related careers.

Dates: August 7-August 11
Hours: 1:30 p.m. -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 \$** _____
 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) _____

REGISTRATION POLICY: Advance registration is required for all programs. 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.

CANCELLATIONS: All fees are non-refundable, however, they may be transferred to another program if we are given 48 hours notice. Reservations may only be transferred once, then all fees are forfeited.



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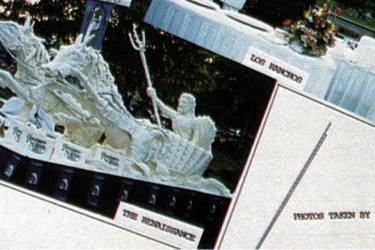
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Feast With The Beasts A Resounding Success Sincere Thanks To Our Donors And Volunteers

The second annual Feast With the Beasts was a very successful culinary extravaganza!!! The months of planning and hard work were well worth the effort to raise funds for the new otter exhibit, which has been renamed the Asian River Experience. Thanks to the creativity of Chairman **Kathie Schlesinger** and members of her committees, the zoo underwent a metamorphosis and for one gala evening was transformed into a dazzling, enchanted garden.

The evening began when our **BEASTKEEPERS**, patrons who had generously contributed \$500 each, were greeted in the parking lot at 7 p.m. by a valet and Mackey, our baby elephant. They were escorted to their exclusive party in front of the Zoological Society

membership and administration building. Upon arrival, they were welcomed with a glass of champagne, followed by cocktails, classical music, and superb hors d'oeuvres (some shaped like zoo animals fashioned from bread dough) provided by **Creative Tastes and French at Table**. This party set the mood for the entire evening - elegance, merriment, festivity! Beastkeepers had the opportunity to mingle with over one hundred associates as well as a baby orangutan, hedgehog, snake, chinchilla, and other soft and cuddly Outreach animals.

At 8 p.m. the limousines began arriving to dispense the almost 900 general admission guests who paid \$150 each to meander around the zoo enjoying some of the best dishes in South Florida provided by the thirty five participating restaurants. In addition to sampling the fine cuisine and beverages available, many of our guests enjoyed dancing to Music by **Varon** at the big chickee. Some even tried to burn off calories by participating in the conga line!

The finale of the evening was the live performance of the Drifters and Marvettes at the amphitheater which evoked nostalgia and happy memories for our partygoers.

Many of our guests remained to the end, officially 2 a.m., for a dessert and coffee party with dancing to the fifties and sixties music provided by a disc jockey. We were a little sad to see the last patron leave, but look forward to seeing you at the Third Annual Feast With The Beasts which has been scheduled for Friday, April 6, 1990. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW TO ATTEND THE PARTY OF THE YEAR!!!**

We thank **American Express**, co-sponsor of this event, especially **Robert V. Creekmore**, Vice President Sales and Marketing; **William E. Jamison**, **John D. Pankratz**, **Kenneth P. Gaumer**, **Janet Mercedes**, **Linda Holbrook**, **Sally Nystrom** and **Roberta Weinstein**.

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Dear Members:

Please consider the following list of restaurants when dining out for business, or entertaining family and friends. When there, please mention to the owners or managers your position with the Society and thank them for their support of Feast With the Beasts.

Barney's Coffee & Tea Co.

Dadeland Mall, 284-9946

Bella Luna Ristorante

5859 S.W. 73 Street, 284-8080

Bobby Rubino's Place for Ribs

Hollywood, 987-5500

Brooks Restaurant

Deerfield Beach, 427-9302

Cafe Chauveron

Bay Harbor Island, 866-8779

Capriccio

12313 S. Dixie Hwy., 255-3422

Captain's Tavern

9621 S. Dixie Hwy., 666-5979

Carlyle Grill

Miami Beach, 532-5315

Chef Allen's

North Miami Beach, 935-2900

Christy's

Coral Gables, 446-1400

Creative Tastes

7102 S.W. 117 Ave., 598-1575

The Depot

5830 S. Dixie Hwy., 665-6261

Fontainebleau Hilton

4441 Collins Ave., 538-2000

French at Table

555 N.E. 34 Street, 576-2566

French Connection

Coral Gables, 442-8587

Grand Cafe/Grand Bay Hotel

Coconut Grove, 858-9600

Haagen Dazs Catering

15500 S. Dixie Hwy., 667-1728

Hot Cookies

10420 S.W. 77 Ave., 667-7307

Las Tapas/Bayside

401 Biscayne Blvd., 372-2737

La Tavernetta

Tamarac, 722-1831

Los Ranchos

125 S.W. 107 Ave., 552-6767

Mayfair Grill

Coconut Grove, 441-0000

Old Cutler Oyster Co.

20535 Old Cutler Rd., 233-3064

Olive Garden

18101 Biscayne Blvd., 935-5742

Omni Int. Fish Market

1601 Biscayne Blvd., 372-5030

Palm Forest-Holiday Inn

950 W. LeJeune Rd., 446-9000

Peacock Cafe

555 N.E. 15 Street, 579-2020

Raffaello's

Boca Raton, 392-4855

Red Lobster

1750 W. 49th Street, 557-3088

Renaissance Seafood Grill

Fort Lauderdale, 389-3300

Restaurant St. Michel

Coral Gables, 444-1666

Stuart's at the Cardozo

Miami Beach, 534-0858

Turnberry Yacht Club

North Miami Beach, 932-6200

Valenti's

5775 Sunset Drive, 667-0421

CrEaTiViTy

Creativity results from original thoughts and expressions. Unfortunately, it is a trait that is becoming an "endangered species" in the classrooms of our schools. Our children are only responding in part to the questions being asked of them, with no critical or evaluative thought being expressed.

How do teachers cope with an exceptionally bright and gifted child who yearns to explore his or her own creativity but does not know how? The Zoological Society of Florida's education department, in conjunction with **Florida International University (F.I.U.)** addressed these very concerns with an imaginative new course, "Creative Use of the Zoo for Teachers of the Gifted and Talented" that was offered this past June.

What better resource to use than the wonderfully dynamic and ever-growing Metrozoo, where the imagination can run free, unhindered, as the animals. The course ran for six weeks and had thirty

teachers (grades K-8) exploring various topics. Zoological Society and zoo staff spoke on exhibit design, signage, children's zoo design, marketing, and creative classroom activities. The teacher-participants worked in groups (by grade level) and by utilizing the zoo's library, developed written projects based on the previous topics. These projects were then brought back into their own classrooms.

Since the teachers were given an unlimited (imaginative) budget, the sky was the limit as to the design of these projects. All involved had a great time during the class and amazingly creative designs were developed. We look forward to offering this course again next summer and encourage anyone having an interest in this course or any suggestions for similar classes to contact the education department at 255-5551. Remember - creativity brings spice to life!!!

Texaco's Ecology Theater

Lights! Camera! Action!

If you've seen the presentation at the **Texaco Ecology Theater** at PAWS, you would probably not equate those three words with what you see, hear, and touch there. However, the Zoological Society's volunteers and staff who work at the theater will tell you a very different story.

The thirty volunteers who give three, eighteen minute presentations daily at "ET" began preparing over nine months ago, before the children's zoo opened. Each person qualified by showing extensive animal handling experience within our volunteer program, public speaking skills, and the ability to work on a team. Working closely with the theater staff, they began four weeks of script memorizing and practice workshops to prepare for their auditions.

Each team member took home a taped script for practice and everyone created rehearsal animals. Teddy bears became opossums and snakes that looked more like curly telephone cords were a few of the bizarre, but effective, critters that our stars used to perfect every movement. Along the way, those with speaking parts learned to use the microphone system and some teams videotaped their versions. Just like a Broadway show, this presentation is choreographed down to the last cue.

Every volunteer you see "on stage" auditioned for his or her slot and committed to give at least two full days each month in addition to their other volunteer requirements. We count among our participants the volunteer's president, many of our volunteer day captains, a college professor, a bank vice president, a chemist, and numerous other professionals. Critical staff members included **Lori Bruckheim**, our Outreach Coordinator, **Ginny Silva**, our classroom teacher, and **Sandy Savane**, our current full time staffer who is also a full time college student.

Texaco's Ecology Theater is the only place in the zoo where you can learn about and touch some of our native "exotics." Alligators, opossums, box turtles, king snakes, barred and screech owls, are a few of the animals that share the stage with these very dedicated individuals. The next time you come out to Metrozoo, we invite you to enjoy a totally different kind of zoo experience.



Cynthia Zeigler

Civic Groups - Another Way of Giving

Did you know that you can support the Zoological Society not only through corporate and individual gifts, but also through your club or organization? We presently have many civic groups throughout Dade County that join our conservation and preservation efforts by making an annual contribution. Pictured above donating \$500 from the South Dade Rotary Club are **Paul Neidhart**, Past President of the Rotary Club and member of the Zoological Society Board of Trustees, **Tricia Serodino**, Development Director, **Tim Desmond**, President of the Rotary Club, **Jim Winterick**, Secretary of the Rotary Club, and **Lori Bruckheim**, Education

Coordinator. Kneeling in front are docents **Bob Beck** and **Gene Greenspan**.

Please remember, if your club or organization needs a speaker for a meeting, call our volunteer department at 255-5551 to make arrangements. We have trained volunteers that will entertain and educate with an excellent slide presentation of Metrozoo from its beginning to the present time. They will bring animal artifacts and some of our smaller Outreach animals when they are available. Our volunteers are quite busy with their various jobs, so please allow at least three weeks lead time when scheduling a speaking engagement.



President's Message

My messages in the past few Toucan Talks have been rather somber, because the issues of conservation and preservation facing the zoo and society are critical and serious. Today, however, having participated in the most grand and glorious special event ever hosted by the Zoological Society of Florida, **FEAST WITH THE BEASTS**, I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who support the special events and educational programs of the Society.

I realize that for one reason or other not all of you could join us for Feast. I know that you were with us in spirit and are gratified by its success. From its initial planning stage by Chairman **Kathie Schlesinger** and her committees, to the day of the event, it is a project that personifies total community involvement. I hope you will patronize the restaurants listed in this issue - they are the key ingredient. Without them there would be no Feast! When you dine, let them know you are a Society member and you appreciate their tremendous support.

Another very important part of the Society is our educational programs. From Zoo Camp to Breakfast With the Beasts your participation helps in many ways. One of the primary goals of the Society is education and the learning process is much more effective when it is fun. I want to thank you for sending your children to our summer camps; for sharing the family experience in Two for the Zoo and Zoo After School; for continuing the learning process in our teacher workshops. We depend on you to carry the important message of conservation and preservation that you have learned to the rest of the community.

This message is brief but sincere. From my heart I thank all of you very special people who support the Zoological Society of Florida through membership, special events, and education. The Society could not exist without you!

Volunteers - Heart of the Metrozoo Experience

The Zoological Society's volunteers are truly the soul of Metrozoo. Their uniformed presence at the zoo may suggest that the over 200 individuals you might encounter are just one type of person - animal lovers with lots of time to give. The fact is, these busy men and women represent many different facets of the South Florida population. In addition to those who pursue full time family commitments or enjoy retirement with us, a few of the professions represented in the organization include computer programmer, veterinarian, attorney, accountant, police officer, airline pilot, social worker, retail store owner, and teachers and administrators of preschoolers to graduate students. Our members come from South Dade to Palm Beach County and many volunteer elsewhere.

The volunteers you meet at the zoo or

at special events have completed over 40 hours of classroom work and up to 20 hours of on-the-job training before they "go public." Because the zoo changes, they must constantly update themselves to remain current. What does the experience hold for them to make the commitment? They become an integral part of one of the top ten zoos in the country. They have the opportunity to bring this experience to patrons of all ages through our "living classroom." They have the personal satisfaction that contact brings and the comradery of others bound by their love of animals and commitment to conservation.

If you would like to become part of the Metrozoo experience, volunteer training will run Wednesdays and Fridays, September 6 through October 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information, call the volunteer coordinator at 255-5551.

Vernon Construction's Mini-Exhibit



Tricia Serodino

Pictured above (left to right) are **Joseph Ferrer**, Zoological Society Executive Vice President, **William and Jane Vernon**, owners of Vernon Construction Company, and **Bob Yokel**, Metrozoo Director, making plans for the mini-exhibit which Vernon Construction Company is funding through a donation to the Society of \$50,000.

A very special thank you to Vernon Construction for their contribution to the Zoological Society to build the premiere mini-exhibit at Metrozoo. It is through generous contributors, such as Vernon Construction Company, that we are becoming one of the world's greatest zoos.



Will You Please Adopt Me?

Will you please adopt me so I can make Miami Metrozoo my permanent home? I am a four foot high solid bronze baby elephant created by artist Tom Tischler. I need a sponsor so I can live at the zoo permanently. For a \$6,000 tax deductible donation to the Zoological Society, you will receive the satisfaction of knowing I will remain at Metrozoo. A plaque will be placed at my feet recognizing your generosity. Mr. Tischler has stated that I can only be purchased for a zoo and Miami Metrozoo is definitely my favorite zoo in the country!

For more information on my adoption papers, please contact the development office at 255-5551.



Fourth Annual Photo Contest

Check the camera bag. Is the telephoto lens there? Did you check for the wide angle lens? Is the tripod as steady as it should be? If you answered yes to these questions then you are ready. **Eastman Kodak** joins **Kenya Photo Mural** in conjunction with **Lufthansa German Airlines**, **Chase Federal Bank** and **Nikon Inc.** in presenting the fourth Annual Photo Contest to be held in August.

The grand prize will be tickets to Germany, provided by **Lufthansa German Airlines**. Registration is August 5th through August 11th. The winners will be announced at a reception on August 29th.

Eligible photos must be those depicting "Animals in the Wild" and are

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.

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