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Front Cover — Cleveland Zoological Society logo — See story on Page 4.

Back Cover — Top Photo — A female *Sitatunga* Antelope carefully nuzzles her young offspring, born February 22 at the Metroparks Zoo.

Bottom Photo — One of the Zoo's Grizzly cubs can't decide whether it's more fun to play with one's toes or brother cubs!

Photos by Tony Tomsic, Cleveland Press

Notes on The Passing of an Animal Friend

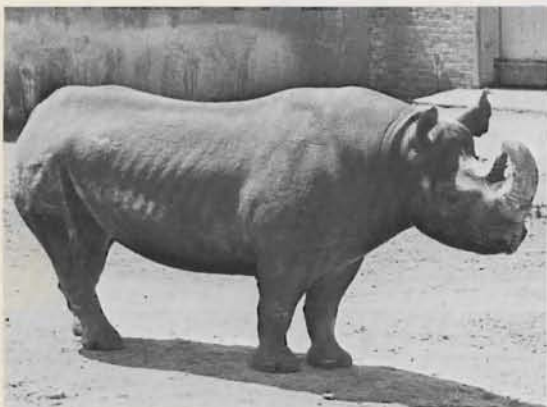
Memoirs of "Junior"

by Charles R. Voracek, Public Service Director

When my phone rang on December 29, I was totally unprepared for the message which was given to me by the Zoo receptionist. She said, "Junior, our Rhinoceros, died last night!"

A feeling of sadness came over me, and anyone who has mourned the loss of a dog, cat, or other close animal friend can appreciate my feeling at that moment.

Junior, a male African Black Rhinoceros, was born in the wilds of East Africa, sometime during 1953. He had successfully faced the rigors and perils of wildlife in Africa in his infancy. At the tender age of 2 years he had been captured by a white hunter, perhaps the famed Willie deBeers, and was acquired for the Cleveland Zoo by the Gordon and Vernon Stouffer and Frederick C. Crawford East African Safari.



"Junior," the Black Rhino in his outdoor paddock.

Junior and his female companion, "Maggie," arrived in Cleveland in the fall of 1955. The Pachyderm Building was not yet completed when the boatload of African animals was offloaded on the east coast and shipped to Cleveland via rail. It was not until the next summer that the Pachyderm Building was dedicated and opened to the public. The rhino's, along with the 3 African Elephants, 3 Masai Giraffes, and 2 Nile Hippos, had to bide their time in unfinished quarters.

After arrival in Cleveland, Junior became quite ill, and nearly succumbed to some intestinal "bug" that laid him low for a long time. He eventually recovered and became a favorite animal among Zoo keepers and administrative personnel who adopted him as "their friend." Maggie was never friendly toward anyone in the Zoo. She died in 1962 of yellow jaundice and left Junior alone in the rhino department.

Sometime shortly after making the Cleveland Zoo his home, his companion, Maggie, stepped on the end of his tail. The tail was so badly injured that a portion of the end eventually fell off.

The lack of a full rear appendage in no way hampered Junior's life style during the years that followed.

I had always believed that black rhinos were formidable, ill-tempered, short-sighted beasts, which had no desire to be friends with humans. Such was not the case with Junior. He had a sweet disposition, and dearly loved an apple, sweet potato, banana (peeling included) or a piece of bread which he would gently grasp from a human hand. A special treat for him was a piece of candy — he was particularly fond of Life Savers and most of those people who knew Junior usually carried a roll and offered him several "rings" when the opportunity arose.

In all the years I knew Junior he had never been unfriendly toward me. One of the highlights of any tour I was privileged to conduct in the Zoo was a stop at Junior's enclosure where he would always come to my call and accept the handout I had for him, much to the delight of the audience.

I will always miss this lovable old fellow who brought joy to my workdays at the Zoo. It seems so strange to go by his compound and see it empty.

Hopefully, when new rhinos are acquired to replace Junior, they can be trained to duplicate his friendly personality. He was truly an animal friend to those who knew him.

Zoo-Potpourri



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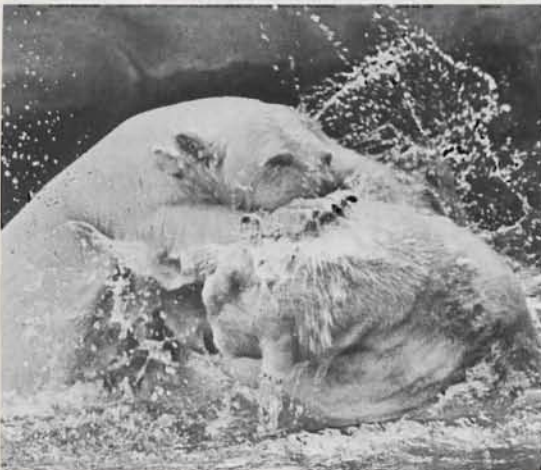
On October 28, 1975 the Cleveland Metroparks System assumed responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Zoo . . . and a new, exciting era began for the Cleveland Zoological Society. Over the years, the Zoological Society initiated many new programs and the construction of new animal displays, but it was hampered by having to provide the daily operational costs of the Zoo. Now the Society can devote all of its time and monies to the design and construction of new animal exhibits and the development of education and animal propagation programs.

In accordance with its new role, the Zoological Society has adopted a new logo, designed by Cleveland artist Bernice Kochan. This logo, representing the Zoological Society's goals of conservation, education and recreation, will appear on all Society stationery and materials.



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Cleveland Zoological Society Bicentennial Calendar — In honor of our Nation's Bicentennial celebration the Cleveland Zoological Society has published this calendar featuring pictures of Zoo animals native to the United States. These Metroparks Zoo animals were photographed by CLEVELAND PRESS photographer Tony Tomsic. Only a few of these popular calendars are still available; to obtain a Bicentennial Calendar send \$1.25 to Bicentennial Calendar, Metroparks Zoo, Brookside Park, Cleveland, Ohio 44109.



These two Polar Bears enjoy a lively wrestling match in their pool. Polar Bears enjoy such outdoor sports regardless of the weather!

Photo by Ron Kuntz



A Zoo tour train, driven by Frank Sandusky, carried the "Original Euphonious Goodtime Company Band" from Baldwin Wallace College in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Docent Rosemary Losh dressed as a tiger and Docent Chris DeHart dressed as a gorilla and charmed all the young children and the young at heart along the parade route.

Photo by Kathleen Hemker, Metroparks Zoo

Zippity Zoo Night



Think you're one of Cleveland's "swingers"? Well, come to Zippity Zoo Night on June 16 and meet some of Cleveland's real swingers!

Whether or not you consider yourself a "swinger," we guarantee you'll enjoy the delightful festivities of Zippity Zoo Night. The Women's Committee has been planning this gala extravaganza since the close of last year's super successful event. While you're enjoying the beauty of Zoo grounds at sunset and the company of other zoophiles you'll be helping to improve your Zoo. The proceeds from Zippity Zoo Night 1976 will be used to develop new exhibits at the Children's Farm.

You'll be receiving your invitation soon — say yes — join us at Zippity Zoo Night and spend an unforgettable June evening at your Zoo!

Spring Events In Your Metroparks

Metroparks Zoo

May 2, 2:00 p.m.Case Western Reserve University Jazz Ensemble

May 16, All Day.Campfire Girls' Day

The Campfire Girls salute the Bicentennial at the Metroparks Zoo. The public is invited to attend.

May 30, 2:00 p.m.Sheep Shearing at the Children's Farm

Come and watch the entire yarn-making process, from the shearing of the sheep to the spinning of the wool.

June 6, 2:00 p.m.First Day of Issue —1976 Zoo Local Post Stamps

Cleveland Zoological Society will issue the second set of stamps in its Zoo Local Post series. The 1976 Bicentennial stamps honor the American Bald Eagle, Bison and Alligator.

June 16, 6:00 p.m.Zippity Zoo Night

Annual Benefit dinner sponsored by the Women's Committee and held at the Zoo. Reservations are required; for information contact the Zoo.

June 27, All DayAmerican Animals Day

Metroparks Zoo Docents will give guided tours featuring the American Animals at the Zoo.

Cleveland Metroparks System

The Cleveland Metroparks System sponsors far too many events to list in this publication, consequently, only a few, special events are highlighted. Anyone interested in other Metroparks events should consult the Metroparks' monthly publication, *THE EMERALD NECKLACE*, or call 621-1054.

The North Chagrin, Brecksville and Rocky River Trailside Interpretive Centers are open daily

from 9:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. Throughout the months of April and May these Centers host many bird identification workshops, morning birdwalks, wildflower walks, Spring walks, nature and night hikes.

April 4, All Day.Bicentennial Family Planting Day Ceremony

Cleveland area families are invited to plant the seedlings they obtained at the Sportsman Show in one of the Metroparks. Local TV celebrities will participate in this event.

April 11Easter Egg Hunt

The Metropark Brecksville Stable will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt along the Trails in the vicinity of the Stables. Consult *THE EMERALD NECKLACE* for the exact time.

April 27, 7:30 p.m.Fishing Clinic

The Metroparks and the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources will sponsor a fishing clinic at the Rocky River Trailside Center. No fee.

May 2, 7:30 p.m.Fishing Clinic

The Metroparks and the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources will sponsor a fishing clinic at the Manakiki Golf Course Clubhouse, Metropark North Chagrin. No fee.

May 2, 10 a.m. — 12 noonPromises and Payoffs from Space Activities

Part one of a five program series sponsored by the Metroparks and Cleveland State University exploring the significance of the knowledge derived from the space program. Fee will be charged.

May 8 & 9, 9:00 a.m. — 5:30 p.m. . . ."Snakes, Snakes and More Snakes"

The Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists will present an exhibition of approximately 25 different snakes at the Rocky River Interpretive Center.

May 22, All Day.Metrocycle '76

Vehicular traffic will be severely limited throughout the Cleveland Metroparks System so bikers of all ages can enjoy a day of bicycling on Park roads.

Nilgai—The “Blue Bull” of India

“Blue Bull” is a common English name given to Nilgai antelope because of the blue-grey coloring of the males. Female Nilgai are more lightly colored and do not possess short, sturdy horns like the males.

Residents of the forests, low jungles and grass steppes of central India, Nilgai live in small groups in specific territories. These antelopes are browsers and grazers, and while feeding on tree foliage, may rise on their hind legs in order to reach the higher branches. Fruits and sugar cane are also a part of their diet and their fondness for sugar cane sometimes results in considerable damage to the domestic sugar cane crop. In the Zoo, Nilgai are fed hay, grain and assorted fruits and vegetables.

In the wild their mating season begins at the end of March and the young are born in December after a gestation period of approximately 245 days. However, in captivity Nilgai may be born year round, with the majority of births occurring during the summer months.

Nilgai are considered to be relatives of the Sacred Cow by Hindus and consequently enjoy some immunity from human persecution. The chief enemies of Nilgai are leopards and lions, not human hunters, for Nilgai carry insignificant trophies (short horns) and have poor-tasting meat.



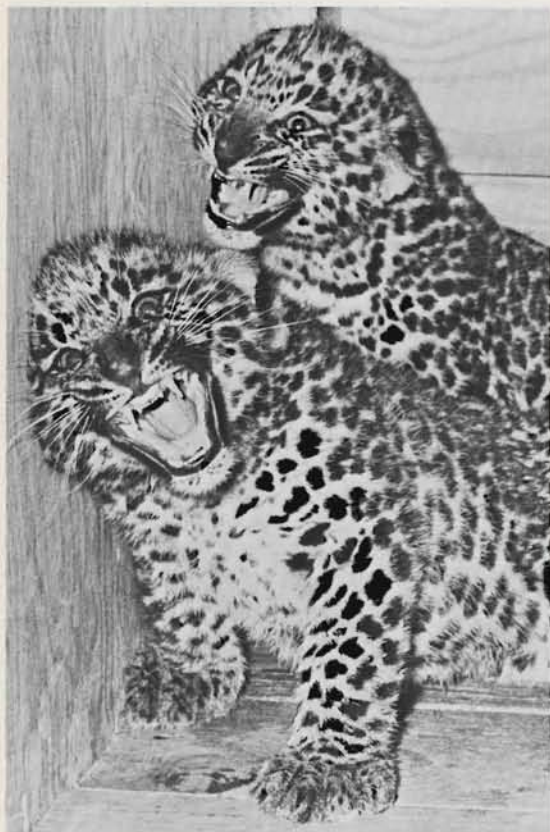
Photo by Kathleen Hemker, Metroparks Zoo

The Metroparks Zoo exhibits a pair of Nilgai in one of the paddocks located across from the Children’s Farm.



Construction of the new Primate and Feline Building continues as workmen are now setting the steel to form the walls. The building is scheduled to be completed in 1977 and will then house the Zoo’s ape and cat collection.

New In The Zoo



This pair of Indian Leopards lets CLEVELAND PRESS photographer Tony Tomsic know that they don't appreciate cameras or photographers! Born at the Zoo on December 4, 1975, they are quartered, with their mother, in the Ape and Cat Building.

NOTABLE ACQUISITIONS

Mammals

- 0/1 West African Baboon
- 2/1 Reeve's Muntjacs
- 1/1 Nilgai
- 1/0 Eland
- 1/0 Sitatunga
- 0/1 Guinea Baboon
- 0/1 Striped Skunk (brown phase)

Birds

- 1/2 Humboldt's Penguins
- 1/0 Bronze Turkey
- 1 Double Yellow Head Parrot
- 1/0 Turkey Vulture (Buzzard)
- 1 Marble Teal
- 1 Hawaiian Duck
- 1 Falcated Teal

Reptiles*

- 1 California King Snake
- 1 Snapping Turtle
- 1 Rainbow Boa

NOTABLE BIRTHS

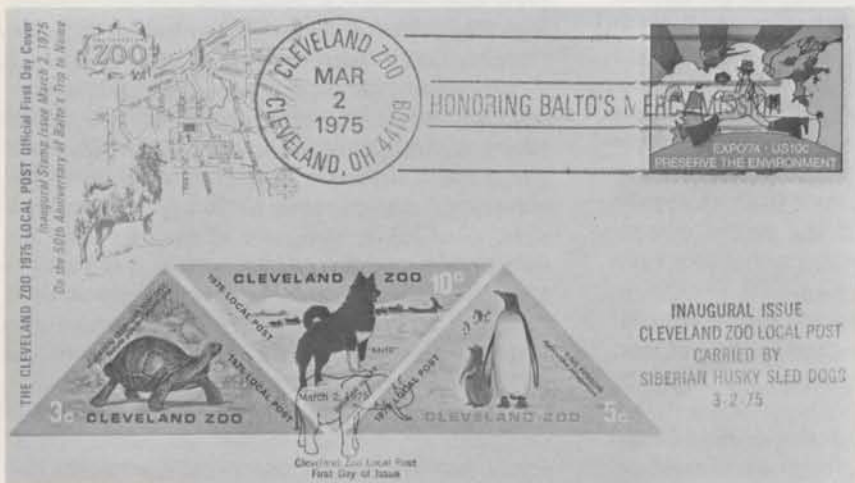
- 1/0 Patagonian Cavy
- 1/1 Indian Leopard
- 1/0 Gelada Baboon
- 1 Sitatunga
- 1 Giant Red Kangaroo
- 3 Bennett's Wallabies
- 2 Rhesus Monkeys

NOTABLE HATCHINGS

- 4 Painted Quail
- 4 Egyptian Geese

Code: 1/0—male, 0/1—female, 1—undetermined

*Used in education classes, not on exhibit



The Cleveland Zoological Society will issue a second set of stamps in its Zoo Local Post series on June 6, 1976. These Bicentennial stamps will honor the American Bison, Bald Eagle and Alligator. The 1975 series — honoring "Balto," the Alaskan sled dog, King Penguins and Aldabra Elephant Tortoises — is still available. F.O.Z. members will receive notification of First Day of Issue ceremonies and stamp order forms in May.

A First Day Cover contains all three local post stamps, a United States postage stamp and appropriate cancellations. All First Day Covers were transported through the Zoo's postal system via Siberian sled dogs and are so designated with a special cancellation.

A House is Not a Zoo

by Roger Caras

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My 13-year-old daughter has a way of making things sound important, especially at six o'clock in the morning.

"Wake up, Daddy. Right this minute." I sat on the edge of the bed struggling for focus. She was clear-eyed, being much better equipped for the hour. "Jackie ate the toilet seat."

It was funny. Even at 6 a.m. It was much funnier than the previous day's discovery that Jackie had eaten half the living-room sofa.

Jackie was a 60-pound mountain lion who was spending three days with my family because she and I had some dates on television. She was to help me dramatize the plight of North American wildlife.

Several months after Jackie had been our rather expensive house guest, she was being carried by a keeper who was her special love in the world. On this one occasion, something made her think for an instant that he was going to drop her, and her reflexes went off like a spring-loaded bolt. The keeper lost most of one ear. Jackie quite literally adored the keeper, but Jackie is a mountain lion, an animal of fantastic power and speed, whose instincts are forever wild. She will therefore always be dangerous to handle.

Because I am a naturalist who spends a lot of time lecturing and making television appearances, an interesting variety of wild animals pass through our household each year. My wife, children, and I have had considerable experience in handling these animals, and since our adventure with Jackie, our house has been equipped to maintain exotic guests for a day or two until they go back to the zoo from which they came. But none of these animals are pets, and not even with our special circumstances would I consider keeping such animals as a part of the family.

But people by the thousand, people with far less expertise and experience than we, do just that, oblivious of not only the hidden but even the obvious hazards.

One day not long ago, a young ocelot was delivered to the San Francisco home of an eager family who wanted an exotic pet. Just four days earlier, before being flown from its native Peru, the jungle cat had been examined by a government veterinarian who vaccinated it for rabies and certified

that it was fit for shipment to the United States. Within two weeks, the ocelot had bitten five people, and when the owners took it to the local vet because it seemed to be sick, the vet told them their pet had rabies. A few days later it was dead.

Luckily, the five people who had been bitten were located and given a 21-shot series of antirabies vaccine. Without the shots, these victims stood a good chance of getting rabies, which is invariably fatal.

Despite such well-publicized incidents, and the repeated warnings of experts, tens of thousands of Americans annually try to turn their homes into



Wild cats can never be tamed, they always retain lightning-like reflexes.

Photo by Tony Tomsic, Cleveland Press

small-scale zoos. More than 5,000 Americans own exotic jungle cats. In 1967, more than 28 million wild animals were imported into this country, including just about everything from antelope to zebra.

Most of the animals are shipped to laboratories, but a vast number wind up in pet shops and homes. Every day, zoos all over the country answer calls from disgruntled wild-animal owners trying to unload their mistakes. In fact, zoos rarely accept such trophies. Generally, they are poor health risks.

Almost anyone who handles animals professionally will advise an inexperienced person against taking a wild animal into the home. Yet many people seem to assume that if an animal is for sale, especially by a reputable pet store, it must be all right — which is obviously all wrong. There are laws prohibiting the sale of certain wild animals, but these laws are rarely enforced, and forbidden pets may be bought over the counter almost anywhere. And there are no laws that require pet shops to warn the buyer of the potential hazards.

Conservationists, humanists, and health experts all believe firmly that wild animals belong in their native habitat, not in the American home. The cruelty to animals and the danger of depleting wild breeding stocks are profound. There is an even more urgent consideration than this, however — the inherent danger to the owner of the pet.

The risk comes in three forms: disease and parasites, venom poisoning and physical injury — bites, scratches, kicks, and gorings.

Most wild animals are capable of carrying infections that are dangerous and easily transmissible. Probably any animal can spread rabies, for instance. Although antirabies shots have kept the fatality rate almost to zero in this country, some 30,000 Americans annually undergo the painful preventive injections because of animal bites. And every year, one or two people die.

Hepatitis, the debilitating liver disease that leaves patients in bed for weeks, passes easily from one species to another. The list of other transmissible diseases is long — tularemia, salmonella, yaba virus, melioidosis, leptospirosis, pseudotuberculosis, even bubonic plague.

Another highly communicable disease, psittacosis, or parrot fever, caused widespread severe illness before it was brought under control by one of the few wild-pet laws that actually work. The infection is so dangerous that for many years the importation of parrots, macaws, and their relatives had to be banned. Then in 1967, the ban was lifted by a law that substituted a 90-day period of quarantine and antibiotic treatment for any such birds entering the United States. That law set off a boom in the bird trade, with thousands of parrots, macaws, and similar birds being shipped north from Central and South America annually. Although this no longer poses a special danger to people, the volume of the business appalls conservationists, some of whom have estimated that only one bird in 50 will survive in captivity.

Many infectious diseases, of course, can be carried by tame pets as well as wild ones, but few of them are, because domesticated animals in the United States receive good veterinary care. Wild animals, on the other hand, are often imported in bulk shipments, making medical policing difficult. Because vets are unfamiliar with their illnesses, a sick animal may pass undiagnosed and then go through several pet emporiums before it arrives in a private home. This kind of treatment does nothing to improve the beast's disposition, and a bad-tempered animal is a poor companion for any human.

It doesn't matter how long you've had a pet or how much confidence you've always had in its tameness. In a New Jersey community, neighbors of a man who owned an aging, well-behaved lion started a campaign to get rid of the beast. Other neighbors came to the lion's defense, however, and nothing was done. Within two months, it attacked and killed the 18-month-old son of a neighbor who had taken the owner's side.

No wild cat can be trusted indefinitely. The same is said of bears, who almost invariably mature into cranky adults. And once they reach

sexual maturity, all monkeys and apes bite. A mature chimpanzee bears little resemblance to the cute baby chimps that do tricks on television or in circus acts. A full-grown chimp looks more like a gorilla, and it is strong enough to kill a man. Even a minor bite by a monkey or ape calls for immediate, often drastic treatment, because serious infection is likely.

Without exception, wild animals should be respected for what they are — unchangeably wild. The animals themselves cannot be blamed: frightened, confused, often badly abused during capture and shipment, sometimes unwell, they are on the defensive and at their worst.

So why take a chance? There are over 130 breeds of dogs available in the United States. There are cats, horses, donkeys, goats, and birds. Considering the risks, there is little excuse for any private citizen to set up his own zoo. Aside from the inevitable, if unintentional, cruelty to the animals, the project can end at any moment with serious infection or injury.



This rabbit seems to enjoy the attention of the young child; wild animals seldom submit to holding and petting.

The parent who wants to help foster an interest in wildlife or give his youngster a more exciting pet than the usual cat or dog can turn to the harmless snakes, many species of rodents, various turtles or lizards, or standard cage birds. A home terrarium featuring reptiles and amphibians can be an excellent family project.

But there should be a ban on all other wild animals. There are, in fact, scores of laws on the books in states and municipalities across America restricting the shipment, sale, and ownership of all manner of exotic creatures. But for the most part, these laws, like the ones against cruelty to animals, are ignored. Even the federal laws governing import are confusing and inspire a veritable avalanche of apathy on the part of authorities who don't know that the laws exist or can't figure them out. What we need is a clear code that protects man and animal alike, and that applies to all states of the nation. *Reprinted by permission of Family Health.*



Children's Farm

Spring is here and at the Metroparks Zoo that means one thing — the Children's Farm is open for the season! In its 18th season of operation the Farm is modeled after a typical Ohio farm and allows Zoo visitors of all ages to become acquainted with young domestic farm animals and native Ohio wild animals.

In preparation for your family's annual visit, *ZOO NEWS* offers the following article, reprinted from the *BEEF BUSINESS BULLETIN*.

What is a Cow?

A cow is a completely automatic milk manufacturing machine. It is encased in untanned leather and mounted on 4 vertical movable supports, one on each corner. The front end contains the cutting and grinding mechanism, as well as headlights, air inlet

and exhaust, a bumper and a foghorn. At the rear is the dispensing apparatus and an automatic fly swatter. The central portion houses a hydrochemical conversion plant. This consists of 4 fermentation and storage tanks, connected in series by an intricate network of flexible plumbing. This section also contains the heating plant, complete with automatic temperature controls; pumping station; and main ventilating system. The waste disposal apparatus is located at the rear of this central section.

In brief: the external visible features are 2 lookers, 2 hookers, 4 stander-uppers, 4 hanger-downers, and a swishy-wishy.

There is a similar machine known as a bull, which should not be confused with a cow. It produces no milk, but has other interesting uses.



These young animals at the Children's Farm are not the cows described in the article, but bulls, which have "other interesting uses."

Photo by Tony Tomsic, Cleveland Press

Trails For All People

by Barbara L. Riedel, Public Information Officer, Cleveland Metroparks System

Park systems everywhere offer Nature at its finest; plenty of sun, wind, trees and open meadows . . . to those able to walk and climb with ease. All too often, individuals with physical handicaps are left in the parking lots. Everyone, regardless of his or her ability or disability, our senior citizens, persons in wheelchairs, those on crutches, the non-sighted, and individuals with hearing impairment can now enjoy all the educational, recreational and aesthetic pleasures that are the Cleveland Metroparks, throughout the four seasons of the year.



Visitors to these Trails can explore native woodland habitats.

A short time ago, the Cleveland Metroparks System set a precedent among regional park systems throughout the country with the establishment of the specially designed and attractive "Trails For All People," which are located in Metroparks Brecksville, North Chagrin and Rocky River.

These asphalt paved Trails vary in width from six to ten feet, and easily accommodate the passage of two wheelchairs. They follow a circular, or "loop," pattern and average one-third of a mile in length. Ice and snow are removed during the winter months for safety and convenience. Each Trail is located near a Trailside Interpretive

Center, which hosts many programs and guided walks for all Park visitors.

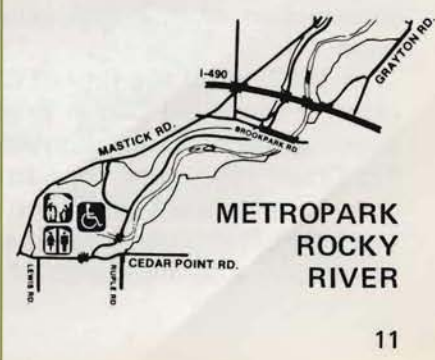
The Trails are unique with regard to their surrounding habitat. For instance, the Harriet L. Keeler Woodland Trail, located in Metropark Brecksville, shows evidence of pine reforestation, deeply dissected gorges and an oak-hickory forest. Hemlocks, American beech, sugar, and red maples line the edges of ravines in Metropark North Chagrin along the A. B. Williams Woodland Trail. The Rocky River Woodland Trail encourages close physical contact with the woods, for one can touch the bark of some twenty-seven species of trees along the Trail.

To enable the non-sighted to enjoy these areas, special braille trail guidebooks are available from Naturalists at each Interpretive Center, as are larger print copies for those with limited vision.

A specially designed Rocky River Woodland Trail Guide for the Deaf was recently developed. Visual images replace written text and the excitement of the outdoor world comes "alive" as the major points and ideas illustrated encourage total sensory exploration. Once again the Cleveland Metroparks System is proud to have set a precedent with this guide, the first of its kind ever published for use on such a trail in the United States.

We encourage you to visit these Trails throughout the year. Please feel free to discover, and photograph, the animals and plant life, enjoy the exhibits in the Interpretive Centers and rest on benches along the Trails. These Trails do, in fact, cater to "ALL" people, so use and enjoy them as Nature's theater presents its marvelous show to you and yours.

METROPARK BRECKSVILLE



The End of Flooding — The Beginning of a New Zoo

A \$40 million plan to create new Zoo exhibits and expand present facilities was announced by the Cleveland Metroparks System on January 20, 1976. The proposal included the construction of a reptile building, small mammal house, aviary, new monkey island, flight cages for birds of prey and larger ranges for hoofed animals. These new exhibits would be located on land that is now occupied by the Ape and Cat Building, old Monkey Island and Hoofed Animal Paddocks.

This Zoo master plan would be executed, in phases, over the next 20 years and be financed by the Cleveland Zoological Society, Friends of the Zoo, Cleveland Metroparks System and federal funds.



The Reptile Department (in the basement of the Ape and Cat Building) after the flood of January 21, 1959.



Rising flood waters have often spilled into the Zebras' paddock. This photograph, taken by Tony Tomsic, records the water level of the 1972 flood, a level that has been either duplicated or exceeded by many other Zoo floods.

plays. Unfortunately, the Zoo lies partially (approximately 40 acres) within the flood plain of Big Creek and as industry, housing developments and Interstate 71 have changed the land upstream of the Zoo, the flow of water into Big Creek has increased. Today, the existing channel cannot handle excessively large volumes of water and frequent flooding of Zoo grounds has been the result. In recent years the flooding has grown progressively worse and on August 24, 1975 the Zoo sustained the worst flood in its 94-year history.

The Army Corps of Engineers is now examining the topography of the area and the effects a Big Creek flood control project would have on the Zoo and the vicinity. One remedy under consideration would involve the construction of about 4,700 feet of new stream channel north of the Zoo grounds to carry the bulk of the water, while the existing Big Creek channel would remain to be used as an overflow channel. The Norfolk and Western/Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks would be realigned to accommodate the new channel. The Corps has tentatively scheduled construction to begin in the spring of 1978.

After the Corps has completed the Big Creek flood control project the Metroparks Zoo can begin work on new Zoo exhibits.

The immediate future of this proposal is dependent upon the results of studies now being conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers on the flood problems of Big Creek. The area of the Zoo that this plan would affect is subjected to frequent flooding and until those problems are remedied, construction of new Zoo exhibits cannot begin.

In 1907, when the City of Cleveland decided to locate the Zoo in Brookside Park, flooding was not a major problem and the Big Creek valley was considered a scenic area. In subsequent years Zoo administrators incorporated the valley's natural, varied topography into the design of animal dis-

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We sincerely thank you for your past support. You have always been most generous, and we ask you not to forget tomorrow. The Zoological Society wishes to continue these fine traditions of quality programs in education and conservation. Please help — remember the children of tomorrow, today.

For those wishing to remember the Cleveland Zoological Society when preparing their last Will and Testament, the following form is suggested:

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