

reproductive techniques. When she edited a modern version of *Wild Animals in Captivity* she permitted us to copy it and make it into three issues of ZOO ZEN.

Devra introduced me to Jon Ballou and he was a tremendous influence and help with my interest in Sangai, taking many many hours to help me make a poster presentation for that highly endangered species for a conference in Washington. He, along with Bob Lacy came to India and taught South

Indian foresters and zoo personnel population biology with particular reference to Lion-tailed macaques.

It is only now with her passing that I troubled to inventory Devra's immense influence on me, ZOO, and others that knew her ... in India and many other parts of the world also. She lived a fulsome and generous life. Her innovations and advances in conservation will be remembered and appreciated for a very long time to come. ■

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## Loving Remarks about Devra Kleiman by Colleagues

### **Steve Monfort, DVM, PhD, Director**

Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute  
National Zoological Park

Dear Colleagues,

Devra was a pioneer in the fields of Zoo and Conservation Biology, serving with distinction as the head of the National Zoo's Department of Zoological Research from 1978-95 but remained active till her recent demise.

Devra was hired at National Zoological Park as a reproductive biologist in 1970. She quickly established research programs on social and reproductive behaviors in white tigers and golden lion tamarins, with the aim of improving captive management and reproduction. She established active collaborations between research and collection management staff, which was a defining moment in Zoo Biology. It was the integration of research and exhibit collection programs that today is the standard of practice and excellence for all modern zoos. Thus Devra helped to launch the modern era of science-based zoo biology and animal management.

Throughout her career, she was an unrelenting champion for conservation, especially for her beloved golden lion tamarins. She was someone who believed that she could make a difference in making the earth a better place for having walked upon it, and she had high expectations for those around her to do the same. Devra understood that the best hope of securing a future for the earth's biodiversity was to ensure the success of the current and next generation. And so, it is fitting that Devra's greatest legacy is that she was a terrific mentor, friend and colleague to dozens of conservationists whose careers she helped to advance. Their work over the decades to come will serve as a fitting testament to her impact as a conservation biologist and champion for the planet.

### **Robert C. Lacy, Chair**

IUCN/SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group  
USA

Devra made major contributions to conservation biology, and especially to the integration of field and zoo research, zoo management, reintroduction science and practice, and wildlife conservation.

She had a huge impact on many people around the world, helping to train and mentor many of the leaders of conservation biology and zoo animal science.

She was a leading participant in many CBSG workshops and activities. Devra's enthusiasm, wisdom, and friendship will be greatly missed.