

News of Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh



New exhibits at the Sakkarbaug Zoo include a white tiger, swamp deer, fox, jungle cat, a white porcupine, saras crane and a white krait. A new enclosure has been constructed, a moated enclosure for tigers which covers an area of about one ha.

New educational activities initiated included a zoo police project with students from secondary and primary schools coming to the zoo on Sunday and holidays in as many as two dozen batches to give their voluntary services the whole day at Zoo, as Zoo police, monitoring visitors.

Sakkarbaug Zoo has been deeply involved since many years with various kind of environment awareness programmes. Apart from making various display boards more informative, to educate people about the importance of nature and environmental conservation the zoo organise a variety of Programmes like snake exhibition, snake show and different competitions on special events like Wildlife Week, World Environment Day, World Earth Day, Animal Welfare Fortnight, etc. With similar objectives one of the very important activities in this field is the nature education camps. Here students usually from secondary school come to the zoo in a batch of about 60 student at a time. These student use the facilities created at the new zoo area in natural surrounding during their stay at the zoo. This brings these student close to nature and makes them aware of the importance of environmental conservation. Different activities like nature walk, identification and importance of different flora and fauna, camp fire etc. are organised during their stay at zoo camp site.

Sakkarbaug Zoo has some single animals for which it requires mates:

Ratel	Male	Required One Female
Giant Squirrel	Male	Required One Female
Jungle Cat	Male	Required One Female
Swamp Deer	Female	Required One Male

Since we last published news of Sakkarbaug Zoo, the following Births and Hatchings have occurred June '98 up to Feb. '99.

Animal	Date of Birth or Hatching	Sex			
		M	F	U	T
White Peafowl	June '98	-	-	1	1
Chinkara	July '98	1	-	-	1
Sambar	August '98	1	-	-	1
Blackbuck*	August '98	-	1	-	1
Spotted Deer	August '98	-	1	-	1
Chausinga	Sept '98	-	1	-	1
Lion	Sept. '98	-	4	-	4
Chausinga	Sept. '98	2	-	-	2
Spotted Deer	Oct. '98	-	1	-	1
White Buck	Oct. '98	1	-	-	1
Peafowl	Nov. '98	-	-	5	5
Spotted Deer	Nov. '98	-	1	-	1
Spotted Deer	Nov. '98	1	-	-	1
Budgeriger	Dec. '98	-	-	37	37
Love Birds	Dec. '98	-	-	32	32
Grey Lag Goose	Dec. '98	-	-	10	10
Spotted Deer	Jan. '99	-	1	-	1
Lion	Jan. '99	1	-	-	1
Chinkara	Jan. '99	-	1	-	1
Barking deer	Feb. '99	1	-	-	1
Budgeriger	Feb. '99	-	-	30	30
Luv Birds	Feb. '99	-	-	40	40
Muscovy Duck	Feb. '99	-	-	10	10

* one of these is white



325 Surplus Animals of Sakkarbaug Zoo -- available for exchange

Mammals	m	f	u	t
Lion	6	17	0	23
Tiger	1	0	0	1
Panther	10	5	0	15
Wolf	6	2	0	8
Hyena	1	1	0	2
Sloth Bear	1	0	0	1
Chinkara	1	1	0	2
Four-horned Antelope	10	8	0	18
White Blackbuck	1	1	0	2
Blackbuck	2	0	0	2
Sambar	5	0	0	5
Wild Ass	3	1	0	4
Spotted Deer	20	23	0	43
Barking Deer	1	0	0	1
Rhesus Macaque	2	0	0	2
Bonnet Macaque	3	2	0	5
<u>Birds</u>				
Budgeriger	0	0	67	67
White peafowl	0	0	2	2
Muscovy duck	0	0	9	9
Grey lag goose	0	0	10	10
Lovebirds	0	0	72	72
<u>Reptiles</u>				
Crocodile	1	0	4	5
Python	0	1	1	2

Acquisitions from other Zoos, Confiscations, Rescues, etc.

Species	Date	Sex	Source
Wild Ass	March '98	1 - - 1	RFO-Bajana
Demoiselle Crane	Mar '98	- - 1 1	B. Hajabhai, Bantva
Jackal	March '98	1 - - 1	Railway Workshop-JND
Wolf	March '98	1 - - 1	RFO-Thangadh
Rhesus Macaque	April '98	1 - - 1	RFO-Ahmedabad
Emu	April '98	1 - - 1	Baroda- ZOO
Panther	May '98	1 - - 1	RFO-Dunger (N)-Junagadh
Crocodile	June '98	- - 1 1	ACF-WildAss,D'dhra
Krait	July '98	- - 2 2	Junagadh City Area
Lion	Sept. '98	1 - - 1	Devalia Safari Parks-Sasan
Lion cub	Nov. '98	- 3 - 3	" "
Leopard	Nov. '98	1 - - 1	RFO- Jashadhar
Tiger	Nov. '98	1 1 - 2	Kanpur ZOO, Kanpur
Tiger (White)	Nov. '98	- 1 - 1	" "
Swamp Deer	Nov. '98	1 1 - 2	" "
Silver Pheasant	Nov. '98	- 2 - 2	" "
Saras Crane	Nov. '98	1 1 - 2	" "
Krait (White)	Nov. '98	- - 1 1	Zoo Parking Lot, Junagadh
Jackle	Jan. '99	- 1 - 1	Rajkot Zoo, Rajkot
Indian Fox	Jan. '99	2 - - 2	" "
Lion	Jan. '99	1 - - 1	Devalia Safari Park, Sasan
Wild Ass	Feb. '99	- 1 - 1	Ahmedabad Zoo
Porcupine (White)	Feb. '99	1 1 - 2	" "
Wolf	Feb. '99	1 - - 1	" "
Blackbuck	Feb. '99	1 - - 1	RFO, Extension, Upleta
Total		17 12 5 34	