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Drill „Dori“ at Frankfurt Zoo (photo: Verena Behringer)

Dear members, dear friends of the Drill:

Again we'd like to give you an inside look on the Drillgroup of "Borgori Woods" in Frankfurt Zoo, Germany. You also will find a report of our recent Annual General Meeting in this issue.

Enjoy reading your Drill Info!

Your editorial team

When you think, you know it, then you only imagine that you're knowing it....!

So there you are, self-confident, thinking that you're ready for a new monkey-species which shouldn't be much trouble and then...

Working in a zoo for about 30 years and working with several different species you're looking forward to get new, interesting and fascinating primates. I was interested in them for quite a while and after seeing these primates in other zoos and speaking with the colleagues who keep this species successfully for a long time I really got excited. We also knew the curator who has the studbook personally so that we could contact him in any case of emergency.

So every member of the team of "Borgori Woods" in Frankfurt was happy to accommodate Drills and take care of them.

We all agreed that it shouldn't be difficult to keep the Drills. When the animals arrived in May 2008 everything was fine. Nothing unusual happened.

So the beginning of Drill-keeping was "easy going". The get-together of the 3 Drills from Hannover Zoo and the male Drill from Saarbrücken was peaceful. Managing the animals, like feeding and conducting them from one habitat to the other was easy. The only "problem" was the fact that all plants in the enclosure were eaten by the Drills. Especially the roots and barks of the trees.

The whole situation is really strange because the Drills are eating all the time, nonstop. First we thought the reason for this is our calorie-reduced diet. We asked the keepers from other zoos and they told us that the Drills are behaving in a normal way.

So the animals grew and gained weight (especially "Ricardo", he has quite a belly by now, we should keep an eye on that!).

As an alternative environmental enrichment we put a thick layer of litter with dried leaves on top into the enclosures. The Drills are now digging through it in the search for something delicious.

The social order of the group still gives us a headache. We haven't seen an improvement yet. Which means that there's no grooming between the individuals, The male Drill from Saarbrücken (his name's "Tschepo") separates from the group (so we all call him "the lonely": greetings to Northern Germany). Even though he's clearly the alpha male who has the privilege to eat first and to investigate new situations first while the others back away, he has no interest in the females. "Ricardo" on the contrary loves to sit with the females, so that the 3 Hannoverian Drills stick together most of the times.

At the moment we give them filled bamboo and boxes with food of different shapes and sizes to keep them busy. We got one special box developed by a highly motivated student for our orang utans. We also took this box to the Drills and they managed to get the food out of it in about two minutes.

So as a conclusion the Drills are still a riddle for us. They brought us all back to basics. But still we are excited to have them by all means and hopefully they become a real group with family-ties before we socialize them with Guerezas and Gorillas.

See you soon with hopefully more optimistic news from Frankfurt

Carsten Knott, Frankfurt Zoo

Annual General Meeting at Hagenbeck's Zoo

I'd like to give a short summary about the meeting to all members who couldn't get to the AGM in Hamburg personally.

Having a free entrance and an interesting guiding-tour through the new tropical-aquarium our meeting started at 2 o'clock p.m. at the winter restaurant of Hagenbeck's Zoo.

After a friendly welcome by Mr. Wolters, the Zoo inspector, we listened to two interesting speeches: The first one was held by Tony Kershaw, our chairman, who told us news about the Drill, our foundation and our future goals.

One of the news from "Pandrillus" in Nigeria was that the reintroduction of the Drills to the Afi Mountains will be delayed to 2009.

The second speech was held by Dr. Heike Weber. She gave us an interesting report about her visit to two sanctuaries in Cameroon.

She referred about the work with primates in these sanctuaries as well as about the social life of the people in the homeland of the Drills.

After that the official part of the AGM started.

The cash auditors, Mr. Carlo Rinke and Dr. Antje Hermanns declared the cashier's work has been correct and ordered to release the chairmen. This was done in unison.

The actual account of the foundation is 4674,67 Euro:

Rettet den Drill e. V. Einnahmen und Ausgaben 2008 (bis zum 18.09.2008)

Zusammenfassung Einnahmen:

Mitgliedsbeiträge	1.615,00
Spenden	1.938,10
Sonstige Einnahmen	<u>135,01</u>
	3.688,11

Zusammenfassung Ausgaben:

Bürobedarf, Porto	438,51
Druck Drill Info	196,83
Limbe Wildlife Center (LWC)	420,00
Pharmazeutische HG (LWC)	294,10
Ainare Idoyaga Basares Lufthansa (PANDRILLUS)	923,77
Ainare Idoyaga Basares Aufwandsentschädigung (PANDRILLUS)	2.500,00
Vision Connect, Domaingebühren	21,42
Fahrtkostenersattung Simone de Vries (LWC)	53,10
Kontoführungsgebühren	<u>24,10</u>
	4.871,83

Überschuß **-1.183,72**

Bestand 01.01.2008	5.858,39
Einnahmen	3.688,11
Ausgaben	<u>4.871,83</u>
Bestand 18.09.2008	<u>4.674,67</u>

Dr Antje Hermanns and Mr. Carlo Rinke were again elected as cash auditors.

The number of members was 65 on that day (by now in the mids of December we already have 70 members!).

Also the number of Drills living in Zoos is 70. This number will be explained to you on our homepage soon.

The committee asked the members for active help:

We are still searching for a cheap and secure transport service to Nigeria for medical supplies/clothes etc.

Some members from Hamburg will try to get information about cargo-ships.

But still YOU are welcome to help!

Also the members are asked to find articles for merchandising. We introduced a number of textile-animals but we'd like to sell other items to collect money for the Drills.

Our new Merchandize group under the lead of Mr. Carsten Zehrer is pleased to receive your ideas. Just contact us via our info-address: info@rettet-den-drill.de

Mr. Zehrer also is in charge of the "Drill Info" as head editor now.

Miss Kathrin Paulsen is responsible for our homepage.

After showing the activity profiles of the committee members the AGM was closed at 4.30 p.m.

Kathrin Paulsen

P.S.: Again my whole impression was confirmed at the meeting: It's great to meet and work with so active and interesting members. Thank you for that!

News about the Drills in short term:

Pandrillus: The project in Nigeria has a brand new and very informative homepage.

Got to www.pandrillus.org

Barcelona: After a long time a female baby Drill was born on the 24th of August. The mother is 13-year-old "Inga" from Hannover. Father is "Biko" from Wuppertal.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park: On the 19th of October a baby-Drill was born in England again. The parents are "Gorbi" and "Bibundi" from Stuttgart. The gender is still not confirmed, but the keeper thinks it's a female for the 3rd time.

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