Exotic animals help researchers answer reproduction questions

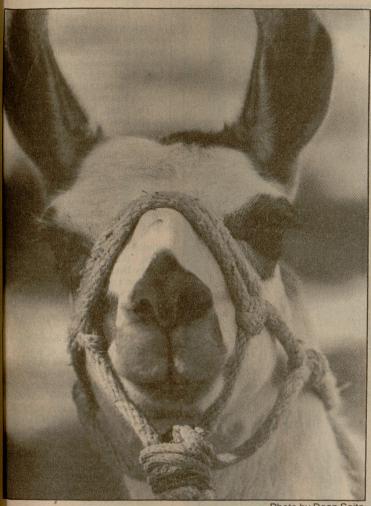


Photo by Dean Saito

Texas A&M is home to this llama. The animal is used to teach hoof trimming, sical exams and immobilization.

By Fiona Soltes Staff Writer

African antelope, coyotes, red sheep, a llama, a lioness, an ostrich and other exotic animals are helping Texas A&M researchers find the answers to questions of reproduction.

Dr. Duane Kraemer, professor of veterinary medicine, physiology and phar-macology, said the animals, which are kept in a wildlife center near Agronomy Road, are used in several University re-

"A lot of our work concerns embryo transfer," Kraemer said. "We're interested in the continuation of many endan-

gered species. The African antelope are among the

endagered species. Dr. Jim Jensen, clinical associate professor of veterinary medicine, physiology and pharmacology, said that A&M owns two types of antelope: African addax antelope and scimitar-horned

'The addaxes are believed to be extinct in parts of their former range of the Sahara desert," Jensen said. "But there are several hundred in North America in captivity. We have one breeding pair.

'The oryxes are an endangered species. We presently have two.'

One of the the oryxes is owned by the Houston Zoo, Kraemer said.

'We've got the scimitar on breeding loan," he said. A&M works with several zoos, Kraemer said, including the Dallas Zoo, where suni antelopes are kept and used for research in conjunction with the

Antelope are just one of many kinds of animals used in University research,

"In the past, we have used baboons,

said. "Currently, we work with the animals here as well as several chimpanzees

Among the animals at A&M is a lioness who has been used in studies for more than 10 years.

"The African lion is a logical host for many of our implantation studies," Kraemer said. "But we're not crossbreeding so much as performing interspecies transfer, which maintains the purity of the species.

Kraemer said that A&M has kept male lions in the past but has none now

Not all animals are used in the reproduction studies, Jensen said.

"We have close to 45 animals, about 50 percent of which came to us as orphans," he said. "We incorporate them into research however we can. We have about 20 white-tailed deer in captivity that we use for a food selection project. We hand-feed them to see what types of foods they prefer."

Jensen said that more animals will be coming to A&M, but nobody yet knows

"By early 1989 we will have completed a new treatment facility as a result of a \$150,000 donation," Jensen said. 'This will allow more animals to come in from various ranches around the state for medical treatment.

Jensen said that various species of antelope and of ostrich are often available. "We've done experimental surgery on

ostrich in the past and we're working on improving our techniques," he said. "Leg problems in the species are very common in young ostrich chicks. Basically, it means correction or death, as the chick cannot stand up to find food."

A&M has one chick, he said, which is

Dallas police forced to drop lawsuit; release internal affairs documents

ALLAS (AP) — A judge on Thurst against a newspaper, a county ssioner and the Texas Attorney ral as authorities agreed to release ts previously kept from the public. said the department also ed to release all available Internal rs Division documents sought by Dallas Times Herald and Dallas y Commissioner John Wiley Price

the Texas Open Records Act. ge Jerry Dellana of the 201st State an attempt to keep the records secret. ct Court in Austin signed an order suit as the city dropped its legal against the Times Herald, Price ne Attorney General Jim Mattox, Paul Pearce, Dallas assistant city at-

ased on the legal ramifications, it's only thing we can do," said Dallas ce Chief Mack M. Vines.

light of the attorney general's ruln this matter and similar cases, I with the City Attorney's Office the release of these documents is the ect and proper thing to do," Vines in a prepared statement.

I've said on many occasions that we

an obligation to be as open as le-and ethically possible," Vines, ook over as chief in August, said. We have one of the best police dements in the United States and the ion to open these records represents er step toward making us even bet-

Attorney Analeslie Muncy said lecision reflects the philosophy of ness Vines brought to Dallas when ok the chief's job in August.

Ve, as attorneys, represent our cliand we give them advice," said cy. "Chief Vines chose to take our e in a different way than the chiefs

nes said last week that two police ers had been accused of purging and oying internal documents "without prization."

ALLAS (AP) — A judge on Thurs-signed an order dropping a police the Internal Affairs Division, is no longer with the department, while the other, Capt. Dwight Walker, head of the division, has been placed on administrative

The newspaper said Oct. 8 that some of the missing documents were those requested under the Open Records Act by the newspaper, Price and Mattox regarding Dallas police shootings. The police department filed suit against the three in

Times Herald Editor Roy E. Bode, who called the suit "frivolous and in bad faith," commended the city attorney's office and Vines for dropping it. 'Unfortunately, a substantial amount sioner's attorney

of time and money has been required to ensure that the public's rights were protected," said Bode. "We are studying our posture on further litigation concerning this subject.

Price had asked for copies of all complaints against Dallas police officers since 1980. Department sources said ged.

most of the complaints filed before Sep-tember 1986 were found to have been destroyed when the city was preparing to surrender them to the county commis-

Vines said last week he did not know what records were missing. The investigation into the purging of documents has een in progress for at least a week.

The Times Herald reported last week that City Attorney Edward Perry publicly denied knowing which records were pur-

Supreme Court halts execution of Huntsville death-row veteran

preme Court halted the execution Thursday of convicted killer Walter Bell, who was scheduled to die by injection early Friday for a robbery 14 years ago that left a Port Arthur couple dead.

The court indicated no vote talley in its order, issued some seven hours before Bell was to be put to death.

"The application for stay of execution of sentence of death, presented to Justice (Byron) White and by him referred to the court, is granted pending the timely filing and disposition by this court of a petition for a writ of certiorari," the order

Bell, 34, ranks third in seniority on the 283-inmate Texas death row, where he has lived nearly 13.5 years following his conviction for the deaths of Ferd and Irene Chisum, both 59, during a robbery

of their home On Thursday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans re-jected a request from Bell's attorneys for a stay, sending the case to the Supreme

Earlier in the week, a federal district

cution scheduled before dawn Friday.
Attorney Eden Harrington of the Uninot be executed because he is mentally

State attorneys disagreed, insisting the arguments should have been raised ear-

The high court already has agreed to review another Texas capital punishment case that challenges the constitutionality of executing mentally retarded people.

Asked to describe Bell's attitude, Harrington replied, "I wouldn't say 'happy' is the word. Obviously, he's nervous In 1974, at the time of his arrest, Bell

one of 13 children in his family said he could neither read nor write and never had any schooling except for some special education classes in his home state of Louisiana.

The bodies of Chisum and his wife were found in their bathtub. Chisum had been stabbed and his wife strangled and

Bell was arrested after he tried to cash Appeals also refused to halt Bell's exe- a check from the Chisums' bank ac-

Attorney Eden Harrington of the University of Texas Law School's Capital Punishment Clinic, who is helping represent Bell, contended the inmate should checks weren't mine. But they convicted me. I'm not a cold-blooded murderer.

Police also found at Bell's residence a container of coins taken from the Chisum home. His fingerprint also was found at their home

"They didn't prove I killed these peo-ple," Bell added. "There were no eyewitnesses. No one had seen me.

Bell first was sentenced to die in December 1974 for Mrs. Chisum's slaying. That conviction, however, was vacated in January 1984 and the sentence was commuted to life. Before the commutation, he was convicted of the Ferd Chisum slaying and sentenced to death.

Bell said he rejected a plea bargain that would have resulted in a 15-year

'I'd have to live with the fact I copped to a murder I didn't do," he said.

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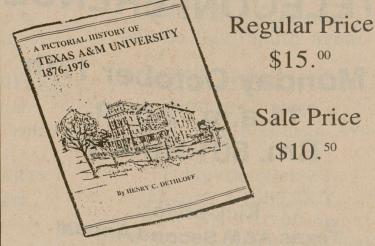
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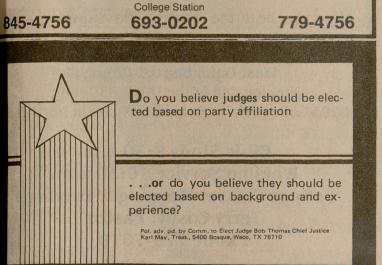


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