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Abstract: Letter of J.Grisham to the cheetah S.S.P. committee member. He added some cheetah hand-rearing protocols.

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TO: CHEETAH S.S.P. Committee Member

FROM: J. GRISHAM

DATE: 12/23/86

SUBJECT: Tabulation of Survey

PER our discussion AT WHITE OAK  
PLANTATION enclosed is your section of  
THE CHEETAH Husbandry Protocol TO BE  
TABULATED. AS discussed ALL RESULTS  
NEED TO BE RETURNED ME BY JAN. 15, 1987

Happy Tabulating

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LACRIE

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

JACK

**CHEETAH SSP HAND-REARING**

Common Name Cheetah

Scientific Name Acinonyx jubatus

Submitted by Sherry Springer

Institution Rio Grande Zoo

Position Veterinary technician

Date 5-1-86

Animal's History Animal born 5-28-85, it was observed. The mom didn't have much milk - started supplementing baby with Esbilac - left with mom - animal losing weight - pulled from mom on 6-4-85.

Date Rec'd at Nursery 6-4-85

Date of Birth 5-28-85

DIET (Divide into five representative age periods from beginning to adulthood)

Age	Animal's Weight	Formula	Average Daily Intake
6-2	5 days 606 gms	started supplementing with 1/2 oz. Esbilac	1/2 oz.
6-3	6 days 602 gms	Esbilac 3/4 oz. a.m. - 1 oz. p.m.-pm wt.	592 mgs
6-4	7 days 584 gms	Esbilac 1 oz.	5 1/2 oz. total
6-5	8 days 670 gms	Esbilac	5 1/4 oz.
6-6	sick - not eaten - bloated	- pull off Esbilac put on lifeguard	
6-20	964 gms	surgery - lifeguard and vivonex w/Nutrical or baby chicken mix	
6-29	33 days old 850 gms	surgery again -	
7-2-85	37 days old	developed peritonitis - euthanize	

Weaning Age: Start \_\_\_\_\_ Finish \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Foods baby strained chicken in milk and formula and out of spoon

Apparatus start with pet nurser - then go to regular baby bottle and nipple

Medical History pyloric stenosis - was born with this - had 2 surgeries after 2nd surgery, developed peritonitis and was euthanized.

Remarks (include cause of death, if applicable) This is not a normal feeding schedule for a cheetah kitten, or normal formula because of the pyloric stenosis - he could not digest or pass solids through the narrowed opening out of his stomach. We normally would raise kittens starting with Esbilac, then mix that KMR until on straight KMR. We also mix into the formula at just a few days of age strained baby chicken. Start on solids such as feline diet or baked chicken at =4 weeks of age. They are usually totally weaned from the bottle between 8 and 9 weeks of age or sooner

CHEETAH SSP HAND-REARING

Common Name South African cheetah

Scientific Name \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Helena Fitch

Institution San Diego Zoo

Position Assistant Behaviorist

Date 4-14-86

Animal's History first litter, mom ate one cub + carried the other around nervously, wasn't nursing

Date Rec'd at Nursery 3-15-82

Date of Birth 3-13-82

DIET (Divide into five representative age periods from beginning to adulthood)

♂ "Pesach"

Age	Animal's Weight	Formula	Average Daily Intake
2 days	17 1/2 oz	Borden's KMR	119 ml.
30 days	1.5 kg	" add za/preem	288 ml. 3 TSP 2/P
60 days	3.3 kg	"	300 ml 8 TSP 2/P
90 days	5.6 kg	zu/preem	1 5/6 cup
97 days	6.2 kg	"	3/4 lb

Weaning Age: Start gradual reduction Finish 75 days

Solid Foods start at 4 weeks

Apparatus \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks (include cause of death, if applicable) moved to wildlife workshop at 97 days.

CHEETAH SSP HAND-REARING

Common Name Cheetah

Scientific Name \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Helena Fitch

Institution San Diego

Position Assistant Behaviorist

Date 4-14-86

Animal's History mother neglected previous cubs. Eyes looked infected + not nursing

Date Rec'd at Nursery 7-11-82

Date of Birth 7-10-82

DIET (Divide into five representative age periods from beginning to adulthood)

1.2 cubs

Age	Animal's Weight	Formula	Average Daily Intake
1 day	♂ 1902	Rich Health KMR (5 days)	20 cc glucose + KMR
	♀ 17½02		
	♀ 1602	Bordens KMR	20 cc KMR
32 day	♂ 1.0 Kg	"	240 ml
	♀ 1.7 Kg		
	♀ 1.0 Kg		

Weaning Age: Start \_\_\_\_\_ Finish \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Foods "Rich Health" KMR resulted in loose stools + stomach upset

Apparatus \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History infection in eyes, started losing hair after a few weeks

Remarks (include cause of death, if applicable) At 3 weeks + 3 days cubs were transferred to Lion Country Safari for hand-raising as part of breeding loan agreement. The smaller female died a few weeks later + the other two were raised to maturity

CHEETAH SSP HAND-REARING

Common Name Cheetah

Scientific Name \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Helena Fitch

Institution San Diego

Position Assistant Behaviorist

Date 4-14-86

Animal's History Successfully raised by mother but developed pneumonia + had to be taken to nursery.

Date Rec'd at Nursery 10-22-86  
10-25-86

Date of Birth 9-28-85

DIET (Divide into five representative age periods from beginning to adulthood)  
2.0 cubs

Age	Animal's Weight	Formula	Average Daily Intake
<u>24 days</u>	<u>1.32 kg</u>	<u>Nutri-cal (tube feed</u>	
<u>27 "</u>	<u>1.54 kg</u>	<u>Borden's KMR. for 2 weeks)</u>	
<u>60 days</u>	<u>4.0 kg</u> <u>4.8 kg</u>	<u>chicken + turkey baby food</u> <u>(few days)</u> <u>feline diet, canned zup/preem</u>	

Weaning Age: Start \_\_\_\_\_ Finish 60 days

Solid Foods given chicken + turkey baby food for a few days until they would eat feline diet

Apparatus \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History pneumonia

Remarks (include cause of death, if applicable) recovered nicely + were transfered to Joan Embry's ranch



