



Coco (top left), a 57-year-old chimpanzee

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## Oregon Zoo

### Recognizes its own Moms

This Saturday, families across the country will be observing Mothers' Day, and the Oregon Zoo is no exception.

The zoo will be naming its "Mother of the Year", and the public is invited to help choose which animal given the distinction.

This year's nominees include Coco, a 57-year-old chimpanzee. The oldest animal at the zoo, Coco cares for Delilah and Leah, her two offspring.

Also in the running is Dannon, a 20-year-old swamp monkey, who is the mother of Bleu, a 7-year-old female.

The third animal in the running is Kandungo, a 6-year-old red-flanked duiker, who has birthed three calves while



Kandungo (with calf above), a 6-year-old red-flanked duiker

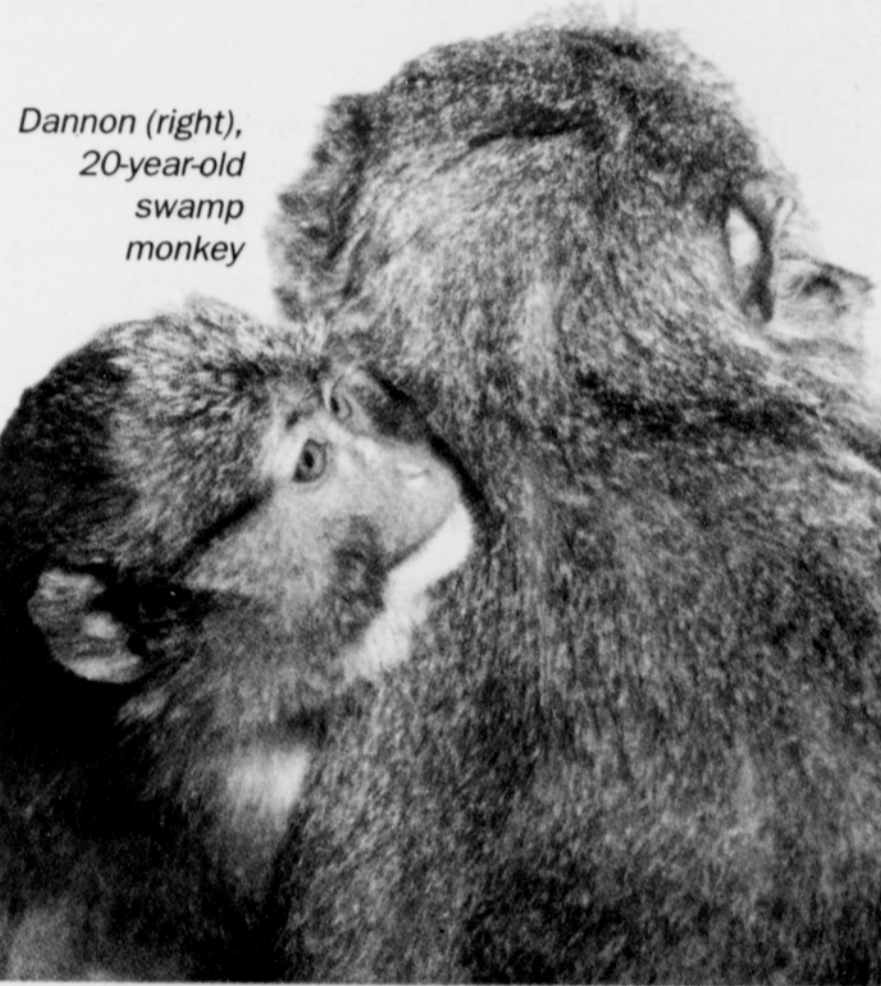
at the zoo.

"These three moms all represent species that are endangered, threatened or at risk in the wild," said Kim Smith, the zoo's director. "As successful moms, they've done a great deal to help their species."

Pictures of the animals and an online ballot can be found at: [www.oregonzoo.org/Voter2010/vote\\_form.cfm](http://www.oregonzoo.org/Voter2010/vote_form.cfm)

Votes will be accepted until Thursday, May 6, at noon.

The zoo is also holding a Mother's Day brunch for human moms and their families at the Oregon Zoo's Cascade Crest Banquet Center on Sunday, May 9 starting at 9 p.m. Cost of the brunch is \$21.95 for adults. \$9.95 for ages 3-11.



Dannon (right), 20-year-old swamp monkey

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