Handrearing of Two Male Hyaena Cubs

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Introduction

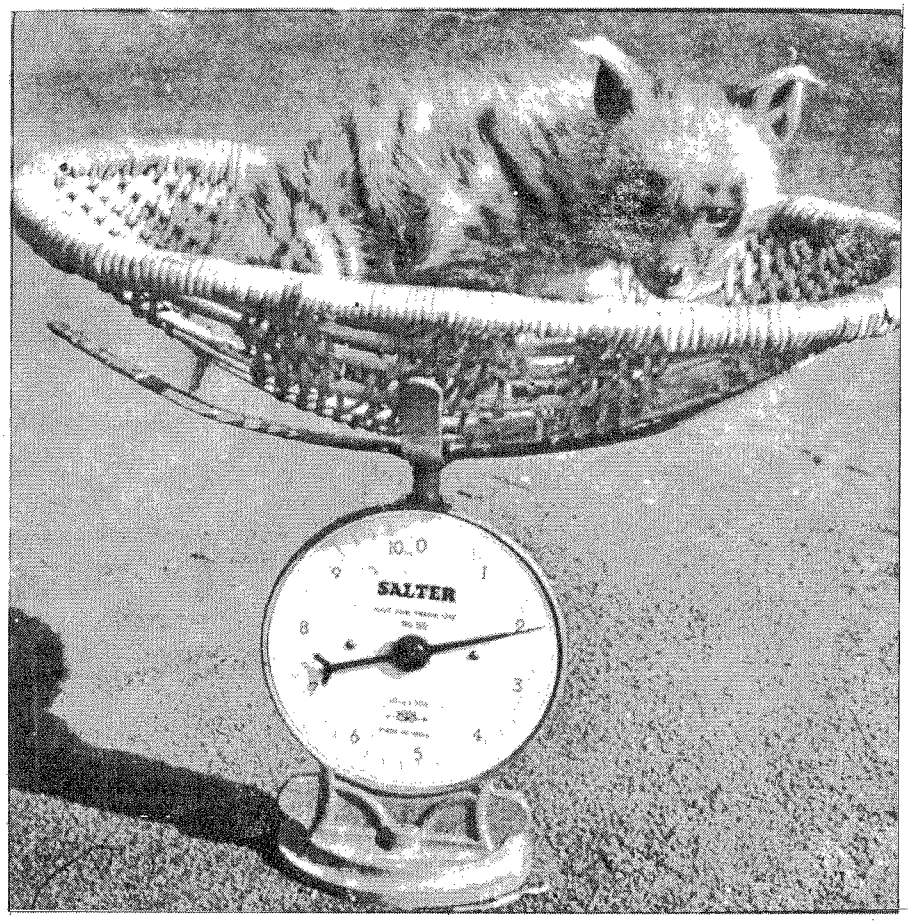
On 15/12/1999, a villager saw two hyaena cubs in Deoli forests. He produced them before the personnel of the local news paper, "Lokmat" at Nagpur at near about 1.00 a.m. on 16th December 1999.

Subsequently the local news paper personnel immediately contacted the Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Nagpur.

Shri Kishor Mishrikotkar, Range Forest Officer, Nagpur brought them to the office of the Conservator of Forests, Wildlife and kept them in wireless room. It was a very cold night and both hyaena cubs were shivering. Immediately a blanket was put on their body.

Cows milk was given to them. Both Hyaena were shifted to Wildlife Orphanage Park, Seminary Hills, Nagpur and placed together in a protected iron cage. The iron cage was fully covered by gunny bags to protect them from cold.

The details regarding treatment and care is as in Table.



Conclusion:
Both the hyaena are very active. So it is possible to hand rear wild carnivores in the orphanage.

The weight gained is due to 3 main factors.

1. Regular and proper feeding.
2. Proper *ex situ* conditions.
3. Prompt and proper veterinary care

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Table - Treatment and care of hyena cubs

i)	Date of procurement of two male hyaena - 16/12/1999 at 1.00 A.M.		
ii)	External appearance dull and shivering		
		No.1	**No. 2**
iii)	Age	21/2 months (appro)	
iv)	Weight	3kg.	2kg.
v)	Length	50cm.	50cm.
vi)	Tail	10cm.	10cm.
vii)	Front limb	27cm.	27cm.
viii)	Hind limb	27cm.	27cm.

Feeding schedule

16/12/99
- Lactogen 116 grám + water 4 x daily
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- Osteo calcium 1/2 teaspoon twice daily

20/12/1999	In addition Goat mutton was given. 60 gms. to each hyaena
23/12/1999	Weight No.1 = 31/2kg No. 2 = 3kg.
30/12/1999	Weight No.1 = 4 kg. No.2 = 31/2 kg.
10/1/2000	quantity of mutton increased to 125 gms. per hyaena.
13/1/2000	Lactogen 1 was replaced by cow milk 1/2 lit. daily to each
21/1/2000	Weight No.1 = 51/2 kg. No.2 = 41/2 kg.
20/2/2000	Weight No.1 = 61/2 kg. No.2 = 6 kg.