

## THIRD JAVAN GIBBON BIRTH IN U.S.

The International Center for Gibbon Studies (ICGS) announced the 6 November 2001 birth of a male Javan Gibbon at the Center. He is the third Javan gibbon born in the U.S. and joins two brothers, both also born at the Center. The mother is an 11-year-old on loan from the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she was born. The father is an 18-year-old born at the Perth Zoo in Australia. The pair was introduced at the Center in August 1996. There



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are only nine Javan gibbons in the U.S., all of whom reside at ICGS. Worldwide, there are only four institutions holding breeding pairs of Javan gibbons. Native to the fragmented rainforests of central and western Java, they are one of the

rarest of 13 species of gibbon. The current census of the wild Javan gibbon population is estimated to be less than 2,000 individuals.