紅掌絹猴 (Saguinus midas) 育幼期親體間及親子間的關係

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民國77年3月9日飼養於夜行館的一對紅掌網猴Red-handed Tamarin (Saguinus midas)順利地産下一對雌性雙胞胎,這是紅掌網猴在本園首次繁殖成功的記錄。在育幼期間內發現幼猴是由雌猴及雄猴共同照顧。但其中雄猴更是扮演著極重要的角色。在這段期間內雌猴與雄猴之間的關係也變得比平時較為複雜而具多樣性。根據初步觀察的結果在育幼期間內,親體間的關係有(1)攻擊(2)警告(3)逃避(4)理毛(5)交配等5項行為。若依雌猴對雄猴的攻擊行為及警告行為的頻度來區分的話,則育幼期內親猴間的關係將可分為3個階段,分別是(1)排斥期(repellent period)(2)緩衝期(buffer period)及(3)接納期(acceptant period),而在這3個時期中親猴間的各項關係均以雄猴逃避雌猴的行為最常見到,約佔77.23%,雌猴攻擊及警告雄猴的行為次之,依序為13.94%及6.12%,至於理毛行為則較為罕見約佔1.71%,交配行為是最少見到的僅有1.00%。此外親子之間的關係在最初3日內幼猴幾乎完全由雌猴背負照顧,雄猴雖極度想靠近幼猴,但均遭雌猴強烈地排斥,不過這種情況卻逐漸地在改善中。雌猴背負幼猴的時間逐漸地滅少,而雄猴背負幼猴的時間則相對地增加,尤其是産後第11日起雄猴背負幼猴的時間要超出雌猴甚多,正式成為照顧幼猴的主角,而幼猴也僅在哺乳的時間才回到雌猴的身上。

前言

紅掌網猴在分類學上是屬於靈長目(Primate s), 狨科(Callithricidae), 長獠牙狨屬(Sagui nus)又可分為 Saguinus midas midas 及Saguin us midas niger 兩個亞種 (Hershkovity 1969, 1977)為産於南美洲東北部奎亞那及巴西北部等地熱帶森林的小型猴類。而目前飼養於夜行館的3 對紅掌網猴均屬於 s.m.midas這個亞種。狨猴(marmaset)科動物的野外食物種類繁多,包括水果、花芽、漿果、豆莢、蜘蛛、蚱蜢、小型蜥蜴、蝙蝠及小鳥等等。牠們通常没有固定的繁

殖季節(Hearn, 1982)。懷孕期約在 130~150日 ,每胎可産1~3仔(Walker, 1968)而以雙胞胎較 為常見。

本實驗的主要目的是希望能藉由實際的觀察 以瞭解紅掌網猴在育幼期間內親猴之間及親子之 間的各項關係為主。

方法

觀察期間

自民國77年3月9日至77年3月31日止。

Parental Behaviors in Red-handed Tamarins (Saguinus midas)

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Two female red-handed tamarins were born in March 1988 for the first time at Taipei Zoo. During nursing period, the parents took care of baby tamarins together, and the relationship between two parents became more complex. Observed behaviors included attack of the female (13.9%), warning of the female (6.1%), escaping of the male (77.2%), grooming (1.7%) and mating (1.0%). The whole nursing period can be divided into three periods, repellent period, buffer period and acceptant period. During the initial three days of the nursing period, the baby tamarins were totally carried and cared for by the female, and the male was repelled. Gradually the male carried the baby tamarins more and more often. Since the baby tamarins were 11 days old, they were mostly carried by the male and went back to the mother only for being nursed.