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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Curatorial Records
Identifier:	Accession 08-102
Date:	1972, 1978-2001
Extent:	1.58 cu. ft. (1 record storage box) (1 tall document box)
Creator::	National Zoological Park. Department of Animal Programs
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records maintained by Lisa Stevens, Collections Manager and, later, Curator, documenting public support of the pandas. The majority of the records consist of letters, cards, postcards, posters, and artwork sent by the public, especially schoolchildren, to the pandas or their keepers. Some of these materials were displayed in the Panda House. Records also consist of letters requesting information about the pandas; visitor surveys commenting at length on the pandas; letters expressing dissatisfaction with a visit to see the pandas or with a particular policy related to the pandas; photographs sent by the public of pandas at other zoos; letters expressing gratitude or support of a particular issue related to the pandas; and newspaper clippings related about the pandas. The response letter from the zoo is sometimes included.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Pandas
- Zoo animals
- Zoo exhibits
- Zoo keepers
- Zoo visitors
- Zoos

Types of Materials:

Clippings
Color photographs
Drawings
Manuscripts
Picture postcards
Posters

Names:

National Zoological Park (U.S.). Panda House
Stevens, Lisa

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, 1998-2000
- Box 1 of 2 Get Well Cards for Hsing-Hsing, Campfire Boys and Girls, Reading, Pennsylvania, c. 1997
- Box 1 of 2 Visitor Surveys, 1998
- Box 1 of 2 Get Well Cards for Hsing-Hsing, Franklin Barns School and Children's Center, Herndon, Virginia, 1997
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Artwork, 1997 and undated
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Letters, 1987-1989 (3 folders)
[Digital Content: Panda Postcard to Ling-Ling, June 24, 1987 \[Image Nos. SIA2013-07880 \(front\) and SIA2013-07881 \(back\)\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Letters, 1983-1991 (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Letters, 1978-1985
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Letters, 1990-1991
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Notes
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, Phillips School Kindergarten, Painesville, Ohio, 1989
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, Sandia Base Elementary, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1990
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, Antelope Elementary, Clearfield, Utah, 1990
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, Meiners Oak Elementary, Ojai, California, 1991
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, Philip Schuyler Elementary, Albany, New York, 1992
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, Battle Creek Elementary, Battle Creek, Iowa, 1992
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, c. 1987-1992 (3 folders)
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Letters, 1989
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, Gault School, Santa Cruz, California, 1989
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Mail, 1987-1991 (3 folders)
- Box 1 of 2 Panda Clippings, 1972, 1992-1996

Box 2

Box 2 of 2	Condolence Poster for Ling-Ling, Armstrong Elementary, Reston, Virginia
Box 2 of 2	Panda Mail, c. 1997-2001