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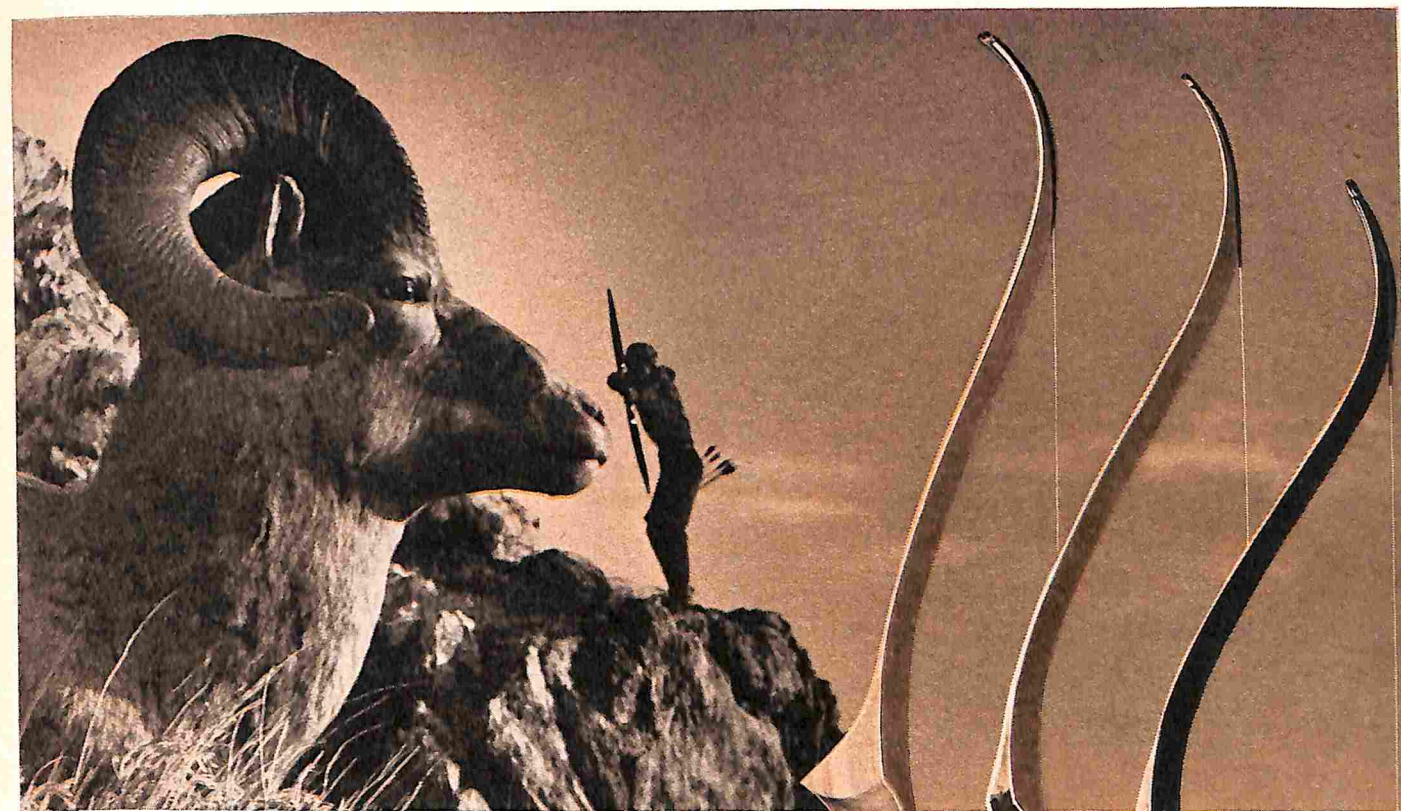
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The polar bear normally does not hibernate, but the pregnant female digs a den in which to rest and bear one to 4 young, which stay with the mother one or 2 years. The polar bear has an average life span of 15-20 years in the wild and has been known to live 34 years in captivity.

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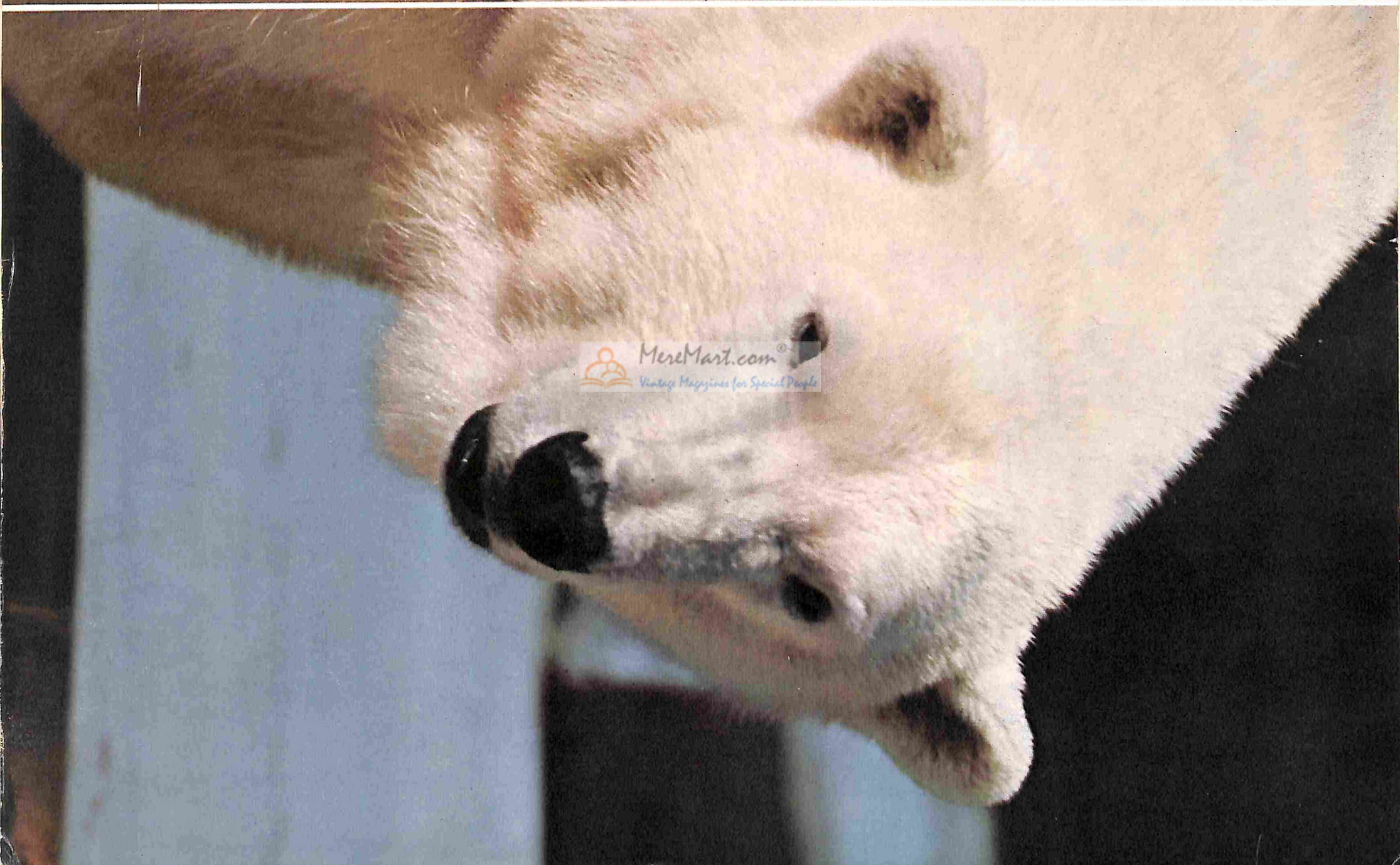
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