You've watched the Olympics now get your own medal!

London, New York and Edinburgh Marathons

The 2004 Flora London Marathon saw 55 rhino runners charging round the streets of London, including 11 brave souls in rhino costume. Save the Rhino would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who ran on our behalf and helped to raise a fantastic £61,000. We're changing our London Marathon package slightly for 2005, but will still have 55 gold bond places up for grabs, along with 10 rhino costumes and plenty of great incentives to help you along with your fundraising.

After a couple of quiet years following September 11, it looks as though the New York Marathon is back in favour with all 2004 places selling out by the end of June! Save the Rhino will have a team of 11 participating in the 2004 race, including one rhino. Good luck to you all. Save the Rhino is already taking enquiries for next year's race on 6 November 2005, so, if you want a place, get in touch with us as soon as possible.

The 2004 Edinburgh Marathon was a bit disappointing for Save the Rhino with only one runner completing the challenging course. We're hoping for a much bigger team next year and, fingers crossed, a few rhinos. Next year's run will take place on Sunday 12 June.



TOP: JEROME MUFFAT-MERIDOL, MIDDLE: NEW YORK MARATHON BOTTOM: EDINBURGH MARATHON

But why stop there?

If you are thinking of entering any event, of any distance, you can run on behalf Save the Rhino. All you need is a confirmed entry for the race and we will provide you with full fundraising information and advice. There is even the opportunity to take on the ultimate challenge of running in the rhino suit (although it's not compulsory!)

To apply for one of our marathon places, or to find out more information on how you can run on behalf of Save the Rhino, please look at our website www.savetherhino.org or contact Katy on +44 (0) 20 7357 7474 or katy@savetherhino.org.

Sumatran rhinos still not out of the woods...
but there have been two bits of good news this summer

It's a girl!



12:51pm on Friday 30 July was a historic moment in rhino conservation when Emi, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens' Sumatran rhino gave birth to a female calf.

Named Suci (pronounced SUE CHEE) an Indonesian word meaning 'sacred', her mother became the first to produce two calves in captivity. "This is a historic birth. It is proof the science of breeding Sumatran rhinos has been developed at the Cincinnati Zoo and the first birth was not a one-time wonder," said Dr. Terri Roth, Vice President of Animal Sciences. "Because Sumatran rhinos are on the brink of extinction, this calf serves as a lifeline for a species clinging desperately to survival."

In September 2001, Emi gave birth to a healthy 72.6 pound male calf named, Andalas. This was the first time in 112 years that a Sumatran rhinoceros successfully reproduced in captivity, Today less than 300 survive in the wild and only eight in captivity. In the last 15 years over 50% of the Sumatran rhino population has been lost because of peaching and habitat destruction.

Nicky Springthorge, Communications and Fundralsing Manager

In July 2004 Save the Rhino International made a grant of £1,000 towards fuel and maintenance for the Rhino Protection Unit's vehicle In Way Kambas National Park in Sumatra. Our grateful thanks to Silve Jungle and the Simon Gibson Charitable Trust for their support.