

# RHINOPHILIGHT



Ever wonder who else might be crazy enough to collect rhinos? You would be surprised at the variety of people, how long they have been collecting, and what their collections hold. This new column featuring our subscribers will give you a chance to meet fellow/ sister rhinophiles without leaving your home. You can build new friendships and truly feel part of a home-aided hobbyist group. When the 2nd Annual Southwest Rhinoceros Exhibition is held next October, who knows, maybe more of you will want to attend and meet your peers "close up and personal!"

In this issue we are highlighting Corey Chindler. Corey is eight years old and lives in Mill Valley, California. He has been fascinated by rhinos since he was a toddler. In fact, "rhino" was almost the first word he learned. He used to sit in his high chair and point at an old print of a rhino that hung on the wall, point at it excitedly and yell, "Rhino! Rhino!"

He seemed so delighted by the rhino print that his father bought

him a stuffed rhino. After that, his family's friends thought of him whenever they were in a toy store and saw a stuffed rhino. As a consequence, he has "stuffed rhinos" from Japan, France, and all over the United States. It's amazing how many different stuffed rhinos there are in the world!

Corey also likes to see and read about the real thing of course. One of the real treats of this past year was the appearance at Africa/Marine World in Vallejo, California, of a baby rhino named Donuba. Corey got to see them feed the voracious rhino babe a number of times. Alas, Donuba has now gone to another zoo. To two other rhinos at Africa/Marine World don't dash around like Donuba. They're middle-aged and like most other middle-aged creatures, assured of their meal they spend most of their time just basking it easy.

Corey does have other interests besides rhinos. He has the usual wide variety of interests of an eight-year-old boy. Corey is a good juggler (see photo), skateboarder, and ice skater. He plays piano, and has been singing for two years with the San Francisco Boys Chorus. And finally, Corey is a budding writer. He has just completed a 45-page fantasy story that is quite imaginative. I hope you'll agree that he is a credit to the family of rhino fans!

Text and photo courtesy of Richard Chindler, Corey's father.

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