

## Short Communication

### Treatment and Control of Diarrhoea in an Indian Rhino Calf

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An Indian Rhinoceros male calf, aged about 7 months was observed to pass loose green coloured stools. The calf was being reared by the mother satisfactorily. At this age the calf had started nibbling a few blades of green grass and concentrates from the keepers hand. Microscopical examination of faeces did not reveal any helminthic ova/cyst.

Conventionally used antidiarrhoeal preparations were used for 4 days and when the Rhino failed to respond to them, then to minimise the irritation of the intestinal mucous membrane and to control diarrhoea BARALGAN TABLETS were used. Four such tablets were administered along with Pectokaoline, Creta preparata and yeast tablets for 4 days and the Rhino calf passed stools of normal colour and consistency at the end of the treatment period.

Even though the rhino calf had severe diarrhoea the general condition of the calf throughout the period of treatment remained normal and no loss of appetite or dehydration was observed.

