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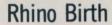
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Southern White Rhinos, Ceratotherium simum simum, have reproduced well at the Wild Animal Park. This calf brings the total born here to 31.

Show of Horses

Melodie the Clydesdale towers over Atlas, a miniature horse, in the arena of the Wild Animal Park's Show of Horses. A second miniature horse, Elaine, may be seen in the Children's Zoo in Balboa Park.

These miniature horses date from the 17th and 18th centuries, when they were bred in the royal courts of Europe. As the courts declined, miniature horses joined traveling circuses, and then nearly became extinct. Selective breeding has increased their population, and they are now a registered breed.

These horses have the characteristics and conformation of full-sized horses, but are much smaller. To qualify for registration they must be no taller than 32 inches, measured from the base of the mane to the ground. Miniature horses are even-tempered, intelligent, and make affectionate pets.

