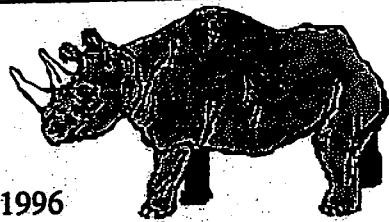


# REALLY, RHINOS!



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## Second Rhinoceros Born at the National Zoo in Six Weeks

The Smithsonian's National Zoo has a new infant rhinoceros. The greater one-horned Asian rhinoceros, Kali, gave birth to a male calf on Oct. 31 at 6:41 a.m. This is the second of the endangered species born at the National Zoo since Sept. 18, when the rhinoceros, Mechi, gave birth to a 138 lb. female calf which has been named Chitwan. The new calf, still unnamed (as of Nov. 1) is estimated to weigh about 50 lbs.



The sire of the new calf is Pandu (nicknamed Sport), who fathered Chitwan as well. Pandu was born on Aug. 8, 1980 at the San Diego Zoo and was loaned to the Smithsonian's National Zoo in 1985. In 1992, the San Diego Zoo donated the male to National Zoo. Three months ago, Pandu was sent to the Philadelphia Zoo to allow more space for the mothers-to-be to deliver and care for their calves. Pandu will return to the Zoo when the calves are weaned.

About 2,000 greater one-horned Asian rhinoceroses survive today and, like other large animals, the species is threatened with extinction as its habitat is reduced by the activities of people. The National Zoo participates in the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's greater one-horned Asian rhinoceros Species Survival Plan. Institutions that take part in the program carefully plan the breeding and management of the species in a cooperative effort to insure its survival.

John Lehnhardt, Assistant Curator of Mammals and Elephant Mouse Manager, said, "We're very excited to have two births of such a rare species in such a short period of time. It's a good indication that zoo conservation programs are succeeding." The birth of the new calf was the first to be seen "on line." A digital camera located in the rhino enclosure is linked to the National Zoo's World Wide Web home page (<http://www.si.edu/natzoo>). The Webcam, donated by Stardot Technologies ([www.wincam.com](http://www.wincam.com)) provides an updated still shot every 3-1/2 minutes of Kali and son. Internet visitors may click on "New Zoo Births" on the opening screen and follow the pathway.

**Background:** The scientific name (genus and species) of these animals is *rhinoceros unicornis* (order: Perissodactyla; family: Rhinoceridae). Asian rhinos are large with thick, armor-like skin. They have one horn, three toes per foot, excellent hearing and smell, but poor eyesight. Females are 4 to 5 feet tall at the shoulder, and males reach 5-1/2 to 6-1/2 feet tall at the shoulder. Females weight between 3,500 - 4,000 pounds, and males weight 5,000 - 6,000 pounds. Females reach sexual maturity between 6 to 9 years of age, and cycle every 45 days until conception. Gestation is about 16 months and calves are weaned between one and two years of age. Females calve every 3 to 4 years.

For more information contact: Office of Public Affairs, National Zoo, Washington, DC 20008 (202) 673-4866, FAX (202) 673-4607.

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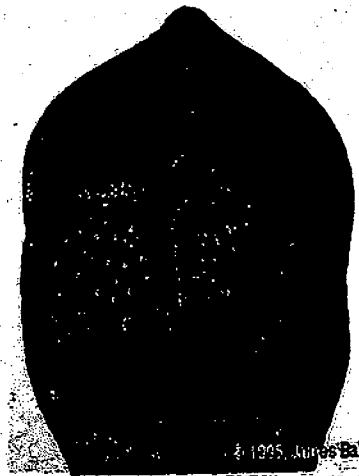
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### Great Indian Rhinoceros



"Jordy." Photographed February 11, 1989, at Lowry Park Zoo, Tampa Florida. Six-year-old male.

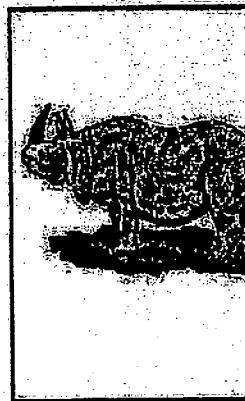
1985, Jimbo Bkg

Range: Highly pressured in isolated enclaves of India and Nepal, specifically the floodplains of the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Indus River systems.

Cause of Endangerment: Habitat destruction due to human encroachment; illegally hunted for their horns.

Nearly half of the thirty-six Indian rhinos in North American zoos, including Jordy, are descended from a single ancestor. To avoid inbreeding with his own bloodline, Jordy has been exiled from the other Indian rhinos with whom he had previously lived. There is some chance that he will someday return from this exile-within-exile, and be paired with a mate fresh from the wild.

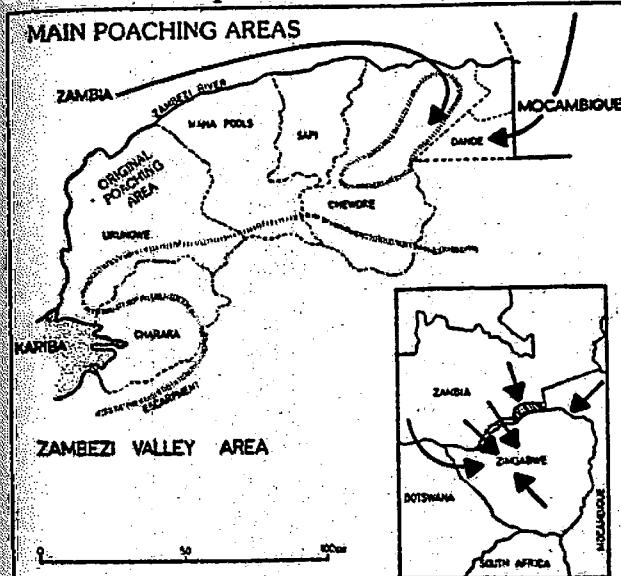
The day before we worked with Jordy, a female baboon in heat had sat on the background fabric, and he found her scent irresistible. He avidly sniffed and licked the background, all the while curling back his upper lip to expose a certain olfactory gland which plays a key part in breeding rituals. Our needs could not distract this rhino from his own, so we ended that session.



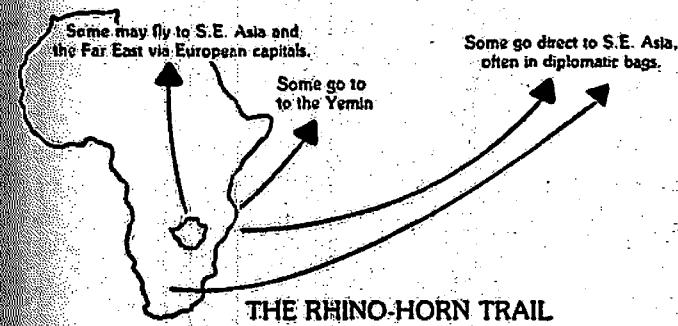
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# RHINO SURVIVAL CAMPAIGN

The Zimbabwe Rhino Survival Campaign has been created by Zimbabwean non-governmental conservation societies and agencies in response to an appeal from the Parks and Wildlife Board of Zimbabwe for help in equipping the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management's Anti-Poaching Patrols and Capture and Relocation Units.



The fund-raising for the RSC is controlled and administered by the Zimbabwe National Conservation Trust as the official umbrella organization coordinating all non-government conservation activities in direct liaison with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.



"It is a matter of life and death - for the rhino, but the people who want the rhino have not stopped - they cross the Zambezi (River) even if it means their death. They are looking for the horn of the rhino. So what have we done? All of us have said, we are going to fight against the people who want our rhino and so the whole of Zimbabwe young and old have taken up arms against the poachers."

**Extract from speech by the President of Zimbabwe National Conservation Trust, The Hon Mrs. Victoria Chitepo, Minister of Natural Resources & Tourism.**

*Good news. Bad news. Good news. Good news?*

Thank you all who contributed to my Bowling for Rhinos fund raiser. I raised \$3,001. That's the good news.

Top fund raiser brought in \$5,670 and 2d place raised \$3,456. I came in third. That's the bad news. So no trip this year.



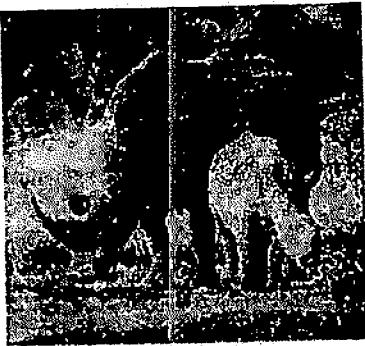
For the first time this year, a consolation prize was given to the third place fund raiser (me!) I got a beautiful sculpture donated by Helen McHugh Brauer, widow of one of our favorite rhinophiles, Herb Brauer. The pain of disappointment was quickly salved by this stunning piece of art. Thank you Helen for your generosity. That's the good news.

More good news. I plan to try it one more time next year! So, start saving your spare change and when you get that letter next summer, remember! Every penny does count. Can I count on you?

## *Population explosion!!!*

On the morning of August 19, to the delight of keepers at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, a clump of clay lying next to a Southern white rhino began to take shape. This little clump of dirt was actually a bouncing baby rhinoceros born to Komaas, a wild-caught female inhabiting the San Diego Wild Animal Park since 1971. Its clay-covered appearance sparked keepers to name the new arrival "Kutu" which means "rust" in Swahili. Keepers have seem nicknamed the little guy "Rusty."

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Kutu is the 112th calf of all rhino species born at the Park. And, there's more on the way. Currently, there are seven expectant rhino mothers at the Park: three black rhinos, three Indian rhinos and one Southern white rhino. It is no wonder the Wild Animal Park has the most prolific group of rhinos ever held in captivity. Love is always in the air for the Park's rare. Guests at the Wild Animal Park can see Kutu frolicking along with mom in the South African exhibit from the Wgasa Bush Line monorail.

## Rhino Reading

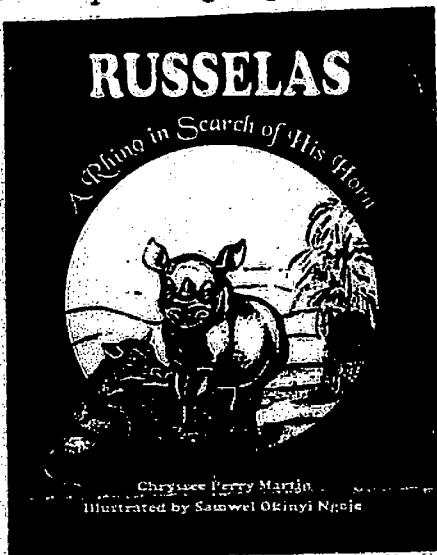
*The Preposterous Rhinoceros or, Alvin's Beastly Birthday* by Robert Bender. Henry Holt, 1994. \$14.95. Alvin is upset because he thinks no one remembered his birthday. Great full page color picture of a yellow rhino.

*Growing Pains* by Jenny Stow. BridgeWater Books, 1995. \$13.95. Poor baby Shukudu! It's hard trying to be a rhinoceros when you have no horns. "Horns take time to grow," says his mother. How Shukudu learns patience and gains his heart's desire is portrayed with warmth and humor by Jenny Stow.

*Rhinos Who Surf* by Julie Mammano. Chronicle Books, 1996. \$10.95. "Hang-ten with some way-rad rhinos as they shoot the tube!" Get amped as you drool over the whimsical rhinos and learn surfer jargon too. BTW, if you want to order rhino books, surf over to <http://www.amazon.com> where more than 1,000,000 titles are available!

*The Pocket Book* by Josephine Haskell Aldridge. Simon & Schuster, 1994. \$14. Abby's new dress doesn't have a pocket so she and Mommy go to the pocket store. With so many pockets to choose from, Abby devises a plan to keep ten special pockets. Big gray rhino in blue/cloud shirt is featured.

*The Pope's Rhinoceros* by Lawrence Norfolk. Harmony Books, 1996. \$25. The pope in question here is Leo X, whose pontificate lasted from 1513 to 1521. Leo is best known for having excommunicated Martin Luther; the rhinoceros, on the other hand, is a gift to him from the Portuguese, who thought such a marvel would cause him to favor their interests over Spain's. [Boston Globe, September 22, 1996, p.N18]



*Russelas: A Rhino in Search of His Horn*  
by Chryssee Perry Martin.  
Illustrated by Samwel Okinyi Ngoje.  
Jacaranda Designs, Ltd, 1995.  
(Available at Crown Bookstores)

Russelas is a rhino calf with a weakness for strawberries. When he wanders off one day, his adventure turns into a nightmare as he discovers his horn has been sawed off! Poor Russelas! How can he be a rhino without a horn? He is determined to find though which takes him on a worldwide hunt for his missing horn. Traveling to India, Singapore, Hong Kong and other sites which have rhinos (unfortunately) illegal rhino horns, Russelas meets a bevy of beasts and learns more about the plight of the world's rhinos. When he finally returns home and visits the author and her husband, famed conservationist, Esmond Bradley Martin at their home outside Nairobi National Park, Russelas discovers what Dorothy found when she visited Oz: there is no place like home, AND rhino horns do grow back! This is a story for children of all ages. It has affective watercolors and a generous amount of photographs which assist the reader in understanding the history, present and possible future of the rhino. It is a picture book and a chapter book which adds to its versatility. Parents and children are always encouraged to spend time reading together. This book is a perfect treat for the family reading time. Bra Chryssee for helping others discover what we already knew. Rhinos Rule!

## TONY'S TURN

GOOOOALLL RHINOS!!! Professional soccer was hot in 1996. Though the Major League Soccer (MLS) took the general headlines, all intra-sport eyes were on the Rochester Raging Rhinos. This upstate New York team entered it's inaugural season with humble expectations but, perhaps due to the totem they chose, exceeded all hopes. As a new entry into the "A-League", Rochester became a model franchise. Intended to be a level below MLS, crowds in the 2,000-4,000 range are considered big for matches in this league. The Raging Rhinos blew that standard to bits by averaging over 11,000 in their new 15,000 seat Frontier Field.

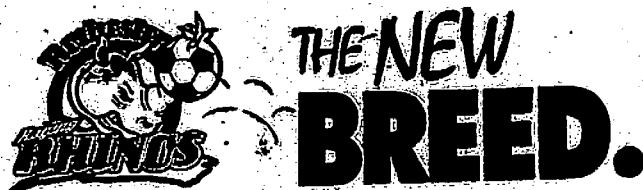
On the field this team acted like a rhino. They stumbled to a poor record early while playing on astroturf. Opening in July, the new stadium's natural grass field was a compliment to the team's style and became a huge home-field advantage (rhinos like grass!) They charged ahead. The team finished 4th: 14 wins, 13 losses. In the Playoffs, the Rhinos beat the season-champion Montreal Impact, 2 games to 1. Next up was a shut out: 0-2 (on astroturf again). League runner-up in your first season is an ACHIEVEMENT.

This team was in full gallop now. The fall's U.S. Open soccer tournament proved that. Intended to be completely open: e.g. Joe's Bar can enter, the Rhinos excelled. This year several MLS clubs joined the fray and expected easy victories in Rochester. *Not in my midden pile you don't!* First the top-ranked MLS team Tampa Bay Mutiny were trampled in overtime, 4-3. In the semifinals the Colorado Rapids were gored 2-0. This is likened to the Tucson Toros beating the Dodgers; David felling Goliath! Ominously, MLS champion D.C. United waited in the championship game. Played in Washington, we lost 0-3. A valiant effort.

Cheering for RHINOS is fun. Must be the nickname. Also the team has a killer logo, with impaled soccer ball. Once you've seen the color scheme on clothing (green, yellow, black) you want to wear it.

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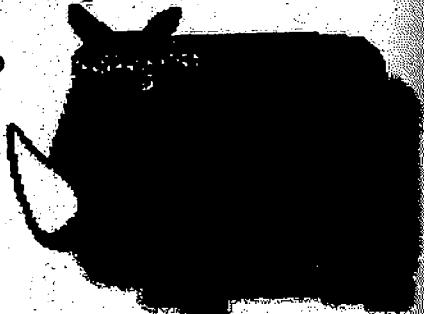


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