

# These are a few of my fa-vour-ite things



"Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens". OK, this is a particularly nauseating song, but it did inspire us to ask the managers of the field programmes we work with to tell us about a few of their favourite things. As you'll read in this issue of *The Horn*, it's quite a mix.

**Cathy Dean**  
Director

I was thinking about my favourite things in the rhino world. There are the rhinos themselves. Who couldn't resist the sight - and sound - of a baby black rhino calf squeaking for its mother, as we saw and heard at Chester Zoo in August, on our annual staff outing? Way back in 2001, in my second month at Save the Rhino, I had a meeting at Port Lympne, when I first experienced the joy of scratching a rhino behind its ears, and seeing its back legs buckle in ecstasy. I've still seen fewer than 50 black rhinos I guess in the field, but every one has been a treat.

There are the people we work with in the field. They are truly amazing, and it's a joy when they get the recognition they deserve, as did Jackson Kamwi, Senior

Rhino Monitor for the Lowveld Rhino Trust in Zimbabwe, who received one of the Disney Conservation Hero Awards in 2009. Jackson and the rest of his team do a difficult job, and have seen the wrong end of AK47s.

And, but this is going to sound very twee, there are you, our supporters. Over the 15 years that we've been in existence, we couldn't have achieved all that we do without your help. When I think of all the marathon miles in rhino costume that have been run, all the beers drunk at our parties, all the ridiculous swimming / climbing / cycling challenges that people have done in our name, and all the proposals we've worked on together, I am truly impressed. It's been a joint effort.

CATHY DEAN



This black rhino at Chester Zoo had us all entranced

Bring on the next 15 years, and let's hope those rhinos are off the Critically Endangered list by then.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cathy Dean".

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## Events Schedule:

<b>Last Chance to See with Stephen Fry and Mark Carwardine</b>	Tuesday 27 October 2009
<b>ING New York City Marathon</b>	Sunday 1 November 2009
<b>Hornucopia: Save the Rhino's 15th birthday auction</b>	November 2009
<b>3 Peaks 3 Weeks Challenge Africa</b>	January 2010
<b>Douglas Adams Memorial Lecture: Marcus du Sautoy</b>	Thursday 11 March 2010
<b>Virgin London Marathon</b>	Sunday 25 April 2010
<b>Rhino Mayday</b>	Wednesday 5 May 2010
<b>Comrades Marathon</b>	Sunday 30 May 2010
<b>Rhino Trek South Africa</b>	21-28 August 2010
<b>Go-karting</b>	(Date tbc)
<b>Rhino Climb Kilimanjaro</b>	Dates to suit

For more information about any of these, please email [events@savetherhino.org](mailto:events@savetherhino.org) or alternatively call + 44 (0)20 7357 7474.