

Blank Park Zoo

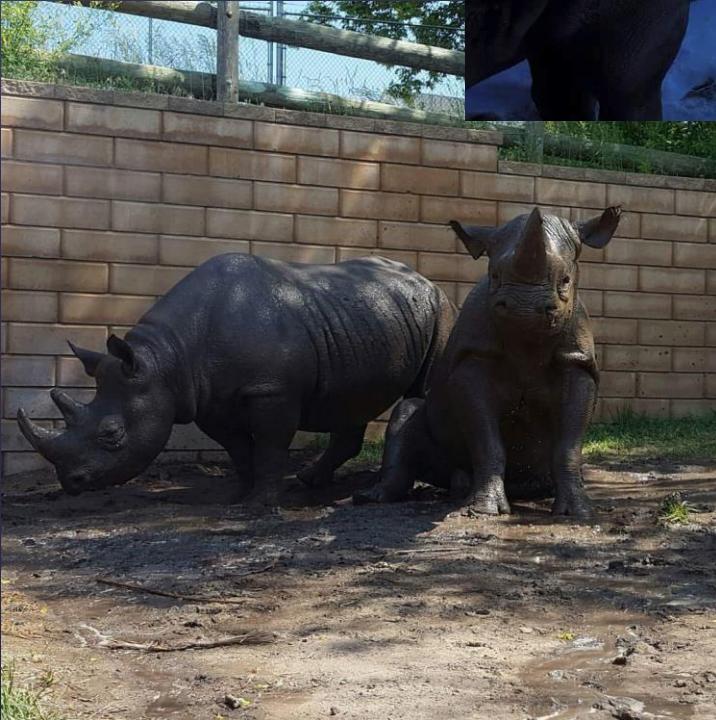


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Blank Park Zoo

Des Moines, Iowa

- Barn built in 2012
- Recommended breeding pair came to us in 2012
- 1.2 Eastern Black Rhinos



Kiano (male)

- From Great Plains Zoo
- Age- 6 years old
- Weighs- ~2300lbs
- Wants to be everyone's best friend



Ayana (Female)

- From Zoo Miami
- Age: 6 years old
- Weighs: ~2600lbs
- Independent woman, great first time mom!



Prepping for our new arrival

- Double plywood panels around stalls
- Hay/mulch bed
- HD cameras in every stall



Tumani (Female)

- Age: ~ 10 months
- Weight: ~ 800lbs
- Our pride and joy



Highlights of Facility and Program

- Barn set-up
- Docile rhinos
- Training Program
- Team

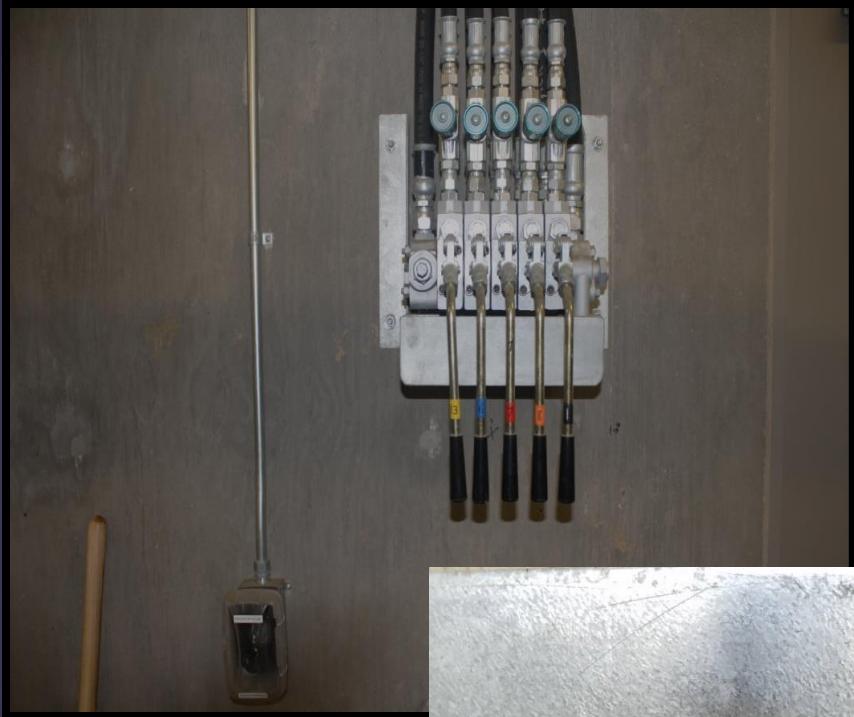


Our barn

- 6 stalls
- Rubberized/concrete floors
- Stall showers
- Under floor heating
- Fauna Tamer restraint device
- Enrichment hanging devices in stalls
- Indoor public viewing (2 large stalls)
- Hydraulically powered doors









Our Yards





Diet and Daily Supplements

Rhino 2509 (1.0 'Kiano') Diet (28 February 2017)

WINTER (inside barn)

At Opening

- 2 lb. alfalfa hay
- 1 lb. grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 2 lb. Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
- 6 tabs Vitamin E

1st Shift Onto Exhibit – 10am

- 3 lbs. alfalfa hay
- 3 lbs. grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 1 lb. Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)

On Exhibit – 2-3pm

- 2 lbs. alfalfa hay
- 1 lb. grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 1 lbs. Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)

PM (offered in holding stall)

- 16 lbs. alfalfa hay
- 10 lbs. grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 8 lbs. Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
 - Fill belt feeder with portion of grain
- ½ cup Biotin (mix with grain)

SUMMER (outdoor exhibit)

At Opening (offered in holding stall)

- 3 lbs. alfalfa hay
- 1 lb. grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 4 lb. Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
- 6 tabs Vitamin E

On Exhibit

(mix with Rhino 2508's diet if together)

- 4 lbs. alfalfa hay
- 4 lbs. grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly

PM (offered in holding stall)

- 16 lbs. alfalfa hay
- 10 lbs. grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 8 lbs. Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
 - Fill belt feeder with portion of grain
- ½ cup Biotin (mix with grain)

IN ADDITION:

- Free choice white salt brick
- Browse as available
- Fresh water at all times
- Produce for training
 - Apple, sweet potato, carrot, banana, pear
 - No citrus or melon
 - Gut pumpkins before offering

Rhino 2508 (0.1 'Ayana') Diet (20 April 2017)

WINTER (inside barn)

At Opening

- 1 lb alfalfa hay
- 1 lb grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 1 lb Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
- 6 tabs Vitamin E

1st Shift Onto Exhibit – 10am

- 5 lb alfalfa hay
- 5 lb grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 2 lb Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)

On Exhibit – 2-3pm

- 1 lb alfalfa hay
- 1 lb grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 1 lb Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)

PM (offered in holding stall)

- 14 lb alfalfa hay
- 13 lb grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 8 lb Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
 - Fill belt feeder with portion of grain
- ½ cup Biotin (mix with grain)

SUMMER (outdoor exhibits)

At Opening (offered in holding stall)

- 1 lb alfalfa hay
- 1 lb grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 4 lb Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
- 6 tabs Vitamin E

On Exhibit

(mix with Rhino 2509's diet if together)

- 6 lb alfalfa hay
- 6 lb grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
 - Offer in slow-feed enrichment device if possible

PM (offered in holding stall)

- 14 lb alfalfa hay
- 13 lb grass hay
 - Fluff and mix alfalfa and grass hay thoroughly
- 8 lb Mazuri Browser Rhino (5Z1P)
 - Fill belt feeder with portion of grain
- ½ cup Biotin (mix with grain)

In Addition:

- Free choice white salt brick
- Browse as available
- Fresh water at all times
- Produce for training
 - Apple, sweet potato, carrot, banana, pear
 - No citrus or melon
 - Gut pumpkins before offering
 - Minimal produce for enrichment

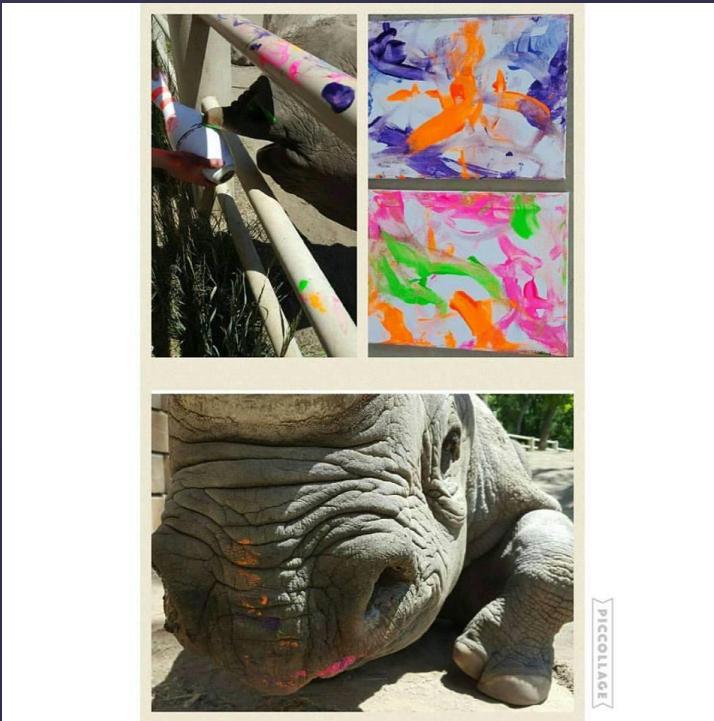
Belt feeder for overnight grain

- Timed feeder
- Grain falls into 2 stalls throughout the night



Daily Training

- 2 keepers, fist as “target”, usually in the RRD
- Behaviors: Come, target, head up, Open (mouth) Side present, over, desense
- Painting
- Voluntary blood draw, transabdominal/rectal ultrasound, enema, neck injections







My Amazing Team!



Challenges

- Urine deposits on walls, ballards
- Slowing down feeding for Ayana
- Dry skin on Kiano during the summer



Questions?

