

2017 Rhino Conservation Calendar

"Rhino dogs are frontline soldiers
trained specifically to save rhinos!"





INTERNATIONAL RHINO KEEPER ASSOCIATION



The 2017 Rhino Conservation
Calendar was assembled & edited by
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The International Rhino Keeper Association (IRKA) is dedicated to sharing knowledge related to the five species of rhinoceros. Information gained through experience in managed care and studies in the field are viewed as critical to the rhinoceros' survival. To this end, the IRKA conducts the Rhino Keeper Workshop every two years to learn, share, and discuss the most up-to-date information in the fields of rhino biology, management, nutrition, and training. This is a membership-based organization that strives to both serve its members as they work to become the best care-takers and managers of the rhinos in their care and involve its members to participate in the Association's interests and growth.

Please visit the IRKA website www.rhinokeeperassociation.org or 'Like' us on Facebook, for information on next year's Rhino Photo Contest and Rhino Conservation Calendar.

Note: Due to the surge in the rhino poaching crisis, we are no longer sharing the exact location of the rhinos featured in this calendar.

(In order: January-December, from top to bottom & left to right)

January: Gillian Lang, Luke Hausler, Kelly Douglas, Melle van Iperen, Dina Corrales
February: Helen Rhodes, Julie Walter, Kim Negoro, Cydney Peterson, Pierre Lombard
March: Shalini Babu, Nobby Clarke, Ellie Ray, Graeme Mitchley, Todd Cummings
April: Alex Tweedie, Jessica Knauss, Jessica Lynn Logan, Cat Chase, Julie McGilvray
May: Kaleb Balli, Kelly Ann Brown, Hilarie A Weiland, Chester Zoo
June: Olivia Pugh, Jim Irwin, Jeff Dolan, Hans Janssen, Denise Wagner, Garry White
July: Michael Moss, Rita Shaw, Suzan McKeever, Axel Tarifa
August: Mike Veale, Danny Sullivan, Jane Kennedy, Helene Hoffman
September: Megan Griffiths, Jennifer MacNaughton, Christy Nitz
October: Loressa Clisby, Dina Cohen, Beth Astles, Craig Gilchrist, Jonny Edward
November: Jim Michael, Geri Pepe, Brenda Gunder, Cassandra Kutilek, Karen Stiven, Alexandra Nichols
December: Roy Lewis, Samantha Kerns Sassone, Jack Gradidge



StopRhinoPoaching.com was established in 2010 as a response to the escalating rhino crisis in South Africa. Their focus is almost entirely security orientated; the rangers, Anti-Poaching Unit, security and managers are the thin green line that stands between the poachers and the rhinos.

For more information about StopRhinoPoaching.com, please visit their website at www.stoprhinopoaching.com.

The International Rhino Foundation (IRF) is partnering with South Africa's StopRhinoPoaching.com to provide dogs trained to track poachers by following their scent in the bush, protect handlers and rangers, detect ammunition (which poachers often stash prior to a poaching event), and locate the horns of poached rhinos at road blocks and security check points.

Rhino dogs are frontline soldiers trained specifically to save rhinos. A well-trained dog and its handler are powerful weapons against wildlife crime. The dogs use their superior senses of smell, hearing, eyesight, and agility to sense and do things their human counterpart cannot. As poachers become more lethally armed, dogs provide a vital early warning system and safety for rangers, along with rhino protection. Rhino dogs are often blood hounds paired with Belgian Malinois trained to either track or attack suspected rhino poachers. The work these dogs do is invaluable to the conservation and protection of rhinoceros. For each \$5,000 we raise, we fund another rhino dog soldier and all of its training needs.



The International Rhino Foundation (IRF) is dedicated to the survival of the world's rhino species through conservation and research.

For more information about the IRF, please visit their website at www.rhinos.org.



At the start of the 20th century, 500,000 rhinos roamed the wild. By 1970, the worldwide population fell to 70,000. Today, only 29,000 rhinos survive in the wild. Rhino deaths in Africa may soon outpace births. Rhinos are poached for their horn, which is made of keratin—the same as your hair & fingernails. There is no scientific evidence that rhino horn has any medicinal value.

Photographer: May Woon, Black Rhinoceros,
United States

January

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
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Please check the IRKA website (www.rhinokeeperassociation.org) for scholarship information for the Rhino Keeper Workshop at the Denver Zoo this August!



Photographer: Mike Pepe, White Rhinoceros, Africa

February

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12	13 Family Day (BC)	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Family Day (AB, SK, ON), President's Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				







Photographer: Todd Schwenk, Black Rhinoceros,
United States

March
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5	6 Labour Day (AUS-WA)	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11
12	13 Labour Day (AUS-Vic)	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Black rhinos are not black. The species probably derives its name as a distinction from the white rhino &/or from the dark-colored local soil that covers its skin after wallowing in mud. They have a relatively broad snout with a prehensile lip adapted for grasping branches & leaves.







Photographer: Chris Pearson, White Rhinoceros, Africa

April

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9 Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23/30	24	25 Anzac Day (AUS)	26	27	28	29

The Sumatran rhino is the most endangered of all rhinoceros species due to its rapid rate of decline. It is also known as the hairy rhinoceros, referring to its long, shaggy hair, in contrast to the other species which appear hairless.





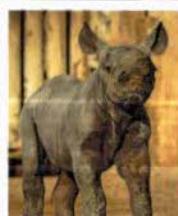


Photographer: Siddharth Edake, Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros, India

May

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28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			
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CINCO DE
RHINO
INTERNATIONAL RHINO FOUNDATION

Join the International Rhino Foundation in celebrating Cinco de Rhino! Throw a party with friends, share fun facts, & donate to support research & conservation of the world's rhino species. For more information, please visit www.rhinos.org.





Photographer: Imelda Bell, Black Rhinoceros, United Kingdom

June

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11	12 Queen's Birthday (AUS except QLD/WA)	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 National Aboriginal Day (Canada)	22	23	24 Discovery Day (NL), Saint-Jean-Baptiste (QC)
25	26	27	28	29	30	



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Photographer: Robbie Clark, Sumatran Rhinoceros, Indonesia

July

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9 Nunavut Day (NU)	10	11	12 Orangemen's Day (NL)	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
	World Ranger Day					



World Ranger Day is celebrated across the globe to provide an opportunity to raise awareness of those dedicated to risking their lives to preserve the natural world.







The 10th Biennial IRKA Rhino Keeper
Workshop is at the Denver Zoo!
Be sure to check out the
IRKA website for details!
www.rhinokeeperassociation.org

Photographer: Erico Hiller, Northern
White Rhinoceros, Africa

August

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6	7 Heritage Day (AB)	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21 Discovery Day (YT)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



All of the photographs this month are of the last remaining Northern white rhinos on Earth. In 1960, there were more than 2,000 Northern white rhino remaining, however, poaching has led to their extinction in the wild. Now there are only 3 individuals left on earth living at the Ol Pejeta reserve.







Photographer: Miriam Haas, Black Rhinoceros,
United Kingdom

September

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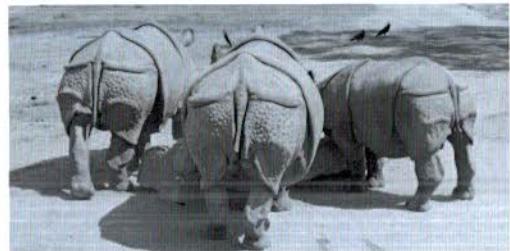
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3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Grandparent's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 World Rhino Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



World Rhino Day, Sept. 22nd, celebrates all 5 species of rhino & works to eliminate demand for rhino horn by highlighting efforts to debunk the medicinal myths about rhino horn. For more information, please visit www.WorldRhinoDay.org.







Photographer: Laszlo Szilagyi, Black Rhinoceros, United States

October

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8	9 Columbus Day, Thanksgiving (Canada)	10	11	12	13	14																																																																
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Greater one-horned rhinoceros refers to the single large horn. The rhino is brownish-gray, hairless, with folds of skin that resemble plates of armor with rivets. They are grazers, but when not grazing on land, they like to immerse themselves in water, where they also graze on aquatic plants. They cannot, however, swim!





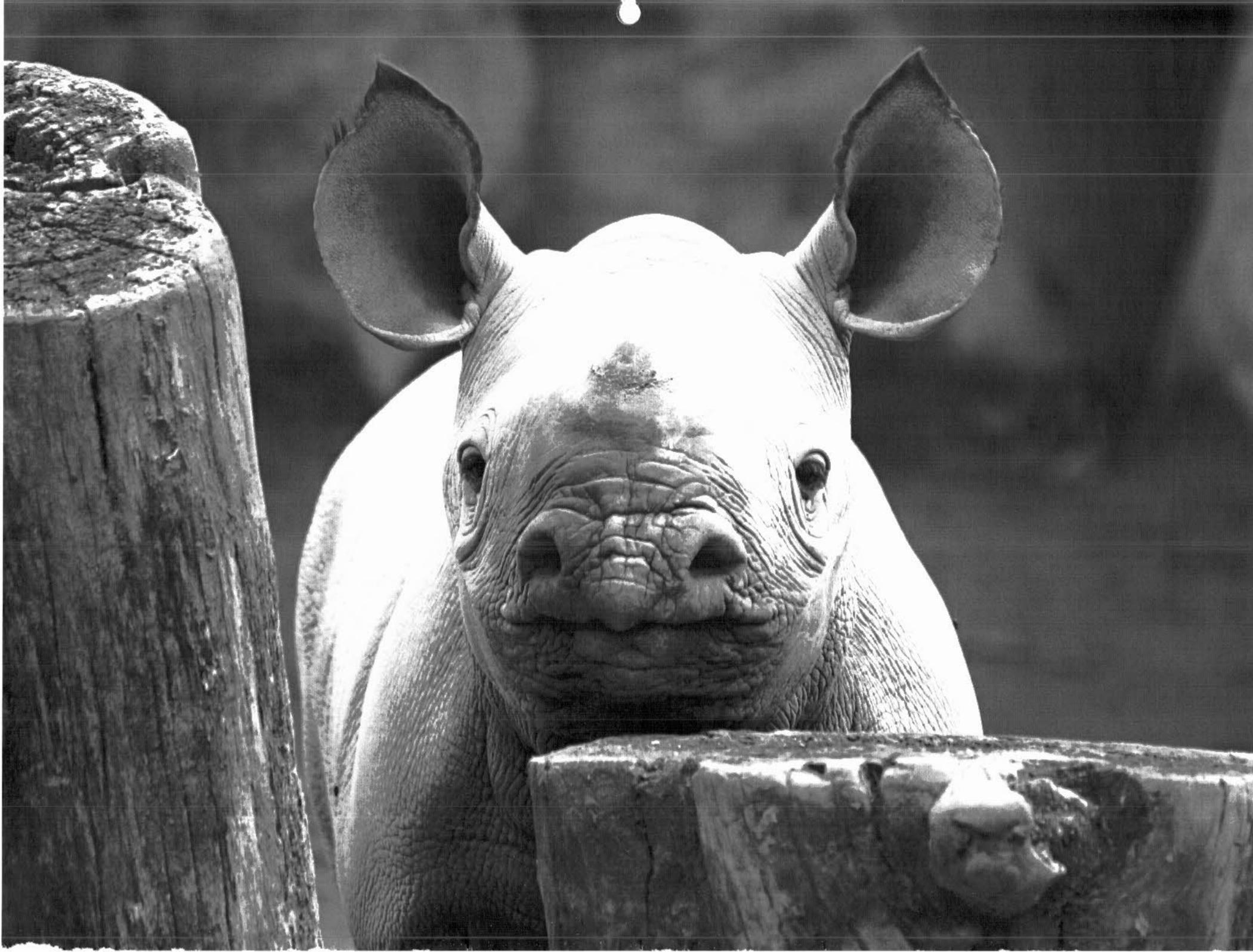


Photographer: Heather Lang, White Rhinoceros, Africa

November 2017

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5	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day (Canada/AUS), Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		







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Photographer: Willemijn Koch, Black Rhinoceros,
Germany

December

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24/31	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day (Canada/AUS)	27	28	29	30



White rhinoceros is taken from the Afrikaans word describing its mouth: "wyd", meaning "wide". Early English settlers misinterpreted the "wyd" for "white". It has two distinct subspecies, but only populations of the Southern white rhino remain viable. (See the month of August for more information on the Northern white rhino.)





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