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AAZK Thanks Chapters for Holding Fundraisers

The AAZK Board of Directors and AO staff wish to thank the following Chapters who elected as their duty obligation during the recharter process to hold a fundraiser during 2007 for the Association: Louisville, Kansas City Zoo, North Carolina, Jackson, Toledo, Greater Philadelphia, Greater Orlando and South Florida. Funds raised from events as diverse as a Book Sale to a Dog Wash qualify these Chapters for Bronze donation category. The Kansas City chapter elected to fund one of AAZK's committees for the year.

AAZK, Inc. would also like to thank longtime member Alice (Miser) Schellenberger, Ochsner Park Zoo, Baraboo, WI, for her personal donation of \$160.00 to the Association. While a Keeper and Area Supervisor at the Topeka Zoo, Alice also worked on *AKF* as an associate editor and proofreader.

Rhino Website Launched

The ALL NEW Rhino Resource Center website was launched on 30 May 2007. It has over 11,000 references with notes attached, over 2500 items as PDF, over 600 images, links and a Message Board. All rhino enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up at www.rhinoresourcecenter.com

Keepers are also encouraged to send photos of rhinos (captive or wild) to be added to the The Image Board of the website. Photos should be sent in jpg format.

The Abstracts of talks presented at the Rhino May Day in London in May 2007 are available on the "What's New" page of the RRC website at this link: <http://www.rhinoresourcecenter.com/index.php?s=1&act=about&CODE=page&id=7>

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Rhino AI Update from Cincinnati....

In the May, 2007 issue of *Animal Keeper's Forum* (vol. 34, no. 5) the article entitled, "Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) Artificial Insemination Program . . . From a keeper's perspective" was published.

As a follow-up to this article, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden is pleased to announce the first, successful conception via artificial insemination in this rhinoceros species. The insemination procedure took place in August, 2006 and since fertilization we have monitored implantation, embryo development and subsequent formation of fetus. We continue to monitor and document fetal growth and development so it will benefit other institutions who are attempting to unravel the reproductive mysteries of this endangered species.

*Wendy Shaffstall
Senior Ungulate Keeper
Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden*



88 days gestation
(at left)



104 days gestation



Rhino Team

Photo left to right:
Randy Pairan, Wendy
Shaffstall, Dr. Monica
Stoops (front), Steve
Yelverton, Renee
Carpenter. Team
member missing from
photo: Jason Faessler