



A Commitment to Rhinos

at

Disney's Animal Kingdom

Orlando, Florida

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A little bit of DAK history



“People often ask me where we find our stories about animals... and my answer is that Nature herself writes them. The wonders of nature are endless. Sometimes we can recognize ourselves in animals, that’s what makes them so interesting.”

-Walt Disney

Kilimanjaro Safari Ride



Husbandry Highlights:

Southern black rhinoceros

Diceros bicornis minor

- Current Crash: 2.1
- 2.0 Born at DAK
- Intent to breed
- 0.1 arrived in 2014, team recently battled serious health challenges with success
- 3 separate exhibit enclosures



*Photos taken backstage at Disney's Animal Kingdom

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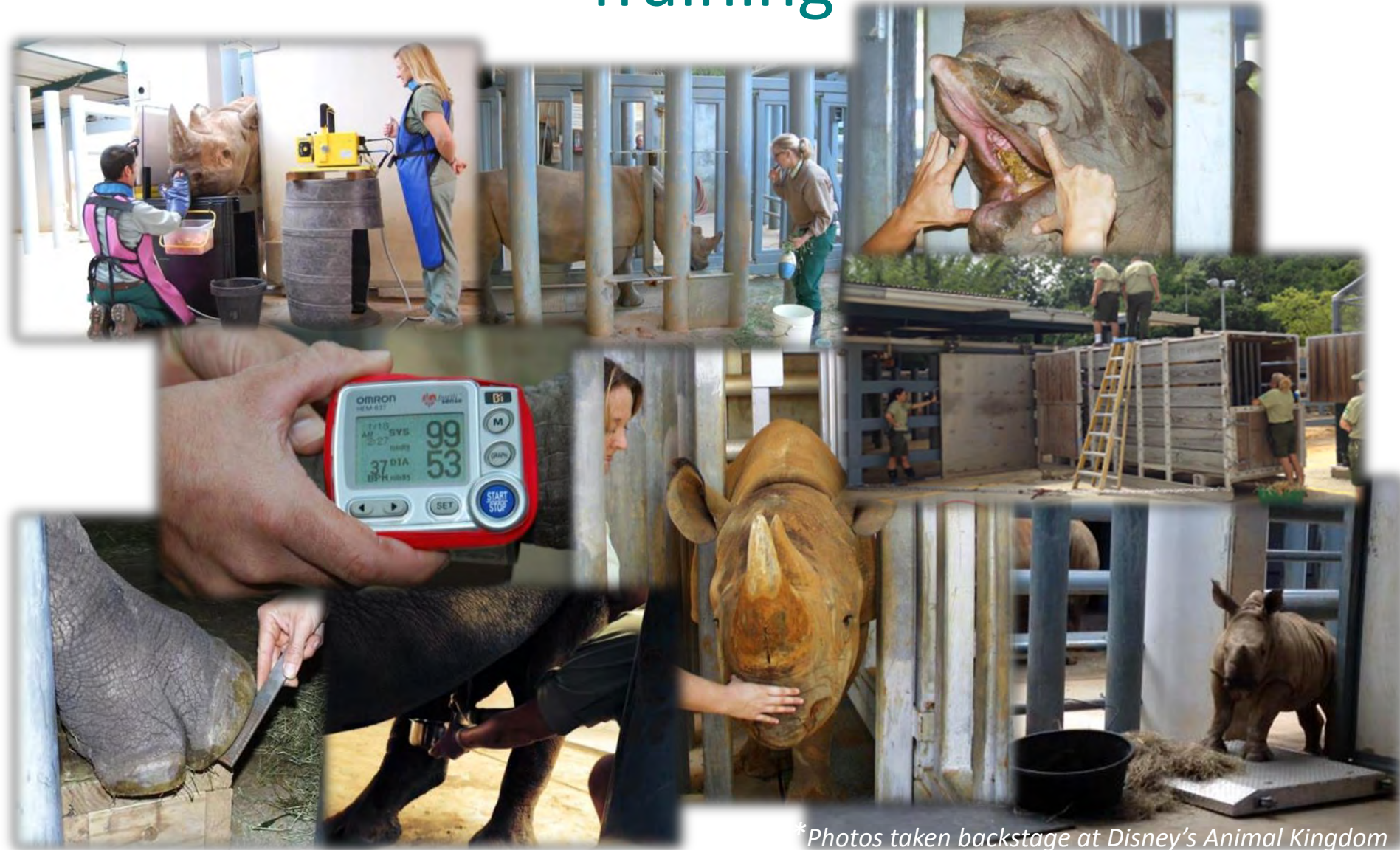
Ceratotherium simum simum

- Current Crash: 2.6
- 5.5 Born at DAK (*1.1 in 2015*)
- Active breeding program
- Team currently hand-rearing 1.0 calf rejected from dam
- One large mixed-species exhibit with other hoof stock & ostrich



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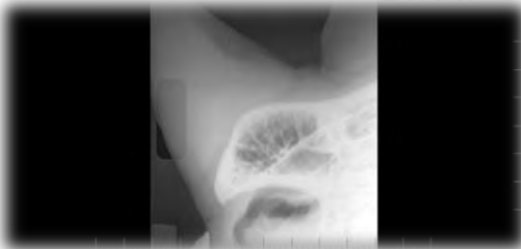
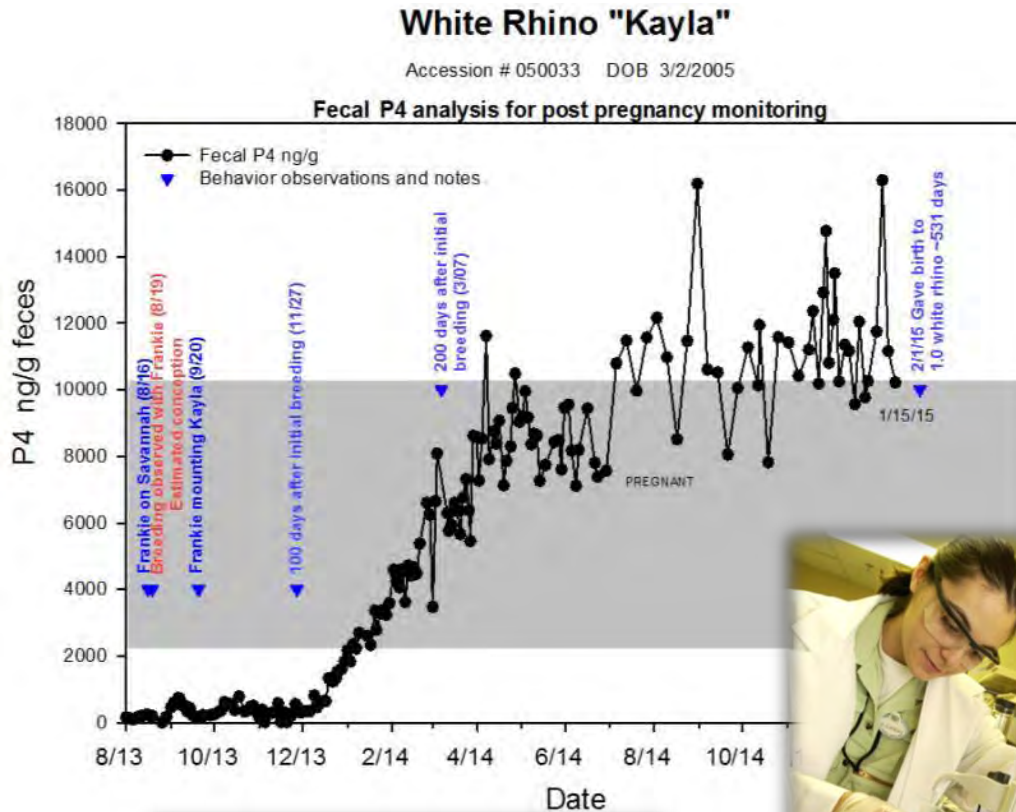
DAK Rhino Program Successes: Training



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DAK Rhino Program Successes:

Staff Resources



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DAK Rhino Program Successes: Conservation Efforts

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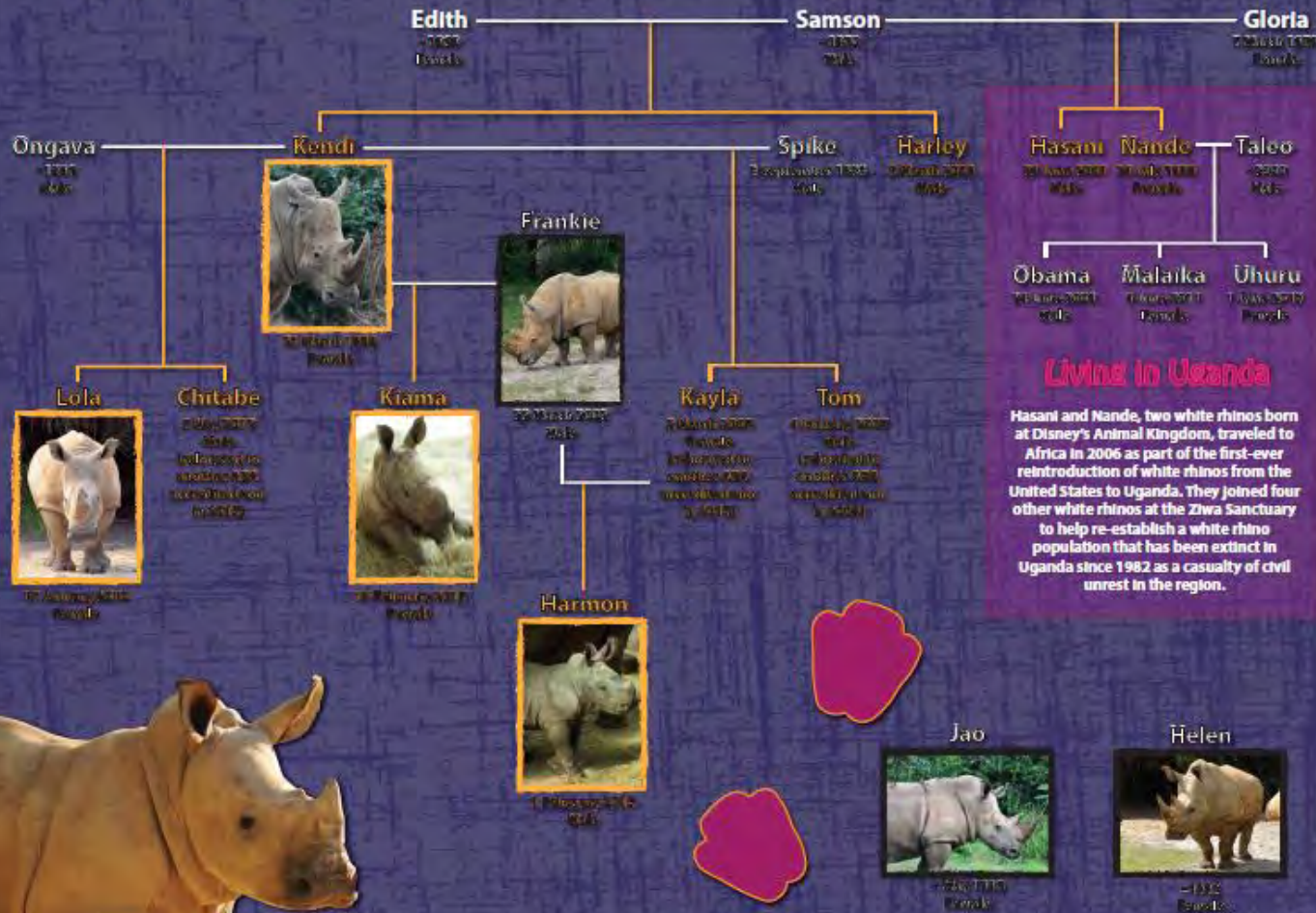
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Meet the White Rhinos

* Rhinos in gold were born at Disney's Animal Kingdom *
* Those pictured currently live at the park *



Living in Uganda

Hasani and Nande, two white rhinos born at Disney's Animal Kingdom, traveled to Africa in 2006 as part of the first-ever reintroduction of white rhinos from the United States to Uganda. They joined four other white rhinos at the Ziwa Sanctuary to help re-establish a white rhino population that has been extinct in Uganda since 1982 as a casualty of civil unrest in the region.

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DAK Rhino Program Challenges:

Rapid Change



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DAK Rhino Program Future: Where do we go from here?



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SAVING ANIMALS
FROM EXTINCTION

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