

NEWSLETTER

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SAVE RHINOS, TO SAVE PEOPLE, TO SAVE TOMORROW



SIBEVA GIVES BIRTH: 6th CALF BORN AT CARE FOR WILD

Petronel and the Care for Wild team are very happy and extremely grateful to be able to announce the safe arrival of a newborn white rhino calf. On the 29th of May 2023, at 14:50, this precious addition entered the world, making Sibeva a mother for the first time. Sibeva delivered her son under the support and protection of her Rhino Monitor. She did so well and we are immensely proud of her.

Sibeva, who was rescued on the 1st of December 2016 as a young orphan, had tragically lost her mother to poachers. The little calf was sighted alone with a bullet wound on her right shoulder. Due to horrendous weather conditions and a new found fear of people, her rescue was an immense challenge and she persistently evaded the rescue teams. Finally, after eight days of searching, she was found and brought to Care for Wild for rehabilitation and healing. It has been truly remarkable and humbling to witness her transformation from a vulnerable and traumatized orphan, into a strong and resilient young adult, and now into a fiercely protective and nurturing mother. She is incredibly inspiring.





NEW RESCUE: ANOTHER ORPHAN MOVED TO SAFETY

On the 21st of May 2023, we received a call from the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve seeking assistance in saving a young rhino calf. The young calf had been spotted wandering alone, relentlessly pursued by a pack of hyenas. The hyenas had already inflicted injuries on the calf, targeting his tail and face. In response, a team of dedicated professionals swiftly mobilized to rescue him.

Veterinarian Dr. Ben Muller, accompanied by helicopter pilot Gerry McDonald, took to the skies to locate and dart the calf. The Timbavati Rangers closely monitored and protected the calf from the persistent hyenas. Dr. Hayden Cuthill and Louis van Wyk from wildlifevets.com_sa joined veterinarian Dr. Gunther Novak to provide support on the ground. Once successfully darted, the young male calf, estimated to be around 16-18 months old, received immediate first aid treatment for his wounds. He was then safely transported in a crate for a 3.5-hour journey back to Care for Wild where the team and veterinarian Dr Chris Smith were waiting to receive him.

Over the past two weeks, the calf, named Bavati, has undergone various veterinary treatments to aid in the healing of his tail. He has also received antibiotics, pain relief, supportive vitamins, and routine blood tests. We are delighted to report that his tail is responding well to the care plan. Within a few days of his arrival, Bavati was introduced to another orphan, Diana. Witnessing the empathy and compassion displayed by these orphans never fails to astonish us. It's an unspoken connection to a devastating past.

The crucial role played by the other orphans during these early rehabilitation days should never be underestimated. The presence of these companions immediately relaxes the calves, reduces stress and offers comfort and support.

DONATE towards Bavati's care







International Rhino Keeper Association Conference in US

This month Petronel was very humbled and grateful to be able to attend and present at the International Rhino Keeper Association Conference in the US. The biennial conference is a gathering of professionals from across the globe involved in the care and conservation of rhinoceros species. It serves as a platform for rhino keepers, wildlife experts, researchers, conservationists, and other stakeholders to come together and exchange knowledge, experiences, and best practices related to rhino husbandry, management, and conservation.

During the conference, attendees have the opportunity to attend lectures, workshops, and presentations delivered by experts in the field. Topics may include rhino behaviour, nutrition, veterinary care, reproductive strategies, habitat management, anti-poaching efforts, and community engagement. Petronel also presented at the conference and won the prize for best speaker.

The International Rhino Keeper Association Conference plays a crucial role in fostering collaboration, sharing innovations, and advancing the field of rhino conservation. It provides a valuable networking space where participants can establish connections, collaborate on projects, and discuss challenges and solutions in rhino conservation. By bringing together professionals from around the world, it contributes to the ongoing efforts to protect and ensure the survival of rhinoceros species. Care for Wild would like to thank IRKA for the opportunity to attend and meet so many passionate, like-minded professionals fighting to save the species.





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The afternoon took an unexpected turn for these two Rhino Monitors when a potentially life-threatening situation arose. The released rhinos, who frequently visit the river within the Intensive Protection Zone, go there to drink, play, and cross the cool water to graze on the other side. The mothers of the small calves are well aware of the shallow areas to navigate across safely. The youngest calves stick closely to their mothers, relying on them to guide their steps.

However, a recent incident unfolded when Tigger went too deep into the river. Timbi, crossed the river while he was still playing. Losing sight of his mother, Tigger ran after her into the river but ventured too deep. Recognizing the distressed cries of the calf, the Rhino Monitors swiftly responded and ran Timbi back to the water. Through the combined efforts of Timbi and the Rhino Monitors, Tigger was successfully guided out of the river. Thanks to the vigilance and dedication of the Rhino Monitors, a tragedy was averted.

Our Rhino Monitors play such a pivotal and important role here at Care for Wild every day and every night. We are so grateful to have this team protecting the rhinos.





Lomshiyo Farming Update

We are pleased to report that the pepper harvest has been successfully completed, resulting in a highly productive crop. Efforts are now focused on preparing the land for the upcoming summer planting season by brining in rhino defecation. The cabbages have already been planted and are exhibiting promising growth. Additionally, the spinach crop is progressing well, serving as a vital winter crop.

In preparation for the winter season and to safeguard the macadamia trees from low temperatures, we have taken measures to provide protection. Specifically, the trees have been covered with thatched grass, which acts as a protective shield against adverse weather conditions.





THANK YOU DEAN LINCOLN

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dean for his invaluable contribution in developing and sponsoring the monitoring system for our grey water and bulk water. This groundbreaking system has revolutionized our capacity to effectively manage and monitor our grey water levels, preventing any unforeseen incidents. Additionally, it has provided us with the means to accurately measure our bulk water supply at Care for Wild, further enhancing our operational efficiency.



THANK YOU ER24

We are immensely grateful to ER24 for their ongoing support and generous donation of medical supplies. Their contribution of essential items such as drips, drip lines, syringes, needles, dressings, bandages, and wound care products is crucial in providing care for the new orphans, particularly those with injuries. ER24's loyalty and commitment over many years has made a significant impact on our ability to deliver the very best care.



THANK YOU LOWVELD SCALES

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Lowveld Scales for their outstanding support throughout the years. The dedicated team at Lowveld Scales has consistently been available to assist us with the maintenance and repairs of our weighing scales, which are vital for accurately measuring the weight of our rhinos. Regular and accurate weight monitoring is of utmost importance, particularly for the growing rhino calves, as it serves as a crucial indicator of their health and development. We are deeply appreciative of Lowveld Scales' unwavering commitment and years of exceptional service.



CELEBRATING OUR FUNDRAISERS IN THE UK



MARTIN AND JULIE ARE FUNDRAISING AGAIN!

To celebrate their 3rd voluntary placement at Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary in South Africa in September 2023 (and Martin's birthday in March), our star fundraisers and volunteers started a crowdfunding page earlier this year.

They have currently raised a whopping £500 online and offline and for this, we are so grateful. Check out julie's workstation at her hair salon!

IF YOU'D ALSO LIKE TO RECEIVE MATERIALS AND A COLLECTION BOX TO RAISE FUNDS CONTACT LEO AT [FUNDRAISING@CAREFORWILD.ORG.UK](mailto:fundraising@careforwild.org.uk).



RUN FOR CARE FOR WILD (UK)

Get physical and support Care for Wild (UK)! Look for Care for Wild (UK) on [run for charity](#) and choose the event you'd like to take part in. Take your pick from 900 running events, walks, bungee jumps... you will challenge yourself and help us raise awareness and funds for care for wild! When you have signed up, set up a [just giving page](#) and our team will be here to support you each step of the way. We will even send you a running top to proudly wear on the day. We have discounted entry fees on some races, contact leo for more info.



SHOP AND RAISE FUNDS AT NO COST TO YOU

Did you know? You can easily raise money whilst you shop in the UK by signing up on easyfundraising.org.uk, it takes less than two minutes! It's free to sign up and 7000 brands donate when you shop, at no extra cost to you. Don't forget to instal the donation reminder and keep track of the much-needed funds you will be raising for Care for Wild (UK).

If you would like to find out more about how to support Care for Wild from the UK, contact our Community and Fundraising Manager Leo at fundraising@careforwild.org.uk



CARE FOR WILD US VISITS LEKKER COFFEE & WATERING HOLE!

In May, Care for Wild US accompanied with Chris De Bruno Austin, got the opportunity to visit one of our longtime sponsors and supporters at **Lekker Coffee** in Colorado. If any Care for Wild followers and supporters are ever in the area please come visit Lekker Coffee and it's wonderful coffee, fun vibes, and amazing rhino art and videos!

We would also like to humbly thank Kara, Dawn, Brett and Lekker Coffee and its supporters for reaching over \$20,000 in lifetime donations to Care for Wild! This is a major accomplishment and we thank you sincerely.

Please give them a follow on instagram: @lekkercoffee_rino
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