

Well Done Rosalind ! by Alastair Neale

During the last visit once again we were fortunate enough to see Rosalind, one of the Trusts most notorious of rhinos in the Midlands conservancy. She was orphaned and subsequently hand reared by Dee Gilpin and perhaps as a result has little fear for humans and needs to be treated with respect.

We were carefully taken to an excellent vantage point to see her and were lucky enough to see four rhinos all together.

Rosalind with her calf - which was born just after my last visit in February of 2007, and her older truculent bull calf and the bull - her mate.

We spent some time watching but after a while had to make a rather ungainly retreat camera flying all over the place as she began to trot at an ever increasing speed towards us, despite rhinos poor eye sight we had been spotted !



After the situation calmed we reacquainted ourselves with the guards (who had run off very quickly and were nearly out of sight before I realised it was time to run!) we had another look but decided to leave as the bull and Rosalind's bull calf were beginning to wind each other up and we did not want to be piggy in the middle of that tussle.

We then were taken out into the bush to view other animals and this was a delight.



Left - Sable Top left - Our Guards Above - Giraffe