

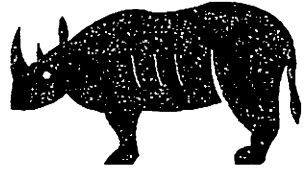
the green marshmallow fluff shamrocks that were painted on tree trunks and rock ledges. Also a hit was the sugarfree green Jello™. They seemed amazed to 'watch it wiggle as they saw it jiggle'.

The most recent event that we have done is an Easter Egg Hunt! Brightly colored hard-boiled eggs were scattered around the den in open view. This way the kids watching this event had fun spotting the eggs as the bears sniffed them out. You see, since black bears' most predominant sense is smell, each egg was dipped in nice smelly honey for them to sniff out.

At last month's AAZK National Conference I learned that some directors do not care for unnatural enrichment items on display. However, at Trailside, we deal with only native, non-releasable wildlife. Because of this we rely on enrichment to stimulate our physically injured or imprinted wildlife. Luckily our director also seems to feel the same was about our collection's welfare.

I hope this article provokes some new holiday fun at all your zoos and please write in, share your holiday fun and other ideas, too!

White Rhinos Reintroduced to Etosha National Park



Ten white rhinos (*Ceratotherium simum*) have been released in Namibia's Etosha National Park, the first free-ranging white rhinos in the park this century, according to a press release from Namibia's Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

White rhinos were extirpated in Namibia before 1900. Prior to the Etosha release, which occurred on 21 July, white rhinos had been re-established in Waterberg Plateau Park and on several Namibian game farms.

The ten new arrivals were part of an exchange of wildlife between the northern Namibian park and Kruger National Park in South Africa. Kruger received 30 giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) from Etosha about four years ago, but unfavorable climatic conditions and threats from wildlife diseases delayed the conclusion of the transaction until this year.

In a separate transaction involving Etosha, eight black rhino (*Diceros bicornis*) from the park were recently sold to a South African game-farming consortium for about \$25,000 each. The purchaser and exact destination were not disclosed by the Ministry for "security reasons".

Namibia has the second largest rhino population in Africa. The most recent estimates from the African Rhino Specialist Group (May 1994) are 98 white rhinos and 583 black rhinos.

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