

Birth Of The Black Rhinoceros Calf At Western Plains Zoo 25 May 1996 - Fact Sheet

Sire - Siabuwe estimated age - 8 years old
wild, caught in 1991, in Chete,
Zimbabwe
transported to Fossil Rim Wildlife
Centre, Texas, USA
transported to WPZ in November 1994
this is his second calf in captivity
estimated weight - 1 000kg

Dam - Kalangwizi estimated age - 13 years old
wild, caught in 1992, in Chete,
Zimbabwe
arrived at WPZ in February 1993
first calf in captivity
estimated weight - 1 000kg
was the mother of the calf that died in
the Bomas on the film "Flight of the
Rhino"

Baby male
estimated weight approximately 30 kg
born 25 May 1996 at 10.45am
stood within 30 minutes of birth
suckled within first two hours
headbutting dam by 4.00pm

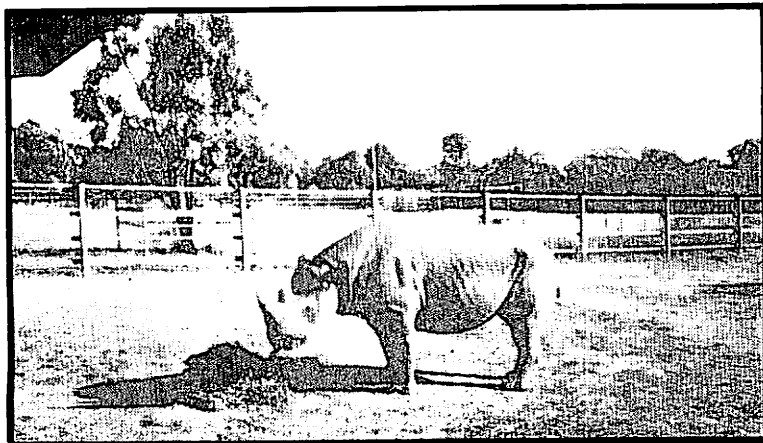
Early pregnancy diagnosis at 3 months (12 months prior to parturition) made possible by new technology - faecal hormone levels particularly progesterone levels

Was mated twice - 4 February 1995, 6 March 1995.
Did not return in season as expected in April. Therefore predicted birth date around end of May 1996.

Started to display mammary gland development 3 weeks prior to birth. Relaxation of vulva noticeable 72 hours prior to birth.

Mother and calf appear to be doing well.

REF congratulates Western Plains Zoo on the successful birth.



Kalungwizi in April '96 - one month prior to calving

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