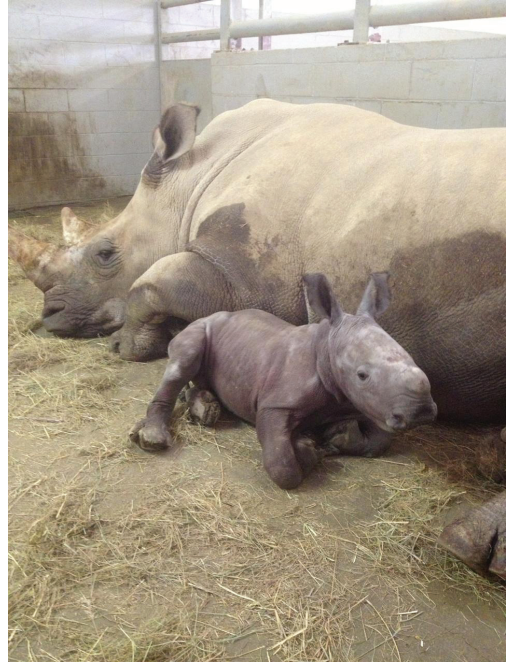


## Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, *the Wilds*, USA

Two healthy white rhino calves were recently welcomed at *the Wilds*. The first calf was born on November 21st and the second entered the world on January 3rd.

The calf born on November 21st is a female and a fourth generation offspring born in human care. The calf's mother is Sally who was also born at *the Wilds* in 2006. Her father is Fireball, born in 2002 at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Texas. This is the second calf for Sally.



The second calf, born on January 3rd, is also a female and a fourth generation offspring. Her mother, Eve, was born at *the Wilds* in 2006 and Fireball is the father of this calf as well. This is Eve's second calf and Fireball's eighth.

Both mothers and calves are doing fine and will be slowly introduced to the rest of the herd after the weather warms up in the spring.

The birth of these calves are the 19th and 20th rhinos (and 14th and 15th white rhinos) born at *the Wilds* since 2004. The last four rhinos born at *the Wilds* have been born in the last four months (Sep. 2013 – Jan. 2014). *The Wilds* is also the only place, outside of Africa, with fourth generation offspring and has one of the largest herds of white rhinos, now 4.10, in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Despite some conservation success stories all rhino species are in peril from poaching and loss of habitat.