



The Sweet 18

Mid-afternoon on February 19, 1971, 18 southern white rhinos thundered into their new, 93-acre field exhibit at the yet-to-open San Diego Wild Animal Park (now the San Diego Zoo Safari Park), thus expanding the Zoological Society of San Diego’s relationship with these majestic animals.

While the majority of the newcomers were juveniles “not yet of reproductive capacity,” it was hoped, as was noted in the May 1971 issue of ZOOZ, “that having been provided with the proper environmental and nutritional requirements, this group of rhinos will be a viable reproducing captive herd.”

We didn’t have to hope for long. On October 11, 1972, the herd’s first calf was born at the Park. Dubbed Zibulo, a Zulu name meaning “first fruits of man or beast,” the little male was only the third rhino calf conceived in a zoo. Zibulo wouldn’t be the new kid—or calf—on the block for long: by April 1973, four more calves would be born at the Park. To date, the Park has celebrated the births of 93 southern white rhinos, along with 68 greater one-horned rhinos, and 14 eastern black rhinos. ■

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JOIN OUR "RALLY 4 RHINOS" ON
MAY 15, 2015!



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**May 15 is Endangered Species Day,
and we have a special event at the Safari Park:
we're celebrating rhinos and rallying for their future!**

San Diego Zoo Global has been working steadily for decades to help these iconic endangered species. Yet rhinos continue to be in critical need of conservation help. Currently, a rhino is poached every eight hours. With dramatically low populations of all 5 rhino species, rhinos could become extinct in 15 to 20 years. That's not a future we want to live with!

Join us on May 15 as we "Rally 4 Rhinos." Spread the word that rhinos need help—and that everyone can make a difference. No matter where you live, you can be a part of saving a species from extinction.

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**Rally 4 Rhinos
at the Safari Park,
Presented by livingocial.**

**Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
at the Safari Park's
African Plains Overlook,**

a special presentation and lively community activities will involve everyone in helping rhinos. Be there to raise awareness of the plight of rhinos—and the urgent need to protect them for future generations.

Rally 4 Rhinos from Anywhere

◀ **Join our online rhino Twitter Party** using the hashtag #Rally4Rhinos and be part of the conservation conversation.

◀ **Send an online letter to the California Legislature in support of bill AB 96:** if passed, AB 96 will prevent the importation or sale of rhino horn and elephant ivory in California.

◀ **Lend a hand:** Write "Stop Killing Rhinos" on the palm of your hand and take a photo, then post the photo on social media using the hashtag #Rally4Rhinos. There are five species of rhinos left on the planet—and we have five fingers on a hand. Let's lend that hand to say "Stop!" and halt the destruction of these magnificent animals.

For more information, visit rally4rhinos.org.