

THE ADVENTURES OF WORKING WITH LEECHES AND RHINOS

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Why are we using Leeches?



Two different approaches

- ▣ Large volume blood draw



- ▣ Leech Therapy



How to put a leech on a Rhino



Leeches attached



After feeding



Leech before feeding



Leech after feeding



Pros and Cons of Leech Therapy

Pros:

- Non invasive treatment
- Can be very effective with time
- No sedation necessary
- Frequent application

Cons:

- Leeches require a lot of care to maintain them
- A large quantity of Leeches are needed
- Very expensive \$8 each
- Inconsistent on how much they eat
- Anti coagulant doesn't work well on Sumatran Rhinos

Changes we saw in Suci's from the two combined treatments

Improved appetite

Improvement in attitude

More active

Now you might ask where does
the ADVENTURE part of all this
come in?

In the collecting of the Leeches!!!!



Tackling the Mystery of Iron Storage Disease

Not just rhinos at risk!

