



AQUARIUM OPENS NEW HOLDING FACILITIES

The New England Aquarium opened a new animal care center, the only facility of its kind in New England built as a treatment center for stranded or injured marine mammals rescued by the Aquarium's Marine Mammal Rescue Team. Currently, the facility houses six harbor seal pups and several nesting rockhopper penguins. Dolphins and sea lions are also housed in this area while the show facility, the Discovery, is undergoing repairs in dry dock. The Animal Care Center's services to in-house animals include medical treatment and holding space. The facility is comprised of four small pools for seals, sea lions and pups; a cetacean pool for dolphins and small whales and a dry quarantine room. For maximum efficiency, the Center has its own food preparation room, in addition to an isolated necropsy room.

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CONSERVATION

INDIAN RHINO BORN AT PHILADELPHIA ZOO

A male Indian rhinoceros (Rhinoceros unicornis) was born on 3 November 1985 at the Philadelphia Zoological Garden after a gestation period of 489 days. Born at 8:05 p.m., the infant appeared healthy and alert and was observed nursing and standing within two hours. His weight was estimated at 150 pounds, and he measured 44 inches from tip of snout to base of tail and stood 27 inches at the shoulder. The 10-year-old mother was born at the Basel Zoo, and the wild-caught father was acquired by the zoo in 1955. This is the second birth to this pair, with the first breeding resulting in the February 1984 birth of a female which lived only 18 hours.

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