



Little Rock Zoo, Arkansas, USA - Johari passed away on February 4th, 2023

The Zoo is sad to announce the loss of Johari (the 27-year-old eastern black rhinoceros) who passed away on February 4th, 2023.

Johari was being treated for gastrointestinal symptoms and full necropsy results are pending.

Johari was an iconic animal to the Little Rock Zoo and will be greatly missed by Zoo staff and guests.

Johari was the proud father of Kevin, a one-year-old black rhino born at the Zoo at the recommendation of the Species Survival Plan.

Johari had outlived the median age of 18 for black rhinos living in zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

(photo Paul Caster)

Founded in 1926, the Little Rock Zoo lies in Little Rock (Arkansas, USA).

It is home to more than 725 animals representing over 200 different species and covers an area of 33 acres (13 ha).



This is the Little Rock Zoo's latest addition - a baby eastern black rhinoceros born overnight on November 10, 2021. The calf is the first rhino born at the Little Rock Zoo.

Its birth is a significant milestone in the conservation of the species.

The baby rhino was born to mother Andazi, a 15-year-old rhino living at the Little Rock Zoo since 2010, and Johari, a 26-year-old rhino living at the Zoo since he was three.

(submitted photo from Little Rock zoo)