



NEWSLETTER

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SAVE RHINOS, TO SAVE PEOPLE, TO SAVE TOMORROW



MESSAGE FROM CFW FOUNDER & CEO, PETRONEL NIEUWOUDT

Privilege, learning, grateful all spring to mind.

Care for Wild had the privilege to host a rhino specialist procedures veterinary workshop with the best wildlife veterinarians and other specialist veterinarians. We've shared and learned in order to grow and do better...rhinos first!

Olive, beautiful Olive. What a surprise. As I think back to the night I first saw this perfect little orphan, I recall how stunningly beautiful she was. Beautiful and naughty and always making you run. It is no surprise that her baby boy is so perfect and so cheeky! Just like his Mom, no nonsense and so energetic. Olive is such a good and perfect mother. We are so humbled and so grateful to be so blessed

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Petronel Nieuwoudt'.



NEW BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On 11th August 2022, Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary excitedly announced the birth of our third calf this year. 9-year-old white rhino cow, Olive, gave birth to a bull calf at 7:50 in the morning under the monitoring of her long-time protector.

Olive was orphaned in 2013 after poachers killed her mother. She was just 10 months old when she was rescued and brought to Care for Wild. She is so stunningly beautiful but incredibly sassy! Olive was one of the first rhinos to complete her rehabilitation and enter the rewilding and release program. Her little son is the third calf born to two orphans of poaching making Storm a father for the third time. Both Olive and Storm bring genetics from different areas making this new calf a very important addition to the genetic diversity of the growing population.

In another poignant moment and for the first time, the birth was captured on video by Olive's guard, Nkosinathi. Despite keeping his distance, Olive moved closer to Nkosinathi throughout the early stages of labour and even stayed close to him during delivery. Due to this unbelievable bond of trust, Nkosinathi was able to film the birth. What an absolute privilege to witness this special moment. What a blessing to see this new life takes his first breaths. By the grace of God, we welcome little Axl to the world.

[Click HERE to watch the birth](#)







RHINO SPECIALIST PROCEDURES VETERINARY WORKSHOP

At the beginning of August, Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary hosted a 3 day Rhino Specialist Procedures Veterinary Workshop which was attended by over 40 veterinarians from South Africa, SANParks, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana and the US.

The purpose of the workshop was to empower veterinarians with advanced evidence-based clinical skills when dealing with injured or compromised rhinos. The workshop aimed to educate and empower each attending veterinarian with theoretical knowledge and in certain cases, offer a practical demonstration of specialised and complex techniques and procedures by experienced clinicians.

Amongst a series of in-depth and advanced lectures, routine horn trimming of the rhinos allowed for the demonstration of several specialised procedures. The ultimate goal of the workshop was to improve outcomes in injured or orphaned rhinos.





Care for Wild would like to thank every attendee for their passion and dedication and for choosing to save rhinos. We would also like to extend our most heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the following sponsors without whom, this workshop would not have been possible. Thank you for enabling this learning and development program. Thank you for helping to save an iconic and keystone species from extinction.

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PASSING OUT PARADE FOR NEW MOUNTED UNIT TROOPERS

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In early June, a new intake of rangers embarked on an intensive training course in preparation to join our elite Mounted Unit. The in-depth and specialised course was delivered 6 days a week for three months by Australian expert horseman, James Cole.

Prior to the course beginning, some of the recruits had never ridden a horse before. The course covered horse handling, riding, maintenance, stable duties, feeding in stables and on patrols, type of equipment, equipment maintenance, dismounted tactics, mounted tactics, day operations, night operations, Prisoner Of War (POW) handling, fitness, strength, balance, endurance, physical and mental resilience, operate in numbers from 2 man patrols to 2 section strength, long-range patrols, scouting patrols, mapping patrols, reconnaissance patrols, attacking patrols, ability to take orders from ranking troopers, self-discipline, section discipline, communication to ranking troopers, dismounted drill and mounted drill.

After a physically and mentally challenging 3 months, the new recruits celebrated the completion of their training with a passing out parade in acknowledgement of their outstanding achievement, and their official admission into the Care for Wild Mounted Unit. 10 recruits started and 10 troopers finished. What a success!





GOOD WORK FOUNDATION RETURNS

Of 100 children that start school in South Africa, approximately 60 will reach their final year, 37 will graduate, and only 12 will access university. Good Work Foundation is on a mission to change this by creating opportunities for those young people who might not otherwise reach their potential. Through Konica Minolta, Good Work Foundation is able to place a select number of students at Care for Wild every year. During their stay, the students join the international volunteers as part of an educational program giving them experience and insight into rhino conservation and the valuable roles they can play in safeguarding their heritage.

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RUGBY COMES TO CARE FOR WILD!

For all of us here in South Africa, Rugby is part of who we are. From young children, this sport forms part of our lives and has an incredible way of bringing people together. This month we were very excited and humbled to welcome both the South African and New Zealand internationally playing teams. Players and management from the Springboks and All Blacks visited Care for Wild to discover more about the plight of the rhino and the poaching crisis. Having internationally recognised and respected ambassadors really make a difference in creating awareness. Rhinos belong to the world and it is all of our responsibility to stand up and take action to save this keystone species. We would like to thank the players and management for their time and empathy towards the cause.





THANK YOU KYRON LABORATORIES

A very special thank you to Kyron Laboratories for their donation of products to help support the rhinos.

It is so important that we have quality products when treating the rhinos or delivering supportive care.

Thank you also for Daisy's new Kyron blanket which is so so soft and fluffy!



THANK YOU ONE LAND LOVE IT

A very big thank you to the team at One Land Love It for sending these beautiful gift boxes in acknowledgement of women's month. We were deeply touched to be recognised as women in conservation who are making a difference.

Thank you so much for the effort that you went to and for your daily commitment and support towards rhinos.



THANK YOU WILDLIFE PROTECTION SERVICES

Another very big thank you is sent to Wildlife Protection Services for donating a quad bike to facilitate the swift movement of our anti-poaching manager through difficult and rugged terrain.

We are incredibly grateful for this valuable asset.



THANK YOU JAMES LAVER, JEREMY RUGGLES AND JONATHAN

Laver & Wood and J.S Wright and Sons have partnered to create some of the world's finest cricket bats. This beautiful bat was auctioned to raise money for Care for Wild and sold to Jonathan in the UK for \$3000. Thank you so much for this support.



THANK YOU KAREN & WENDY

A very big thank you to the friends and supporters of Karen and Wendy's garden party and raffle in the UK. Scrumptious cakes and amazing prizes raised over £1000 for Daisy and Care for Wild. Please send us some of that yummy looking cake!





CARE FOR WILD USA RUN FOR RHINOS

On September 3rd Care for Wild USA held its first Run for Rhinos 5K/Walkathon at Shelby Park in Nashville, Tennessee led by Lillie Homberg. Not only was there a strong attendance, but many participants were excited to learn more about Care for Wild and raise awareness. There is still time to also participate virtually if you missed out on the event. To date Run for Rhinos has raised over \$10,000! Thank you to all that have donated and participated. Also special heartfelt thank you to Lillie Homberg for all her hard work and dedication.



Click to JOIN the Run for Rhinos Virtual 5K

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