



NEWSLETTER

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SAVE RHINOS, TO SAVE PEOPLE, TO SAVE TOMORROW



MESSAGE FROM CFW FOUNDER & CEO, PETRONEL NIEUWOUDT

We started with a mission and a purpose. We wanted to save rhinos for the future. We took broken, injured and scared orphans in and gave them a safe place. A home. A home for orphans that was filled with good food and love.

Then almost 8 years later, this tiny baby makes an appearance. And it is the beginning, the launching of a new era. This little baby gives context to our mission. We haven't just arrived...we've only just begun.

Blizzy is not an orphan. This is her home with her Mom and her Dad and we are part of her crash that is keeping her safe. What a blessings to be on this mission with such purpose. Rhinos for the future.

Thank you TRAC N4 for your belief, your passion, your unwavering support and for never giving up on Wyntir.

RHINO NEWS



WYNTIR GIVES BIRTH



HOPE FOR RHINOS AS WORLD'S FIRST RHINO CALF BORN TO ORPHANS OF POACHING

It is with deepest humbleness and gratitude that we introduce you to little Blizzy, the world's first rhino calf born naturally to two orphaned parents who were successfully rehabilitated and released. She is also just about the sweetest thing you have ever seen, but we might be a little biased!

Rhino conservation history was made at Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary this month with the arrival of a southern white rhino calf born to orphaned rhinos Wyntir and Storm. 8-year-old orphan Wyntir gave birth to a healthy baby girl at 02:25 on Sunday 13th February 2022. It was a monumental and emotional moment for Petronel and the Care for Wild team.

Wyntir was just 2 months old and weighed 107kg, when she was rescued from Kingfisherspruit in the Kruger National Park after poachers murdered her mother. Alone and defenceless, Wyntir was attacked by hyenas who ripped off her ears and caused severe wounds. Wyntir's name is a pure reflection of the hardship she endured and her struggle for survival. Blizzy's father, Storm, was orphaned just over 10 years ago in an equally devastating attack when poachers brutally murdered his entire family and left the 4-week-old calf to die.





Both Wyntir and Storm were rescued and brought to Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary. They are 2 calves of over 100 rhino orphans that have been rescued since the conservation project began in 2011. Wyntir and Storm underwent extensive care and rehabilitation before entering the rewilding and release programme. But Wyntir and Storm never experienced the guardianship and teachings of their mothers or the dynamics of natural group interactions. Nobody knew whether they would be able to understand reproductive behaviours and conceive naturally. Nobody knew whether Wyntir would know how to raise a calf. But Wyntir and Storm just made history and their daughter Blizzy, encapsulates hope for the species like never before.

“I look at both Wyntir and Storm and all in one moment I see their whole journey. Every second of struggle, every hour of effort, every sacrifice and every person who gave everything to save them. Care for Wild’s vision is to secure the future of the species through viable black and white rhino breeding populations protected by communities. This baby is a symbol of the life and light that is possible. She is hope for the species and for humanity. Rhinos belong to the world, and it is all of our responsibility to save them.” Petronel Nieuwoudt.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO TRAC N4 FOR THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO WYNTIR





RELEASED



VENUS, MEHA & MANJI RELEASED ONTO NATURE RESERVE

The birth of Blizzy has reinforced the essential role that healthy ecosystems and range expansion play in the successful establishment of viable rhino breeding populations. Rhinos need healthy and protected areas in which to establish territories and breeding rights. This has been evident in the evolution of reproductive behaviours observed as the rhinos transition through the different stages of rewilding.

In Dec 2020 Robyn, Tank, Satara and Baloo became the first four rhinos to be released into a newly secured area of the Barberton Nature Reserve. They were later followed by three wild cows as well as Wyntir, Tana and Mabush. This group of ten rhinos, who still remain under the 24/7 protection of their guards, were joined recently by Venus, Meha and Manji.

All rescued as small orphans, Venus, Meha and Manji underwent extensive rehabilitation. Both Venus and Manji were admitted with severe wounds which required intensive care and treatment. Released into the early stages of rewilding in 2017, this crash of orphans have progressed steadily through the reintroduction and release programme and now have the opportunity to establish themselves as part of a viable breeding population.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO KONICA MINOLTA FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING THESE RHINOS THROUGHOUT THEIR JOURNEY



SECURITY NEWS





THE RADIO CALL THAT MADE HISTORY

Sunday 13th February, 02:25 hours

Rhino Monitor: HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WYNTIR'S BABY. BABY GIRL BORN 02:25.

It was the call everyone had been waiting for. Within minutes, excited congratulator messages flooded the radio network from staff all across Care for Wild. Even the sleeping teams were woken by their thrilled colleagues to share the news.

It is truly a very special time for the Rhino Monitors who have been protecting Wyntir and Storm since their arrival as tiny, traumatised calves. Wyntir's trust is extremely humbling, allowing them to stay close by as they continue to watch over her and her baby.

Something has changed at Care for Wild. We 'have' to protect is now we 'want' to protect. Our Rhino Monitors say Blizzy is part of our family, she is one of us and she makes us whole. She is everything we always wanted. New, perfect, healthy and with her Mom. Our hearts overflow with joy. This baby just wiped out the last 10 years of suffering. She made every hour of the day and night worth it.



MOUNTED UNIT UPGRADES

As Care for Wild increases our management area through the need for range expansion, additional anti-poaching assets are required.

There is no question that the Mounted Unit is an unequivocal force multiplier. Mountainous and otherwise impassable terrain is made easily accessible and can be quickly secured by the horses.

Corporal Steve has been with Care for wild for many years and he is extremely proud of his unit. He maintains strict discipline and standards at all times.

This month the unit have been training for rapid deployment using the horse box. Steve saw the need for some design changes to be better facilitate this process and has been busy implementing these improvements.

The rhinos have also been interested in Steve's work and stopped by the Mounted Unit stables to see what was going on. The ease at which the horses and rhinos coexist is an essential element of the success of the Mounted Unit.



COMMUNITY NEWS





LOMSHIYO UPDATES



THE LOMSHIYO TEAM

Last month we introduced you Thandazile, the Lomshiyo Administrator. Thandazile began as an Investec Intern and is now employed full time.

This month we would like to introduce you to Nondumiso Ngwenya, the Lomshiyo Manager and the Assistant Manager, Dominic Mazibuko.

Care for Wild runs a number of community projects that support many of the socioeconomic issues faced daily in South Africa. The Lomshiyo Farming Project promotes youth employment; economic development; food security and improved nutrition; training and skills development; as well as creating opportunities for communities to fulfil their responsibilities as custodians of the environment.



UK UPDATES

THE GROVE 

DARREN AND ANNA GOUGH INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A GALA DINNER AT THE GROVE ON THE 2ND SEPTEMBER 2022 IN AID OF CARE FOR WILD RHINO SANCTUARY

ABOUT CARE FOR WILD

The Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary is located in the greater Barberton Nature Reserve which incorporates Mountainlands Game Reserve, situated in the beautiful heartland of Mpumalanga, South Africa. The Sanctuary was founded by Petronel Nieuwoudt, with the goal of providing care and rehabilitation to a wide range of animals. Due to the drastic increase in the numbers of rhino poaching incidents within South Africa, and an ensuing large number of orphaned rhinos, the need for a specialised sanctuary which would rehabilitate and eventually release back into the wild became necessary. Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary works directly with local communities in creating sustainable solutions that provide training, educational opportunities and ultimately jobs. This leads to members of the community developing livelihoods and securing promising futures for their communities through conservation. The long-term sustainability of the CFWRS is ultimately through the creation of jobs and enterprises within the Sanctuary and surrounding communities, ensuring that the communities see tangible benefit in conserving the Sanctuary and Rhinos.

Table of 10 : £1,800 excluding VAT Individual tickets : £195 excluding VAT

Your guests will enjoy a sparkling drinks reception, followed by a delicious three course menu plus coffee and petit fours. Hosted by Darren & Anna Gough, you'll enjoy an evening of live entertainment to include traditional South African sounds, fundraising and a live auction. The founder of Care for Wild, Petronel Nieuwoudt will take to the stage to share her knowledge and experiences with guests.

Platinum Package: £2,400 excluding VAT

Attend the Gala Dinner with premium tables and a drinks package. You will have the best seats in the house and will have a VIP meet and greet with Petronel Nieuwoudt, the inspiration behind this great charity.

Sponsorship Packages:

Please reach out to see our sponsorship opportunities.



To book please contact events@theonlineassistants or call 07503 115491

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This event is organised by professional fundraiser AMG Consultancy Ltd. AMG Consultancy Ltd will receive fees of 20% of the net proceeds from the event.

US UPDATES

Care for Wild Club Celebrates International Women's Day

On February 7th, Her Campus put on an early celebration for International Women's Day with over 20 selected clubs in attendance for California Lutheran University. Care for Wild Club was one of the highlighted clubs of the day as Petronel is the embodiment of leadership, independence, power and determination, all characteristics that make her a great role model.

Although the day did start off slow due to high winds, students slowly started to migrate over to the event and partake in the festivities. By the end of the day Care for Wild club gained 22 new members putting the club total at 28.

March
7th

HER
CAMPUS
at
Cal Lutheran



Join us on the spine
for International
Women's
Day!

11am – 1pm

IWD is a global day
celebrating the social,
economic, cultural, and
political achievements
of women!

If you have any questions, please
contact splacencio@callutheran.edu



BLESSINGS & THANK YOUS





**THANK YOU
ER24**

Medical equipment and supplies are extremely expensive and when we receive a wounded calf, costs can quickly mount up. Many years ago ER24 stepped up to help the rhinos and they haven't stopped since.

Moses arrived with another delivery of medical supplies that were in short supply at the Care for Wild Intensive Care Unit. It was as though Christmas had come early! Thank you so much!



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