



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022



SAVE RHINOS, TO SAVE PEOPLE, TO SAVE TOMORROW



MESSAGE FROM CFW FOUNDER & CEO, PETRONEL NIEUWOUDT

This is such a beautiful time at Care for Wild; we are so blessed. There is a wonderful energy with two little rhino babies running around. Congratulations to River, our beautiful girl with the tattoo on her bummy; a constant reminder of her fight for survival. Pebble is so perfect!

Whilst the two new calves are keeping their Moms busy, the other rhinos are keeping the team busy! So much feeding and caring each and every day. Thank you like always for the support, love and help.

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

RHINO NEWS

RIVER GIVES BIRTH



SECOND RHINO CALF BORN AT CARE FOR WILD!

Just two weeks after Wyntir and her newborn made international headlines, fellow orphaned rhino River, gave birth to a little bull calf. Baby Pebble was born between 05:00-05:30 on the morning of 1st March 2022 and is the second calf to be born at Care for Wild to two orphans of poaching.

River was rescued on the 4th September 2014 after poachers killed her mother. Alone and defenceless, River was attacked by lions who left deep wounds on her legs. River underwent an extensive rehabilitation programme and was released into the Intensive Protection Zone in 2017. Although her injuries healed, River still bares the scars which serve as a continual reminder of her fight for survival.

Until recently it was unknown, whether orphaned rhinos would be able to conceive and deliver their own calves naturally. Nobody knew the long term implications for rhinos who had never had their mother's teachings or experienced the social dynamics of wild crashes. Nobody knew whether they would be able to understand reproductive behaviour queues, or if they would know how to raise their own calf. There was also uncertainty around the impact of physical injuries as well as psychological trauma.

So far this year, there have been two monumental and historical moments in rhino conservation history with the birth of Blizzy and Pebble. It has been unbelievable to observe how Wyntir and River have adapted to motherhood. What an absolute privilege to witness these miraculous moments.

**KONICA MINOLTA
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR RIVER**



River's Rescue: a Ranger offers water to the scared calf



River makes sure her son stays safe

DAISY UPDATE

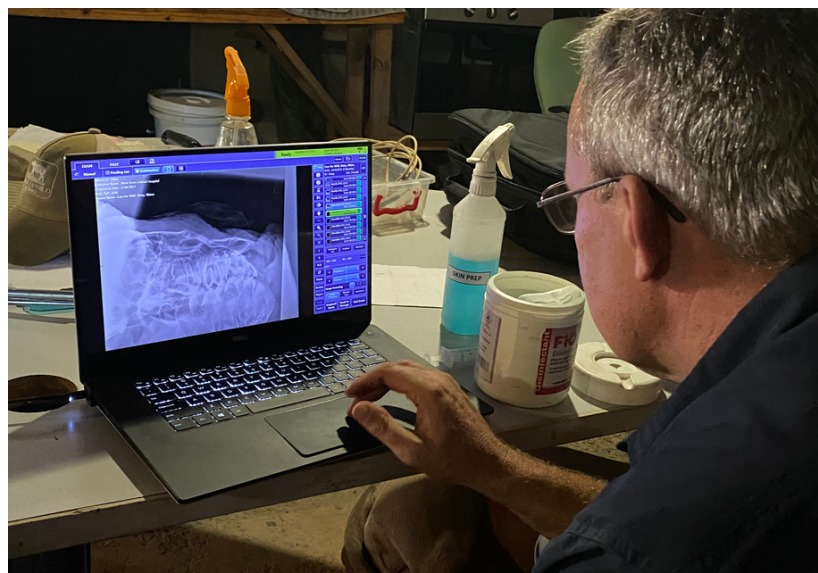
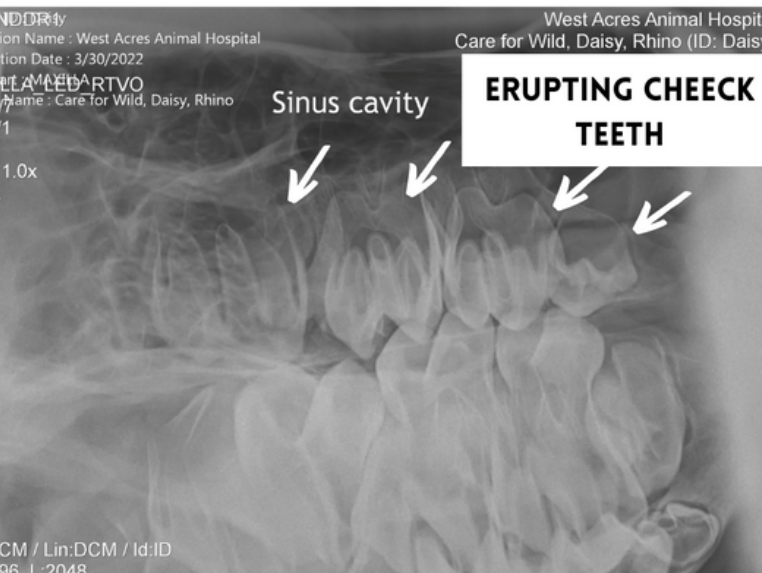


DAISY IS TEETHING

Daisy was rescued on the 9th December 2021. She was just a few hours old when she arrived at Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary. Daisy's feet were still wet from the womb and her umbilical cord was still attached. She was extremely immune compromised and developed several health complications that required round the clock care and treatment. When she was just a few days old she received a plasma transfusion to help boost her immune system and still receives milk every 2-3 hours through the day and night. Daisy has been one of our most challenging calves.

Daisy is now just under 4 months old but she is not yet eating solids. Due to her compromised state on arrival, she is a little behind in her development. For some time Daisy has been playing with grass and taking strands into her mouth but she has not yet mastered the art of pulling and tearing. Over the last week, caregivers noticed that Daisy wasn't quite herself. She developed an upset tummy and began to grind her teeth.

Veterinarian Dr Albertus Coetzee visited Daisy for a full examination. Daisy was immobilised and carried through to the examination area. Dr Albertus drew blood samples for testing and gave her more plasma intravenously. He then took x-rays of Daisy's mouth and used an oral camera to check inside. Dr Albertus confirmed that Daisy is teething. Although some of her teeth have started to come through, most of them are erupting at the same time which can be quite uncomfortable, as anyone with children will relate to! We are reviewing Daisy's nutrition and she has been given a programme to help manage her teething discomfort. With Modjadjji close by, Daisy is already feeling a bit better.





SECURITY NEWS





AI ENABLED COLLARS

'RANGE EXPANSION THROUGH THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY'

Range expansion is essential for the longterm sustainability of viable black and white rhino breeding populations. As more rhinos are released and Care for Wild's protected area continued to grows, we are combining 'boots on the ground' with ground breaking technology to enhance situational awareness and security.

Care for Wild staff met Dr SP Le Roux at the EarthRanger user conference in Pretoria last year. Roxcel technology collars give location information and detect and transmit abnormal rhino behaviour in real-time. The system consists of AI-enabled rhino collars and a private LoRa network with smart algorithms continuously monitoring the rhino's behaviour and alerting for abnormal activity.

On 18th March 2022, Dr SP le Roux joined the Care for Wild team along with veterinarian, Dr Chris Smith, and helicopter pilot Jana Meyer, to dart and collar 2 black rhinos and 3 white rhinos who were previously released in to Care for Wild's protected area. The operation went very smoothly and all 5 rhinos were fitted with the new devices.

The collars had been active for just over two weeks when an alarm notification woke the team at 05:22 on Sunday morning. A collar was detecting abnormal activity. The collar sending the alarm belonged to territorial bull Baloo. The anti-poaching team responded and discovered that Baloo had sustained a superficial injury to his leg, possibly from fighting another rhino or maybe from slipping in the mud and rain. He remains under observation and monitoring.

These collars are an excellent example of how we can utilise technology to better protect and care for the rhinos and will be utilised on more rhinos as they are released.





Operations that involve darting from helicopters and tracking animals over large areas can potentially become logistical nightmares. In order to prevent this, all operations carried out at Care for Wild are meticulously planned. We are also extremely fortunate to have a highly skilled Mounted Unit who are invaluable in these types of operations.

The horses are very familiar to the rhinos and are not seen as threatening. They are able to follow the rhinos at speed into areas that would otherwise be inaccessible to vehicles. The Mounted Unit are able to keep eyes on the rhinos and call in the support team once the immobilisation drugs have taken effect. They are a force multiplier and add an entirely new dimension to the success of the operation.





COMMUNITY NEWS





Our local communities face a great number of challenges daily from unemployment and limited access to education and skills development, to hunger and malnutrition. Care for Wild works hand in hand with our local communities to find sustainable solutions to these socio-economic problems. We have a number of active projects that address these issues but this month we were able to offer additional support to those families most in need.

Pandrol generously donated buckets, dishes, plates, food containers and cups to help families with elderly relatives or young children. These items were also distributed to the children's kitchen and the local preschool. Pandrol also donated several pairs of school shoes which were given to those children who are being cared for by their grandparents as their own parents have died.

Thanks to Veronica Rossetti and her friends and family who donated towards food parcels, Care for Wild was also able to distribute food packages too. Donations such as these are always so greatly appreciated.





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.



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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



Special Thank You to Famke Janssen

Care for Wild would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Famke Janssen for her support and compassion to our cause and the rhinos! Since her visit in February of 2020, she has continued to show her love and support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



BLESSINGS & THANK YOUS





THANK YOU
RHINO COFFEE GEAR

Thank you to Rhino Coffee Gear for the donation of these milk thermometers which allow us to ensure consistent milk temperatures for the orphans which aids in improved digestion and absorption.





THANK YOU
DURABO TRADING

Thank you to Durabo Trading in Nelspruit for donating these mast poles used in the preparation of the LoRa network for the AI enabled tracking collars. These collars were fitted on the rhinos this month and are actively aiding the security of the released rhinos.

Thank you also for donating this extremely useful and much needed cordless grinder.

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