



### Baby Rhino arrives at HESC after mother poached

**08 May 2014** - We took custody of a very special animal last night. A 3 month old baby rhino, anticipated to have been born on around the 19th February, was brought to the HESC after being found next to his dead mother who had been tragically and brutally poached for her horn. It was a devastating sight, as the tiny animal would not leave her side, and was crying inconsolably for her.

Dr. Peter Rogers from Provet assisted in darting him, and he was transported the short distance to The Centre with great care.

Despite his distress, he had a good night - spent in close contact with Curator Christo Schreiber, and surrogate mother "Skaap". He is in a calmer state this morning.

The hunt now begins for fat-free milk to sustain him. Any support or assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please [click here](#) to access our online donation portal. Every cent helps.

The HESC has seen a number of injured and orphaned animals successfully rehabilitated over the years, and we are hopeful that this will be another happy ending.

We will keep you updated as to the baby's progress.

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*The baby was found next to his dead mother, and was sedated to enable the team to move him*



*He arrived at the HESC, and was quickly transported to the veterinary hospital*



*He was stabilised, under the watchful eye of vet Peter Rogers, curator Christo Schreiber and "Skaap", the surrogate mother sheep*



*He eventually came to, and spent a quieter night in the close company of Christo and Skaap*

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- The release and establishment of captive-bred cheetahs to the wild
- The treatment and rehabilitation of orphaned or injured animals which are brought to the Centre
- The education of learners, students and the general public in conservation and conservation activities
- Eco-tourism
- A hands-on Student's Programme to conservation and adventure enthusiasts from around the world.

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