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## IT'S BACK...TURTLES ARE TOPS!

This \$100 turtle package was so popular in 2016 that we brought it back this year.



**There are only 3 turtles left!** Don't miss your chance to name one of our baby Blanding's turtles. These little turtles will be released into the wild next year as part of the [Toronto Zoo's turtle head-starting project](#). So go ahead, name a turtle, support an important conservation program and receive a fabulous "adoption" package. Here's what you get:

- The opportunity to name a baby Blanding's turtle
- An "adoption" certificate with a colour photo of your unique turtle with its new name
  - A fact sheet on these amazing animals
  - A fun animal newsletter
- An invitation (sent at a later date) for you and one guest to come to the zoo to meet Paul Yannuzzi, the care specialist looking after our little turtle friends.
- Full charitable tax receipt for the buyer of the gift

Support species survival!  
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NOW!**



**TORONTO ZOO, Toronto ON, Wednesday, December 27, 2017:** The Toronto Zoo is proud to announce that Zohari, a seven-year-old female white rhinoceros (*ceratotherium simum*), gave birth to a male calf on Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 10:45pm.

Both mom and baby are doing very well, with reports that this first-time mom is very restful, calm and protective. The calf is notably big and strong, weighing in at 62.3 kg. He has been nursing more than would be expected, and apparently has very hairy ears.

**PLEASE NOTE:** access to the maternity area of the White Rhino Habitat is not permitted at this time. Toronto Zoo staff will provide updates, photos and video as they become available. No filming/photography will be permitted.

This recent birth is very important for white rhinoceros conservation as the species is currently

Give a baby turtle a name and help your zoo with this wonderful breed and release initiative.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your package today!

## “Adopt a beaver for your babe”!

Our \$40 Valentine’s package was so popular last year that we’re bringing it back again!

This is a great gift for the love of your life and it’s so Canadian. Our national animal will make you feel great in a couple of ways. You’ll feel patriotic and romantic with this one easy purchase. Be unique. Forget the flowers and chocolates. Go Canadian all the way by “adopting” a beaver for your babe this Valentine’s Day. Here’s what you’ll get:



- An “adoption” certificate featuring one of our fabulous beavers
- A fact sheet on beavers
- Newsletter
- **PLUS** an adorable plush beaver with your gift package

So go ahead... “adopt” a beaver for your babe today. You’ll be giving a really neat gift and your purchase will be helping us with valuable conservation work we do at the Zoo and in the

listed as Near Threatened on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. There are approximately 19,682 – 21,077 left in the wild according to the IUCN African Rhino Specialist Group 2016. At one point, the species was as low as 20 animals left in the wild in South Africa’s Umfolozi Game Reserve but they were brought back from the brink of extinction through amazing conservation efforts. Their listing as Near Threatened is due to the continued increase in poaching for their horn in the black market trade. The population is heavily dependent on range state protection and if this is not maintained, the population could be upgraded to Vulnerable or even worse.

## Partner Spotlight



Cardan Contracting, Cardan Road Cleaners and Cardan Waste Management Inc. have made generous donations over the past several years for the Toronto Zoo’s rhino conservation efforts. Rhinos are being poached at a rate of about three rhinos per day. In 2013, a total of 1004 rhinos were poached for their horns, an increase from 668 rhinos in 2012. At this current rate, without extreme intervention, all rhino species will become extinct within 15 years.

The Toronto Zoo is part of the Indian Rhinoceros and White Rhinoceros Species Survival Plan (SSP), which aims to establish and maintain healthy, genetically diverse populations, and overall conservation efforts to save this incredible species. One of the Toronto Zoo’s mandates is to educate visitors on current conservation issues and help preserve the incredible biodiversity on the planet.

wild. Our beavers will love you for that.

**Order today! [Click here](#)**

## **TORONTO ZOO WELCOMES 2<sup>nd</sup> RHINO CALF BIRTH**



Photo Credit: Toronto Zoo

**TORONTO, ON, Monday, January 8, 2018:** The Toronto Zoo is very proud to announce that Ashakiran, a 13 year-old female greater one-horned rhinoceros (*rhinoceros unicornis*), gave birth to a male calf on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 11:04 am. This is the first birth of 2018 for the Toronto Zoo.

This recent birth is very important for greater one-horned rhino conservation, also known as the Indian rhino, as the species is currently listed as Vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species and there are only approximately 3,500 left in the wild. Declined to near extinction in the early 1900's the greater one-horned rhino was once listed as Endangered however, with conservation efforts and strict protection, it was down listed to Vulnerable. This is considered a conservation success story but they are not out of the woods. Habitat degradation, human rhino conflict, and poaching continue to be threats. The greater one-horned rhino exists in a

The Toronto Zoo is in a great position to bring forward the plight of the rhinoceros and supports rhinoceros conservation efforts in the wild through donations such as that from Cardan Group.

**Join the cause and move YOUR paws to help one of the world's most vulnerable species - Polar Bears!**



Open to all runners, walkers and fitness folk of all ages and abilities. Bundle up and bring the whole family for a day of outdoor fun, fitness and fundraising.

Canada Running Series donates 50% or more from every race entry to support Polar Bear Conservation at the Toronto Zoo. Help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000 this year by making a donation and inviting your friends, family, and colleagues to pledge you. Fundraise your way to amazing prizes! [Click here to learn more.](#)

**\*Please note:**

**Registration includes admission for the day, non-transferable.**

**All participants/spectators** are responsible for parking (\$12).

**All spectators** are required to pay full price on admission that day.

**This event is not officially timed.**

few small subpopulations in Nepal and India (West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Assam) inhabiting the riverine grasslands of the Terai and Brahmaputra Basins. With 70 % of the wild population occurring in one area in Kaziranga National Park, any catastrophic event could have a huge impact on conservation efforts for this species.



### CURRENT ZOO HOURS

9:30 am – 4:30 pm daily

Last admission one hour before closing

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