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In 2015 during a storm a little 2 and half month old male black rhino calf arrived at the orphanage, his mother had been killed by poachers.

When he arrived he was in very poor condition, he had been found wandering alone in the bush. However it also quickly became clear that he was very poorly. He had a parasitic infection resulting in aspiration pneumonia. He was suffering from sickness, lack of appetite and weight loss, he nearly did not survive.

However with lots of intensive care and long hours looking after him he began to stabilise. He started to gain weight. He showed a will to survive against all the odds and he was named Storm.
Making Friends

Around the same time that Storm was rescued so to was a female black rhino called Nandi and soon Storm and Nandi became close friends.

They looked to each other for comfort, companionship and playtime.

Storm grew into a strong character and he loved spending time with Nandi, exploring, eating and having a mud wallow.

Sadly the orphanage where they lived was attacked in 2017 by poachers and they had to be moved to a new facility, the Zululand Rhino Orphanage.

It took a while for Storm and Nandi to settle into their new home especially after a second very traumatic experience.

However in time they began to love their new home, they became confident and brave. They were able to explore and browse freely in their beautiful, naturel enclosure where they could start their re-wilding journey.
A Journey back into the Wild

In 2018 when Storm was around 3 years old it was time for him to make his final step in returning to the wild.

He was now a confident and healthy teenager. He would start his new journey with his friend Nandi.

In May 2018 the gate between the boma and game reserve was opened. Strom and Nandi spent a few days standing in the gap in the fence but soon they plucked up the courage to take their first tentative steps and walk free back into the wild where they belong.
Support Storm’s Journey

Storm continues to live in the wild, he has been fitted with a foot collar and the Zululand Orphanage continues to monitor him and ensure he is thriving in the wild where he belongs.

Sadly on 5th April 2019 Nandi passed away, she tragically died from a heart and liver condition. Her death was heart-breaking. However we have to take comfort that we did all we could to save her and before her death she once again was able to live freely in the wild with her best friend Storm.

You can still support Storm by adopting him, the support from his adoption enables the Zululand Rhino Orphanage to continue monitoring him to ensure that he is protected from poachers and any threats from other rhinos in his new area.

Rehabilitating rhinos back into the wild is a key goal to ensure that there is a healthy population of rhino in the wild, after all when protecting rhino every rhino matters.

To find out more about how to adopt Storm visit our Adoption Centre on our website helpingrhinos.org/adopt-a-rhino-orphan.