#BeMoreRhino

MEET OUR RHINO AND HIPPO ORPHANS

[Image of rhinos and hippopotamuses]
Who are the rhino and hippo orphans?

We have six rhino:

- Storm
- Zimisele
- Bhanoyi
- Makhosi
- Khula
- Mpilo

And two hippo:

- Charlie
- Moomin
• Why do the orphans need our care and protection?

Each of the orphans need care because for different reasons they do not have their mothers to care for them anymore. Often with rhinos this is because their mother has been killed by poachers, but also sometimes their mother is unwell or sadly dies for another reason or they are unable to provide milk to their baby, and we have to step in and provide that care for them.
• **How are the orphans cared for?**

When the orphans first arrive they are very scared however they will often be comforted by being close to humans and hearing another heartbeat.

They are fed milk to begin with just like human babies but as they get older they are weaned off milk and will eat vegetation, their diets are often supplemented with tuff grass, lucerne and rhino pellet.

Watch us prepare the milk and food for the rhino orphans at [www.helpingrhinos.org/zululand-rhino-orphanage](http://www.helpingrhinos.org/zululand-rhino-orphanage)

They sleep inside to begin with blankets and warmth but are slowly introduced to their bomas (an enclosed paddock) which are outside and eventually will be introduced to the other rhino and hippo orphans.
• **How long do the orphans live at the orphanage for?**

They can live at the orphanage for a few years until they are ready to be released back into the wild.

Typically, a rhino orphan would be ready to return to the wild between 3 and 4 years old.

The aim is always to release the rhinos back into the wild.
• **What do the orphans do for fun?**

Mud wallows are a favourite

Playing in the wallowing pool

Charlie and Moomin (the hippos) love submerging in their dam

Playing together and climbing on each other

Playing with their friends not just other rhinos and hippos, but also dogs and goats

Charging and frolicking around

All the rhinos and hippos love a shower with a hose pipe

Belly rubs after a mud bath, often on logs or tyres

Eating and grazing

Exploring their bomas and larger areas of their camp

Sleeping together in the sun, then cooling off in the mud

Find out much more about our orphans at helpingrhinos.org