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Media Opportunity

Cincinnati Zoo Says Happy 1st Birthday to Baby Rhino

Media invited to Harry's birthday party, Tuesday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m.

WHO: Harry, one of the Cincinnati Zoo's critically endangered Sumatran rhinos, celebrates his first birthday with a cake only fit for a rhino.

Ingredients for the rhino cake include a giant bread bowl, generously donated by Panera, stuffed with Harry's favorites including apples, sweet potatoes and mashed banana frosting. Then, the cake is heavily garnished with ficus leaves and topped off with a carrot birthday candle.

WHAT: Harry weighed 86 pounds at birth. One year later, Harry weighs a whopping 860 pounds, which means he has gained more than two pounds a DAY over the last year. Harry continues to nurse three to four times daily and enjoys a variety of foods ranging from produce and bread to ficus leaves.

Three years ago, Harry's mother, Emi, became the first Sumatran rhino in history to produce three calves in captivity. Emi's legacy has grown as she continues to be the most prolific Sumatran rhino in history.

In the last 20 years, over 70% of the Sumatran rhino population has been lost because of poaching and habitat destruction. Today, less than 300 survive in the wild. The Cincinnati Zoo is home to the only four Sumatran rhinos in the United States and four of only nine in captivity worldwide.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 29, 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Sumatran Rhino Exhibit at Wildlife Canyon

HOW: Media should enter through the Dury Avenue gate and park in the Zoo's main parking lot. Someone from PR will meet you at the bronze rhino statues.

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