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IN LOVING MEMORY OF EMI

Emi, the Sumatran rhino that made history by producing three calves at the Cincinnati Zoo from 2001-2008, passed away in her sleep on Sept. 5, 2009. No animal at the Zoo was more beloved than this amazing rhino who contributed more to saving her species than any other Sumatran rhino in the world. Because Emi was so docile and amiable, CREW scientists were able to study her in depth and unravel the mysteries of Sumatran rhino reproduction which led to our successful breeding program...the only one in the world. Although she left us too early, Emi's legacy lives on in her three beautiful healthy calves. Emi's first born, Andalas, was returned to Sumatra to serve as the catalyst for a breeding program in the species' native land. Her only daughter, Suci, remains at the Cincinnati Zoo and is fast-approaching puberty and her youngest son, Harapan, is growing up in Florida at the White Oak Conservation Center. Those of us who had the privilege to work with Emi will never forget her playful personality, her spirit when facing her mate, Ipuh, or the care she demonstrated when raising her calves. Emi may have left us too early, but the memories she created will last a lifetime and will provide endless inspiration to those of us striving to save the Sumatran rhino. 🌿

Emi and Andalas in 2002

