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Zoo's rhinos celebrate their 5th birthday with their favorite treats!

SEATTLE—Happy, happy 5th birthday to Woodland Park Zoo's greater one-horned rhinos, Taj (pronounced like Taj Mahal) and Glenn! The boys are the same age and were born only a day apart. Instead of a cake, the rhinos celebrated with their favorite fruits and veggies.

Taj means "crown" or "jewel" in Hindi. He was born November 10, 2016 at San Diego Zoo Safari Park, Glenn was born on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016 at The Wilds, a 10,000acre conservation center and safari park located in Cumberland, Ohio and operated by the Columbus Zoo and Aguarium. He was named in honor of the late astronaut and Senator John Glenn.

Much to the delight of zoo-goers, the best buds are often seen doing rhino zoomies and friendly head butting! Taj and Glenn currently weigh between 3,760 and 4,008 pounds each and, when fully grown, will weigh between 5,000 and 6,000 pounds.

Discover the funny antics of Taj and Glenn by visiting them at Assam Rhino Reserve, which opened three years ago. They are the very first rhinos to live at Woodland Park Zoo in the zoo's 122-year history.

Rhinos are iconic symbols of the wildlife trafficking crisis and Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save rhinos in the wild. Assam Rhino Reserve showcases greater one-horned rhinos, Asian brown tortoises and demoiselle cranes. The exhibit highlights the amazing adaptations of these three species and brings to life the impact of poaching, the illegal wildlife trade and the turtle extinction crisis. Join the zoo in supporting rhino conservation by visiting www.zoo.org/rhinos.

Woodland Park Zoo offers a safe, outdoor experience for all. Visit today and save 30% off summertime admission prices!

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