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New Arrivals Named at Dublin Zoo

Dublin Zoo is delighted to announce that the zoo's newest arrivals, the rhino calf and Rothschild giraffe calf both born in the zoo in December 2010, have been named.

The female giraffe calf has been named Arria meaning 'lean and slender one' in Swahili. Arria stands tall at just over two metres and can be seen on the African Savanna, along with the rest of the giraffe herd.

The new male rhino calf has been named Zuberi, Swahili for strong one, and can be seen playing alongside his mother Ashanti, older sister Zuki and father Chaka at the African Plains in the zoo today.

Fans and friends of the zoo were invited to suggest a name for the newest arrivals, based on their African origin and the zoo is proud to say that they received an overwhelming response of great suggestions from supporters. Claudia Budea of Hartstown, Dublin 15 is the proud namer of Zuberi, whilst Deirdre O'Dowd from Dublin 10 and Laura Duggan from Rush, Co. Dublin both suggested the winning name Arria.

Helen Clarke-Bennet, team leader of the African Plains said: "Both new arrivals are doing very well and we are delighted with the names chosen for each. The rhino, Zuberi is becoming more inquisitive and is growing bigger by the day. He now likes to spar with the keepers, which is a great sign of his development. Arria the giraffe has settled very well within the herd, she likes running across the African Savanna and kicking her heels out."

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