

BIG RED NOSE FOR BIG WHITE TIGER



As Red Nose Day approaches, a tiger at West Midland Safari Park, in Worcestershire, is doing his own thing.

Khan, a five-year old White Bengal Tiger that was born at the Park, has shown more than a little interest in the huge red nose that he was seen playing with for hours – and no one was going to take it away from him. Khan may not be raising lots of money for the cause, but his antics have certainly been raising a few laughs amongst the staff and visitors to the Park.

Khan enjoys nothing more than playing rough and tumble – which usually also involves his sister Charu. Khan and Charu were born in May 2004 and were hand-reared by Park staff after CCTV monitoring revealed that the cubs were unable to feed - they have been inseparable ever since.

Now extinct in the wild, the earliest recorded sightings of white tigers dated from the mid 16th century, but only a dozen have been noted in the last 100 years, the last in 1951. West Midland Safari Park has 10 White Bengal Tigers, which represents the largest breeding collection in the UK.

West Midland Safari & Leisure Park is open daily until Friday, 6th November 2009. Admission costs £11.50 for adults, £10.50 for children. Amusement rides charged extra in all cases. Further information is available from www.wmsp.co.uk or by telephone 01299 402114.

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Photo Caption

Khan, a White Bengal Tiger at West Midland Safari Park, enjoys doing something funny for Red Nose Day.

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