

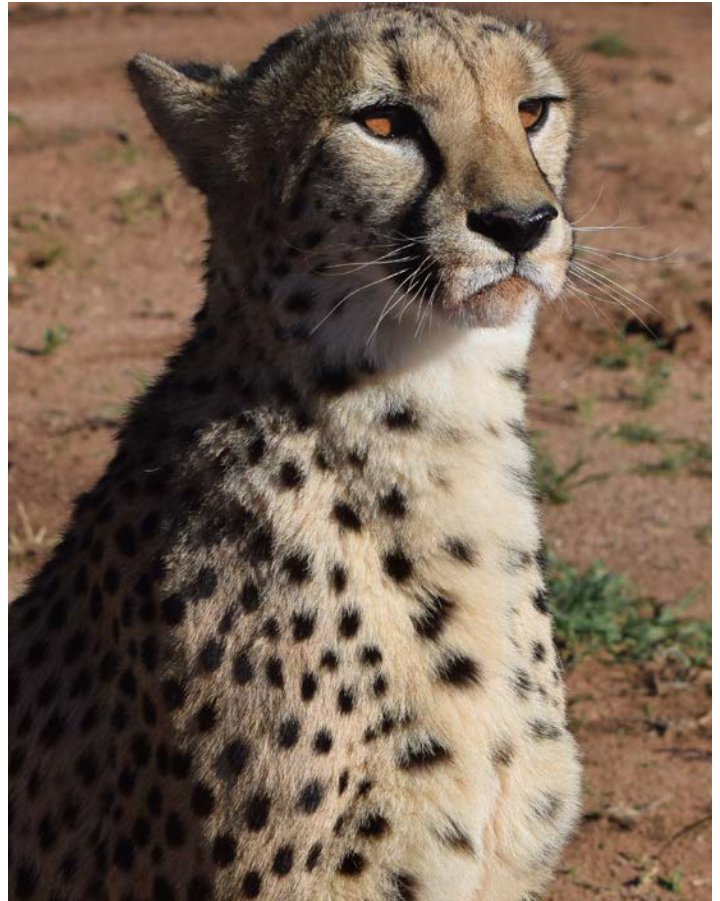


Your Update for Aurora

from Namibia!

Aurora continues to live here at CCF with her fellow group of females (Harry, Hermione and Rainbow) and resident male Romeo (who very much lives up to his name!). She is now 6 years old. Aurora was captured when she was a few weeks old. The farmer initially saw two cubs but was only able to catch one and decided to keep her as a pet. After keeping her for two weeks the farmer called CCF; they found her claws had been cut and she was malnourished. She recovered incredibly well and is now one of our super star runners for the public. Aurora is usually brought in early in the morning, so her keepers can set up the lure course in peace. She becomes so excited and always wants to help by stealing rags or sitting too close to the machine. Before letting her out she is always running circles in the smaller feeding camp preparing to run. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. Aurora will always come flying out the feeding came with her nose to the floor searching for the rag as quick as possible before showing off to all the guests how fast she is! Aurora had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Aurora and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Aurora is always perfect for the vets and will patiently wait in

the cage for her injection whilst eating her favourite treats, liver! She normally gets so excited to have liver that she eats in way too quickly and has her nose and mouth covered in it, she's a very messy cheetah when eating treats!



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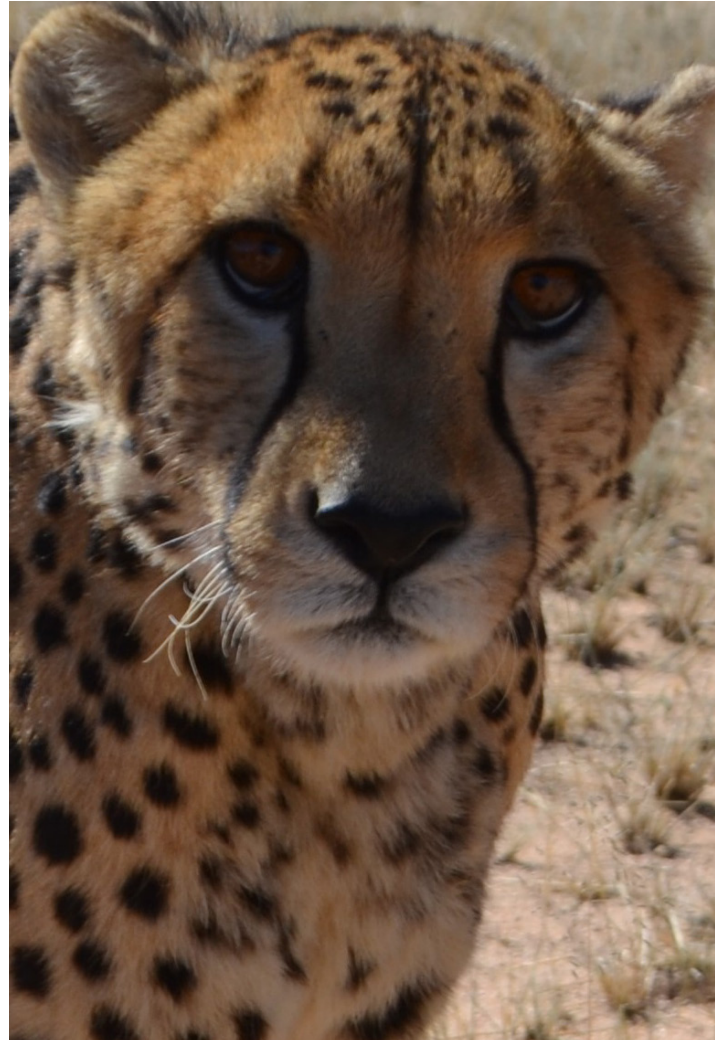


Your Update for B2

from Namibia!

shows off to the vets how good he is in the crush cage.

B2 continues to live here with 'his best friend' and "older brother" Phoenix. He is now 4 years old. Born in 2014 and orphaned at five months, B2 is still like a teenager – not quite sure what to make of the other sex, or even his handlers, come to think of it. He has a unique way of expressing himself which range from burbles, chirps and growls (He usually sounds much like a baby crocodile!). You can always hear his noises from far away when it's feeding time! B2 is still a little nervous around the other cheetahs and always wants his "older brother" Phoenix to be by his side. He has become more confident with his keepers this year and comes straight over to greet them for treats. At the beginning of this year a new cheetah named Sasha joined CCF and moved in next door to B2. She is only 11 months old so is still learning the ropes, to our surprise B2 is quite fond of her and can be seen burbling at her through the fence and almost acting like an older brother to her. Although, as soon as he sees his keepers coming he will pretend that he wants nothing to do with her and will saunter off like nothing has happened! He's had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture B2 and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Even though he is the youngest, his keepers find that he provides moral support to his "older brother" Phoenix during the vaccinations, burbling at whilst he's inside the crush cage! When it is his turn to be inside he is always very calm and



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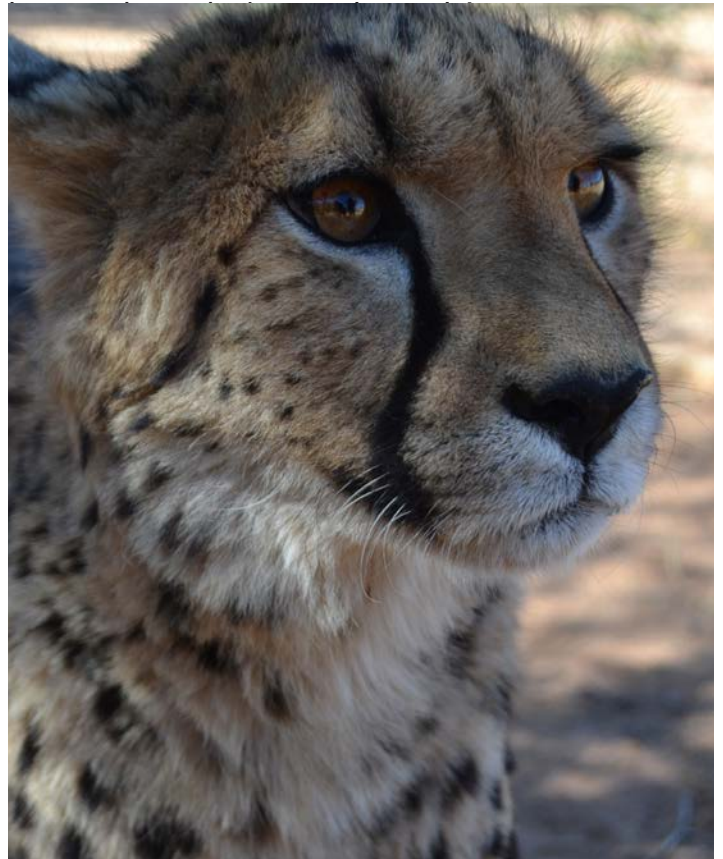


Your Update for Bella

from Namibia!

Bella came to CCF in December 2017 at around a year and a half old. Bella was kept as a pet on a private farm with a male (Katiti). After not having permits granted to continue keeping them, the pair were handed over to CCF. Before arriving at CCF, the pair had a poor diet of chicken necks so have been transferred on to a diet of horse/donkey meat with a vitamin and mineral supplement to help them grow and develop properly. Bella is very habituated to people and will always purr whenever people are around her. She is confident in nature and is learning quickly during her training sessions at CCF. Over the last few months, Bella worked closely with his keepers and learnt how to run on our purpose-built lure course to stay fit and healthy. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. Bella picked this process up immediately, and on her first try chased the rag as fast as she could then politely exchanged the rag for treats at the end! She behaved liked she had done this for years! Bella also had a big change in her life in the last few weeks, she was introduced to a younger cheetah named Sasha. Sasha is a 10month old female who is still learning the ropes and growing up. Females don't normally live together in the wild, but Bella quickly took on the role of older sister during the times they met through the fence line and her keepers decided it would be a nice match. During their first meeting Bella lay comfortably on her mound and waited for Sasha to be brave enough to approach her and interact. It took a few meetings before they eventually "spoke" to

each other and now they live happily next to a group of young males. Bella is incredibly vocal and is constantly purring, she will purr at absolutely anything her keepers do or say and constantly loves the attention from everyone. Bella is very calm in nature and is behaving like the perfect older sister, teaching Sasha all the things she needs to

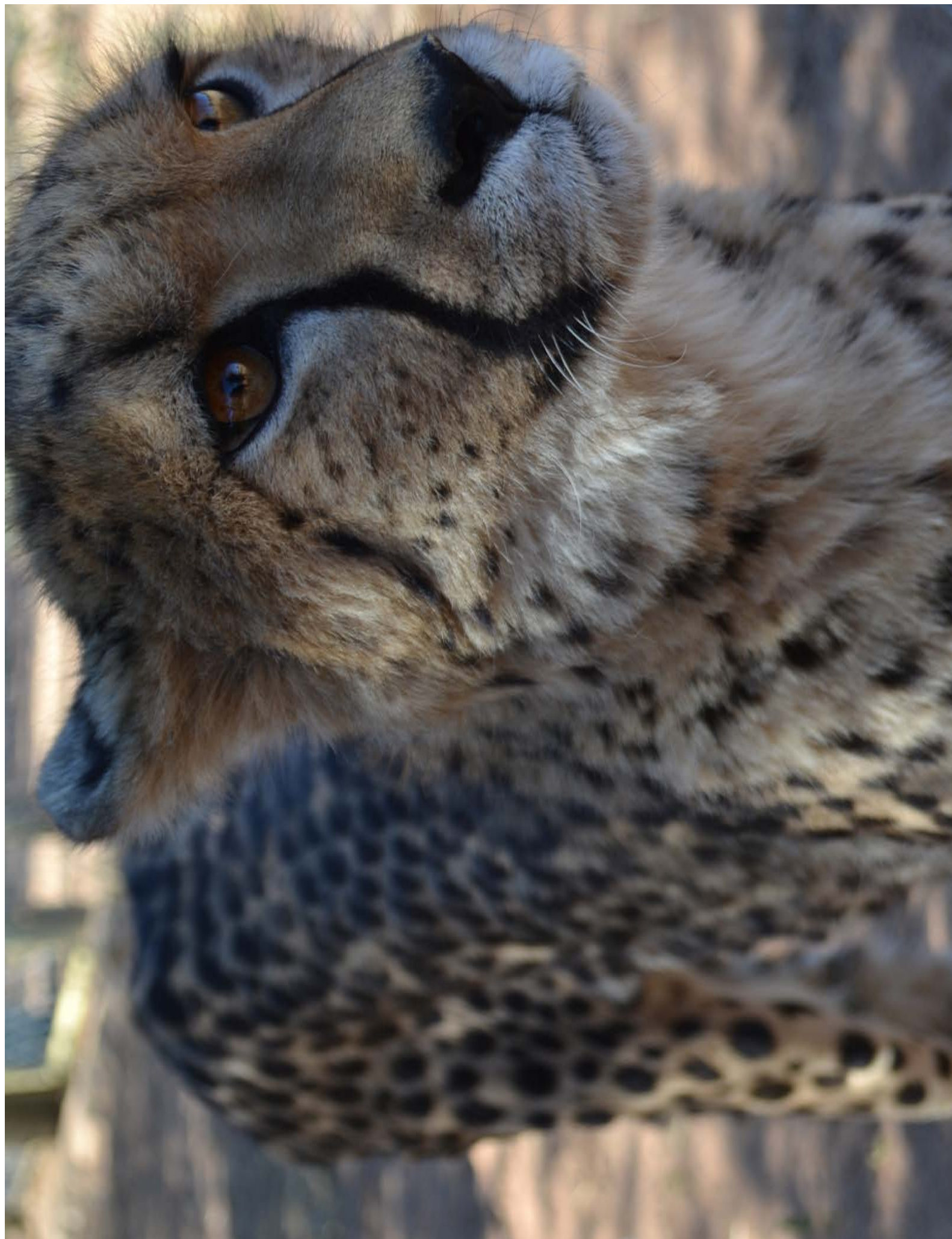


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Your Update for Darwin

Ongeyipi from Namibia!
(Hello)

Darwin continues to live in the 13-hectare (nearly 30 acres) enclosure we call the 'Elands pen' here at CCF with his brothers Fossey and Livingston (also known as "The Scientists") and is now 12 years old. Along with his brothers, Darwin was trapped as a cub for hunting blesbok and springbok in 2006. They were kept in a garage with no daylight for about six months, which caused calcium deficiencies that stunted their growth. For Darwin, the year started off with annual vaccinations! All of our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Darwin and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. He always behaves nicely inside the crush cage when we do our regular training and behaved perfectly for the vet on the day. We make sure to exercise him every other day to keep him fit and healthy, this involves running behind our special feeding vehicle and eventually throwing the meat to him at the end of the session. This is very important for cheetahs as they do not hunt for their own food here at CCF. He doesn't run as fast as he used to but it is important that he keeps fit and strong in his older age. He still receives daily Chondroitin/Glucosamine. These supplements are to help with the continuing arthritis in his forelegs. Compared to his brother, Darwin's arthritis is a little more advanced and he has quite a noticeable limp now. He does not always join us now when the other cheetahs run behind the vehicle for their food, instead he gets to stay in the feeding camp and eat without having to do

any work! He does have good days, and during those times we allow him to gently run if he wants to.

Darwin, along with his brothers, was introduced to two females, Polly and Rohini, at the end of last year after being neutered. These five cheetahs had all been friendly through the fence for a long time, and we decided to introduce them in one enclosure. We also moved another coalition of males next door to them this year! It took them a little time to get to know each other but now they happily live alongside each other and run together during feeding times. Although, the three brothers are fiercely protective of their girls and will always show off when the females are too close to the other males.



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Darwin



Your Update for Dominic

from Namibia!

Dominic is now 2 months old! After becoming orphaned at under a week old he had to be taken into the care of the staff here at CCF. He was bottle fed every 3 hours initially, around the clock until he became stronger and able to start eating meat. Even though he had a rough start being separated from his mother, by causes we are still unsure of, he has come on in leaps and bounds. As he became stronger he started exploring his “nursery” which was a quarantine area set up for him until he was vaccinated. His favourite toy was a simple feather on the end of a string, which he chased around the room and pounced on. After his first vaccinations at 4 weeks old he began exploring the great outdoors! He was introduced to the three house dogs first so that he had some animal friends, as being a young cheetah without any siblings or a cheetah mother can be very lonely. His best friend is a very large Anatolian shepherd named Hercules. They bonded very quickly and Hercules grooms him the way that his mother would to keep him clean. He also has a smaller Anatolian dog friend named Isha and a border collie named Finn.

Dominic spends most of his days with the dogs when he’s not sleeping, and they provide him with company whilst exploring outside. It has been shown that dogs can provide good company during these younger stages of life, giving Dominic more stability and help him grow and mature properly without becoming too accustomed to humans. Hercules keeps watch over him whilst he climbs termite mounds to get a better view of the garden. Everything is new and exciting being a baby cheetah, he’s smelling all kinds of new things, experiencing new animals such as birds and venturing through jungles of plants (even the spiky ones that he is still learning to avoid!). He always has a keeper supervising him and teaching him about life just like a mother cheetah would.

Although he has dog friends to play with, it is important that he meets other cheetahs too as eventually he will live with his own kind. Unfortunately, he needs to be bigger and tougher before we can introduce him to any. He is currently too small

to play with any of our other cheetahs so when he does meet them it is always through a fence. He has met our Ambassador cheetahs so far (7 Years Old), and some of our younger females who are 1.5 years and 10 months. They were all a little unsure of what he was at the beginning, until he started to chirp at them or make cheetah noises and they all realised quite quickly he was one of them but a smaller version! We try and interact with other cheetahs everyday so that he can become accustomed to how he should behave and become friends with them for future introductions.

At around 4 weeks old we started introducing him to meat! He started with nicely ground meat that was easy to chew and digest, he figured out quickly how delicious it was and began asking for more and more each feeding! At 6 weeks we gave him his first bone to try, with the help of his keepers he managed to pull the meat off the bone and chew on it after, just like he would in the wild. Now that he is 2 months old, his meat is increasing rapidly, and we are starting to wean him off his milk a little. It’s still important for him to get the nutrients from the milk for a while as he needs all the help he can get whilst growing.

He has a nice solid routine now which is important for cheetahs. They don’t like too much change and enjoy structure in their lives. He wakes up in the morning and has a big breakfast, then will spend most of the day playing outside or with his keepers. In the afternoon he enjoys taking a short nap in the sun after his lunchtime feed but is then up and running around again until bedtime. It’s very important he gets lots of exercise at this age, so his body can develop properly, in the late afternoons when it is cooler he is taken for a walk with his keepers to stretch his legs and start building the muscle he will need growing up. It is also a very good mental stimulation for him as the outside world changes constantly and he always has new things to sniff and see!



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Dominic



Your Update for Fossey

from Namibia!

Fossey continues to live in the 13-hectare (nearly 30 acres) enclosure we call the 'Elands pen' here at CCF with his brothers Darwin and Livingstone (also known as "The Scientists") and is now 12 years old. Along with his brothers, Fossey was trapped as a cub for hunting blesbok and springbok in 2006 in a fenced game farm. They were kept in a garage with no daylight for about six months, which caused calcium deficiencies that stunted their growth.

For Fossey, this year started off with annual vaccinations! All of our cheetahs are given a domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetahs to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Fossey and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Fossey always behaves nicely inside the crush cage when we do our regular training, but the day of the vaccinations he knew something was up and decided to play around with his keepers and managed to receive all the extra treats before finally getting his vaccination!

Fossey is the most confident in the group and is always the first to come up for food when called. He doesn't like to miss out on any opportunity for extras! We make sure to exercise him every other day to keep him fit and healthy, this involves running behind our special feeding vehicle and eventually throwing the meat to him at the end of the session. This is very important for captive cheetahs as they do not hunt for their own food here at CCF. He doesn't run as fast as he used to but it is important that he keeps fit and strong in his older age. He still receives daily Chondroitin/Glucosamine.

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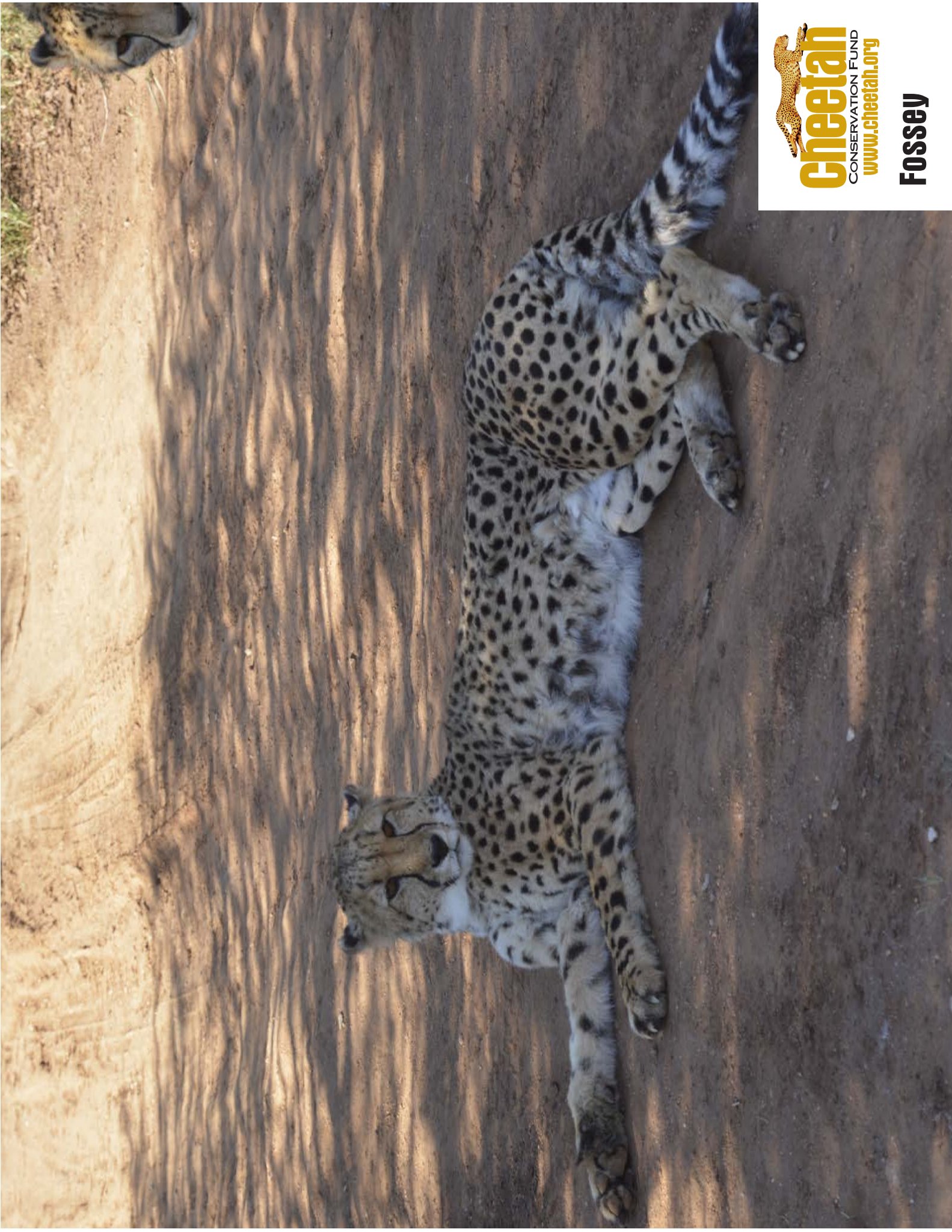
Fossey, along with his brothers, was introduced to two females, Polly and Rohini, at the end of last year after being neutered. These five cheetahs had all been friendly through the fence for a long time, and we decided to introduce them in one enclosure. Fossey has fallen in love with both the females and can often be seen cuddled up next to them during the day. During feeding time though, he knows where his priorities lie and will always push the girls aside to make sure he gets the biggest piece! Only a 'gentleman' when he wants to be! Fossey is always a favourite with our guests as he is incredibly vocal and loves to chirp and meow at everyone that visits him. Anything to get more treats! We also moved another coalition of males next door to them this year! It took them a little time to get to know each other but now they happily live alongside each other and run together along the fence line during feeding times. Although, the three brothers are fiercely protective of their new 'girls', they always 'show off' when the females are too close to the other males!

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FOSSEY



Your Update for Harry

from Namibia!

Harry continues to live here at CCF with her fellow group of females (Hermione, Rainbow and Aurora) and resident male Romeo (who very much lives up to his name!). Harry originally came to CCF with her two siblings (Ron and Hermione) also known as the "Harry Potter Trio" in 2005, as two-month-old orphaned cubs. CCF staff named them after the kids in the popular book and film series. Harry is now 12 years old and still doing very well. Harry is one of the quieter members of her female group and likes to spend most of her time with Hermione cuddled up under a tree. Even though she is one of the quieter cheetahs, she is one of the fastest. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. Harry loves our lure course where she gets the opportunity to really stretch her legs! Whilst her keepers set up the lure course, she always patiently waits nearby watching what they are doing. She always needs a little encouragement to get started but once she realises she gets a tasty reward she flies around the course! Harry had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given a domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Harry and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Harry doesn't always enjoy the crush cage but as long as she gets her favourite treats she will sit and

wait quietly for the injection to be over. Her keepers always let her out straight away, so she doesn't become too stressed during the process as it is not her favourite thing to do. Harry is very peaceful in nature and always works hard with her keepers during any training session. Harry really loves eye contact and carefully watches her keepers for cues as to what to do next when they are training with her. She is incredibly gentle too and will always take treats very nicely.



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Harry

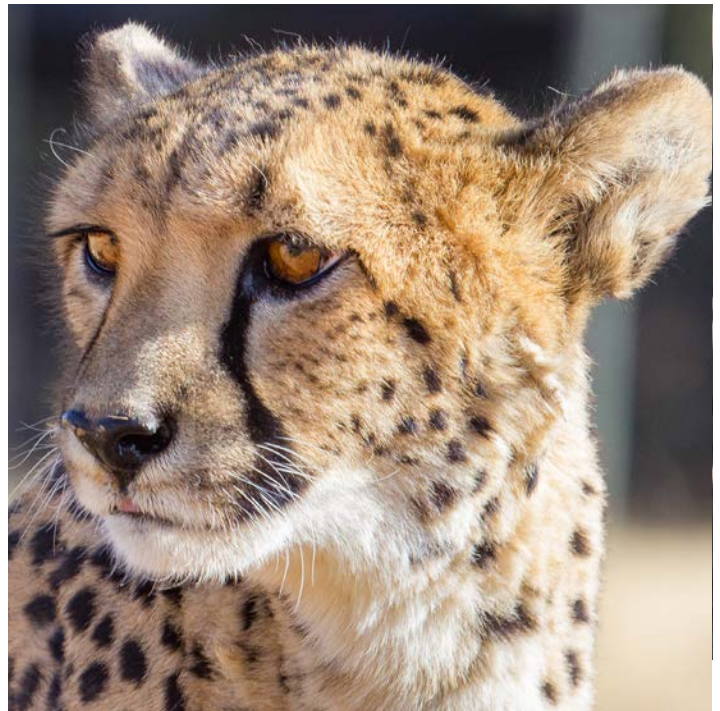


Your Update for Hermione

from Namibia!

Hermione continues to live here at CCF with her fellow group of females (Harry, Rainbow and Aurora) and resident male Romeo (who very much lives up to his name!). Hermione originally came to CCF with her two siblings (Ron and Harry) also known as the “Harry Potter Trio” in 2005, as two-month-old orphaned cubs. CCF staff named them after the kids in the popular book and film series. Hermione is now 12 years old and still doing very well. Hermione is the quietest member of the group and is not normally seen during the day. She loves to spend time with her sister Harry, but Hermione always finds the most secluded spot in the enclosure to rest throughout the day, so her keepers can’t find her. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. Hermione loves running but always needs a little encouragement to begin. Whilst her keepers are setting up the run she will always patiently wait close by watching everything they are doing. Once the rag starts moving her ears always perk up wherever she is inside the enclosure and you can normally see her stalking it from quite a distance! Hermione had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Hermione and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Hermione dislikes

the crush cage but with encouragement from her favourite keeper, she will enter calmly and take treats whilst receiving her injection. She always makes eye contact with her favourite keeper throughout the procedure, almost looking for reassurance that everything will be fine. Hermione is a big favourite amongst guests as she is one of the smaller adult cheetahs we have here. She is very dainty and has very big round ears that look way too big for her!



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Hermione



Your Update for Katiti

from Namibia!

Katiti came to CCF in December 2017 at around a year old. Katiti was kept as a pet on a private farm with a female (Bella). After not having permits granted to continue keeping them, the pair were handed over to CCF. Before arriving at CCF, the pair had a poor diet of chicken necks so have been transferred on to a diet of horse/donkey meat with a vitamin and mineral supplement to help them grow and develop properly. Katiti is quite a shy cheetah and is always keeping a close eye on what's going on around him. Last month Katiti started working closely with his keepers and learnt how to run on our purpose-built lure course to stay fit and healthy. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. During his training, Katiti was initially quite scared of the rag on a piece of string that he needed to chase. His keepers could see he was desperate to chase it but was unsure what it was. To begin with his keepers rewarded him for being close to it, then eventually progressing onto holding it in his mouth. He is still new to this whole process and still has work to do but he is making great progress every single day! He is currently running after the rag as fast as he can in front of guests but is still a little cautious when it stops for him to catch it. He still gets lots of rewards from his keepers for chasing it! There was also another big change in his life this year as he moved in with two young males, Niko and Koya who are both a very similar age to him. It is important for us to bond male cheetahs into "coalitions". In the wild, brothers would stick

together once mum had left them on their own. This bond is for life and they do almost everything together, so with our young males we receive at CCF, it's important we replicate the brotherly bond and mix them together if we can. Katiti was a little unsure of both initially so we introduced them one at a time. Niko was just as unsure about Katiti as he was of him, so it took a little longer for one to break the ice. Koya was overly enthusiastic about his new "friend" and was eager to groom and greet him into the family. Katiti was nervous of this behaviour but warmed up to Koya after spending one on one time together over the course of a few days. The three males are now very close and spend their days in the sun sleeping together!

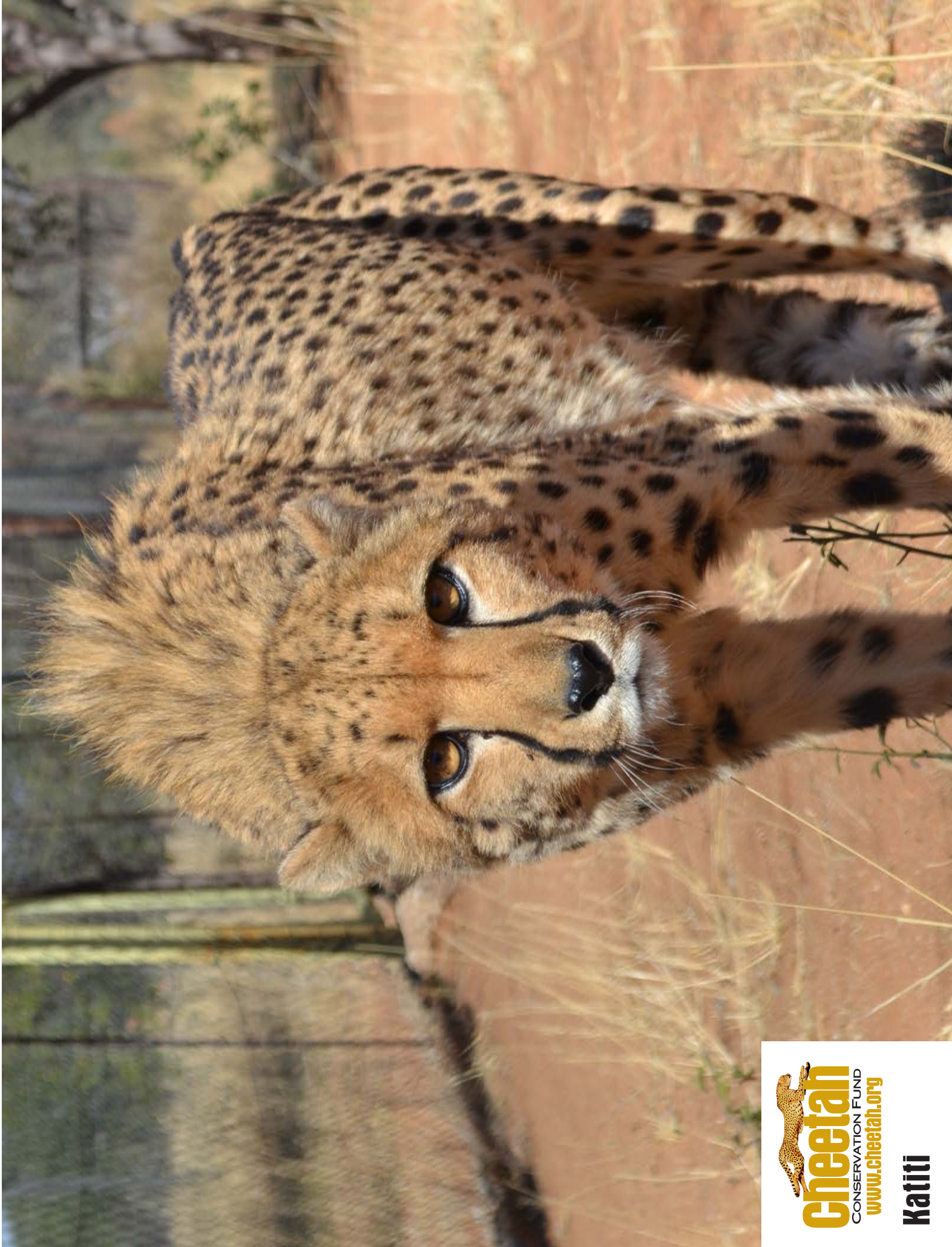


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Katiti

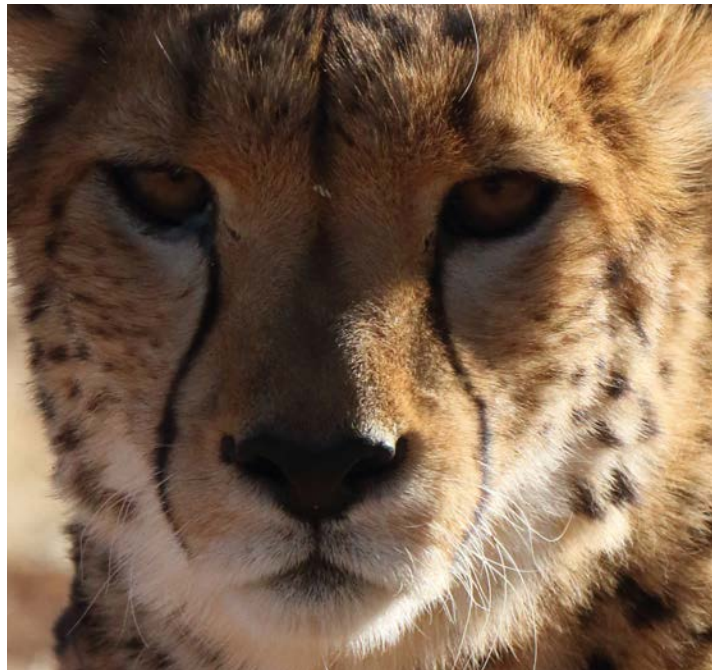


Your Update for Khayjay

from Namibia!

Khayjay continues to live here at CCF with his three siblings Peter, Senay and Tigerlily; also known as the “Ambassadors”. He is now 7 years old and doing very well. The Ambassadors were brought to CCF at just 3 weeks old and were bottle fed and hand raised here. This means they are very accustomed to people and enjoy a lot of attention from the staff, or anyone willing to talk to them whilst they purr as loud as possible through the fence! Khayjay had a very busy start to the year with vaccinations and a new contraceptive implant! All our cheetahs are given a domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Khayjay and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Whilst inside the crush cage, he was also giving a contraceptive implant that will last for one year. In Namibia it is illegal to breed any captive carnivore, so it is important that because Khayjay lives with females (also considering they are his two sisters!) that he receives contraception to prevent breeding. Khayjay is always perfect inside the cage and purrs for treats during the procedure! Unfortunately, this year Khayjay has been suffering with a reoccurring eye infection that causes gunk to build up in the corner of his eye. His keepers must always keep a close watch on him and provide him with an eye wash and eye drops whenever it becomes inflamed. He does not mind any of the extra veterinary care he has to receive as he knows it means treats! After his infection clears up he does not understand he doesn't need the extra treats and will always be

waiting expectantly for his keepers the next morning! Khayjay is very laid back and can normally be found lazing under a tree. His keepers nickname his behaviour “pancake cheetah” as he lays as flat as possible on his side and becomes almost invisible in the long grass! He's generally not too bothered about what happens around him unless the young males that live next door decide to try and interact with his sisters. He will then always “show off” that he's big and tough to the young males just like any older brother would!

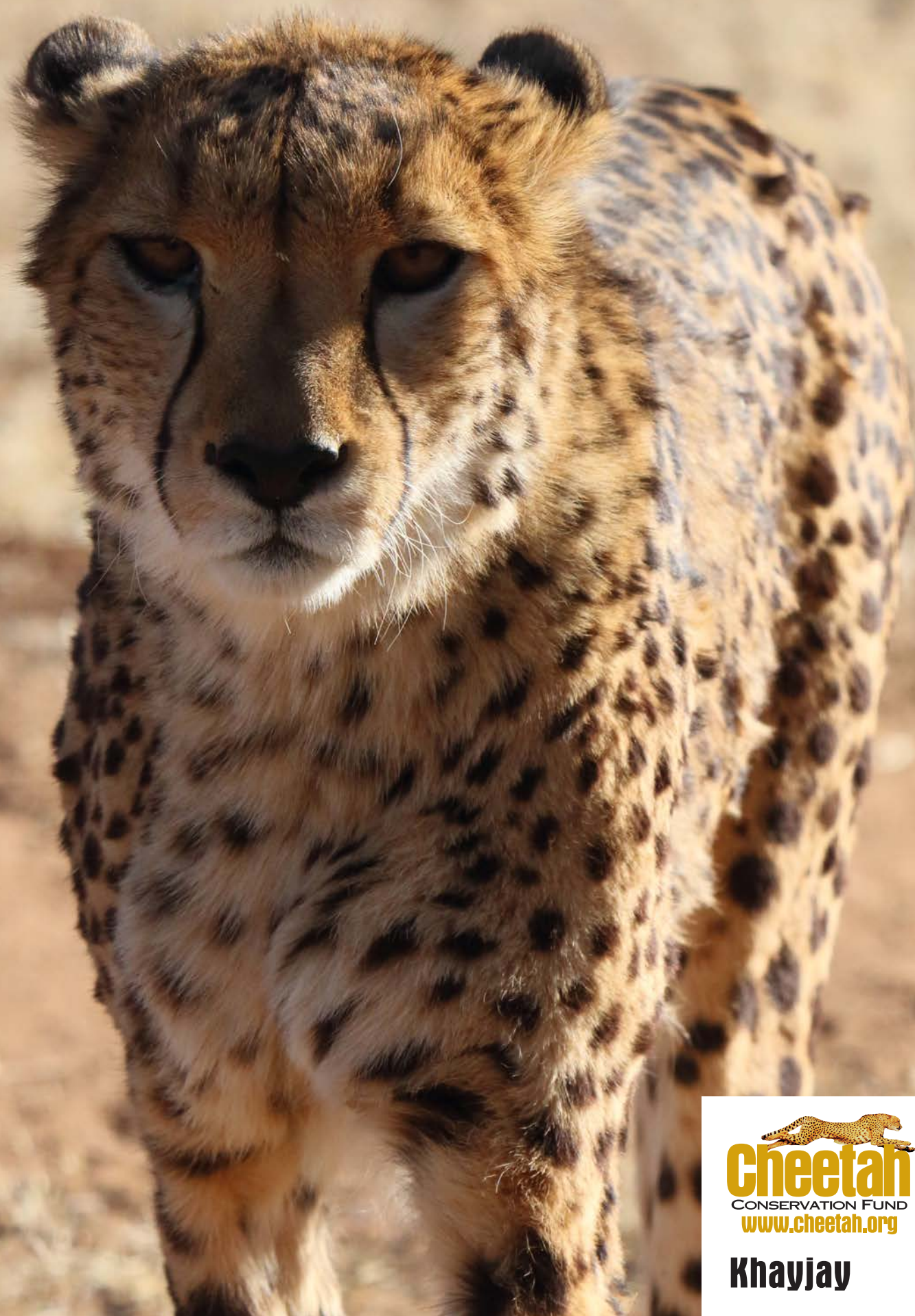


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Khayjay



Your Update for Koya

from Namibia!

Koya came to CCF in July 2017 after being captured on a farm at around 6 months old. Koya and his brother (Niko) were kept on the farm for nearly 2 months before CCF were called. He was kept in a small chicken coop, fed a poor diet and had no exercise, so was very overweight when he arrived. When the brothers first arrived, they were very nervous and cautious of people. Now, Koya is very confident and loves stalking birds. At the beginning of this year, Koya worked closely with his keepers and learnt how to run on our purpose-built lure course to stay fit and healthy. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. Koya picked up the process incredibly fast and on his first attempt managed to run almost half the lure course!! To his keeper's surprise, after catching the rag he was more than happy to exchange for a tasty reward and behaved as if he had been doing this for years! Whilst his keepers are setting up the course he paces the fence line impatiently, wanting them to hurry up and get started! It is his favourite time of the day and he races out of the feeding camps, he runs so fast a lot of our guests have described him as sounding like a horse running by! There was also another big change in his life this year! A new young male joined CCF named Katiti, at this young age it is important for us to bond male cheetahs into "coalitions". In the wild, brothers would stick together once mum had left them on their own. This bond is for life and they do almost everything together, so with our young males we receive at CCF, it's important we replicate

the brotherly bond and mix them together if we can. Compared to his brother Niko, Koya was more than happy to let another male join his coalition and welcomed him in immediately. Koya was very eager to groom Katiti and show him that he was 'loved' but Katiti was a little nervous of his "forward" nature and needed to spend a little more time with him before realising that he was a "friend". He spends most of his day with his brother Niko exploring their enclosure together and meeting other cheetahs here at the centre.



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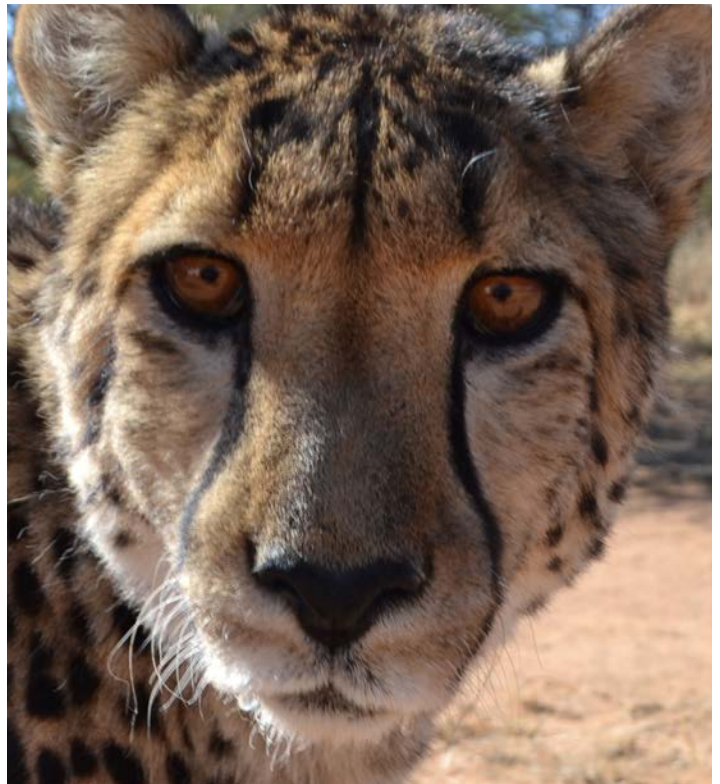


Your Update for Little C.

from Namibia!

Little C. continues to live here at CCF in his male coalition group with his close friends Shunga, Ron and N'Dunge. Little C. came to CCF as a month-old orphan from the Okahandja area. His mother got too close to a farmer's sheep, and was killed by the farmer's dogs along with Little C.'s siblings. The farmer caught Little C. in a tree and hand raised him for a month before CCF acquired him. He is now 10 years old. At the beginning of this year Little C. and his coalition moved to a much larger enclosure (8 ha -20 acres) called "The Elands Pen". We made the decision now they are older to move them to a nice big space where they don't run for the public anymore as they were starting to lose interest and just wanted to hang out with each other! Since moving to their new enclosure, they have settled in perfectly. We have trained them all to run alongside our vehicle for exercise. It's important we exercise all our cats here as they don't hunt for their own food! In the wild they would be running as fast as they could almost every other day to catch their dinner. Here at CCF, we present it in nice portion sizes, but we always make them work for it. We have a feeding vehicle that they are trained to chase and at the end of the session will have the meat thrown from the back, almost replicating the hunt! He's had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All of our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Little C. and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia Since moving to the new enclosure, Little C. has taken on

the role of 'big brother' even though he is not the oldest (Ron is). He is much calmer and content, usually hanging around under a shaded tree with his coalition mates. Both Shunga and N'Dunge always lie on his belly grooming him like an older brother. He has also made a much stronger bond with his keepers since moving, he will always come when called and is usually purring on arrival!



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Little C.



Your Update for Livingstone

from Namibia!

Livingstone continues to live in the 13-hectare (nearly 30 acres) enclosure we call the 'Elands pen' here at CCF with his brothers Darwin and Fossey (also known as "The Scientists") and is now 12 years old. Along with his brothers, Livingstone was trapped as a cub for hunting blesbok and springbok in 2006. They were kept in a garage with no daylight for about six months, which caused calcium deficiencies that stunted their growth. Livingstone is the quieter of the brothers and tends to keep to himself.

For Livingstone, the year started off with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Livingston and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. He always behaves nicely inside the crush cage when we do our regular training and behaved perfectly for the vet on the day.

We make sure to exercise him every other day to keep him fit and healthy, this involves running behind our special feeding vehicle and eventually throwing the meat to him at the end of the session. This is very important for cheetahs as they do not hunt for their own food here at CCF. He doesn't run as fast as he used too but it is important that he keeps fit and strong in his older age. He still receives daily Chondroitin/Glucosamine. These supplements are to help with the continuing arthritis in his forelegs.

Livingstone, along with his brothers, was introduced to two females, Polly and Rohini, at the end of last year after being neutered.

These five cheetahs had all been friendly through the fence for a long time, and we decided to introduce them in one enclosure. Livingstone is very much loved by our guests because of his wide range of vocalisations before feeding time. He is always chirping and meowing as loud as possible! We also moved another coalition of males next door to them this year! It took them a little time to get to know each other but now they happily live alongside each other and run together during feeding times. Although, the three brothers are fiercely protective of their 'girls' they always 'show off' when the females are too close to the other males.

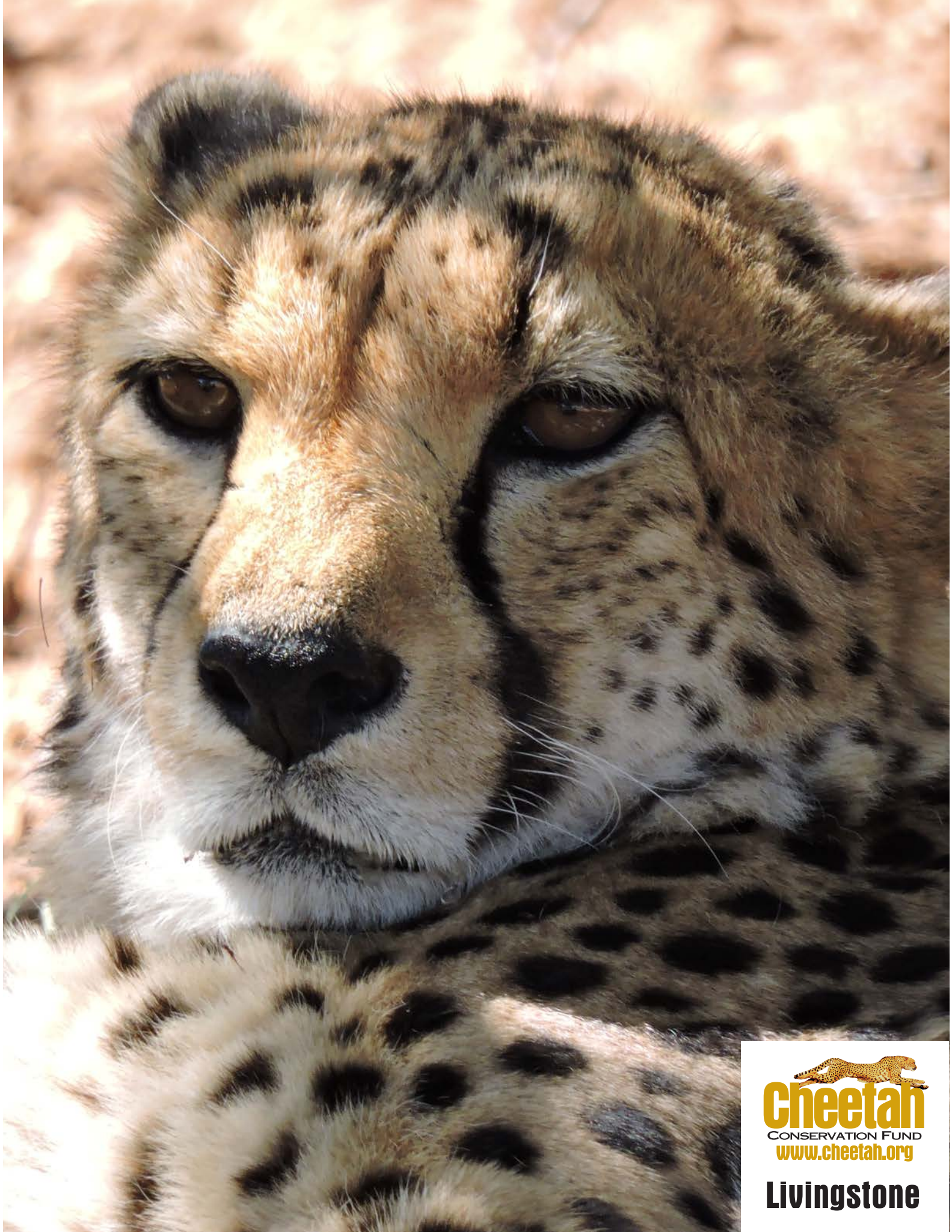


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Livingstone



Your Update for N'Dunge

from Namibia!

N'Dunge continues to live here at CCF in his male coalition group with his close friends Little C, Ron and Shunga. N'Dunge and his brother Shunga were found without a mother in the Gobabis region. The two cubs were brought to CCF in July 2008 when they were three months old. During their first few weeks here at CCF their keepers noticed that N'Dunge was the first to become comfortable in his new surroundings and quickly picked up on the feeding routines earning him the nickname "Smart-Man". He is now 10 years old. At the beginning of this year Smartman and his coalition moved to a much larger enclosure (8 ha -20 acres) called "The Elands Pen". We made the decision now they are older to move them to a nice big space where they don't run for the public anymore as they were starting to lose interest and just wanted to hang out with each other! Since moving to their new enclosure, they have settled in perfectly. We have trained them all to run alongside our vehicle for exercise. It's important we exercise all our cats here as the don't hunt for their own food! In the wild they would be running as fast as they could almost every other day to catch their dinner. Here at CCF, we present it in nice portion sizes, but we always make them work for it. We have a feeding vehicle that they are trained to chase and at the end of the session will have the meat thrown from the back, almost replicating the hunt! Smartman's favourite thing in the whole world is to chase the feeding vehicle, no matter what time of day it is and no matter if he gets food or not. Out of the coalition he is the fastest and is always showing off to guests when we exercise them together. At the beginning of the year Smartman had his annual vaccinations! He has always been the best at crush cage training so showed

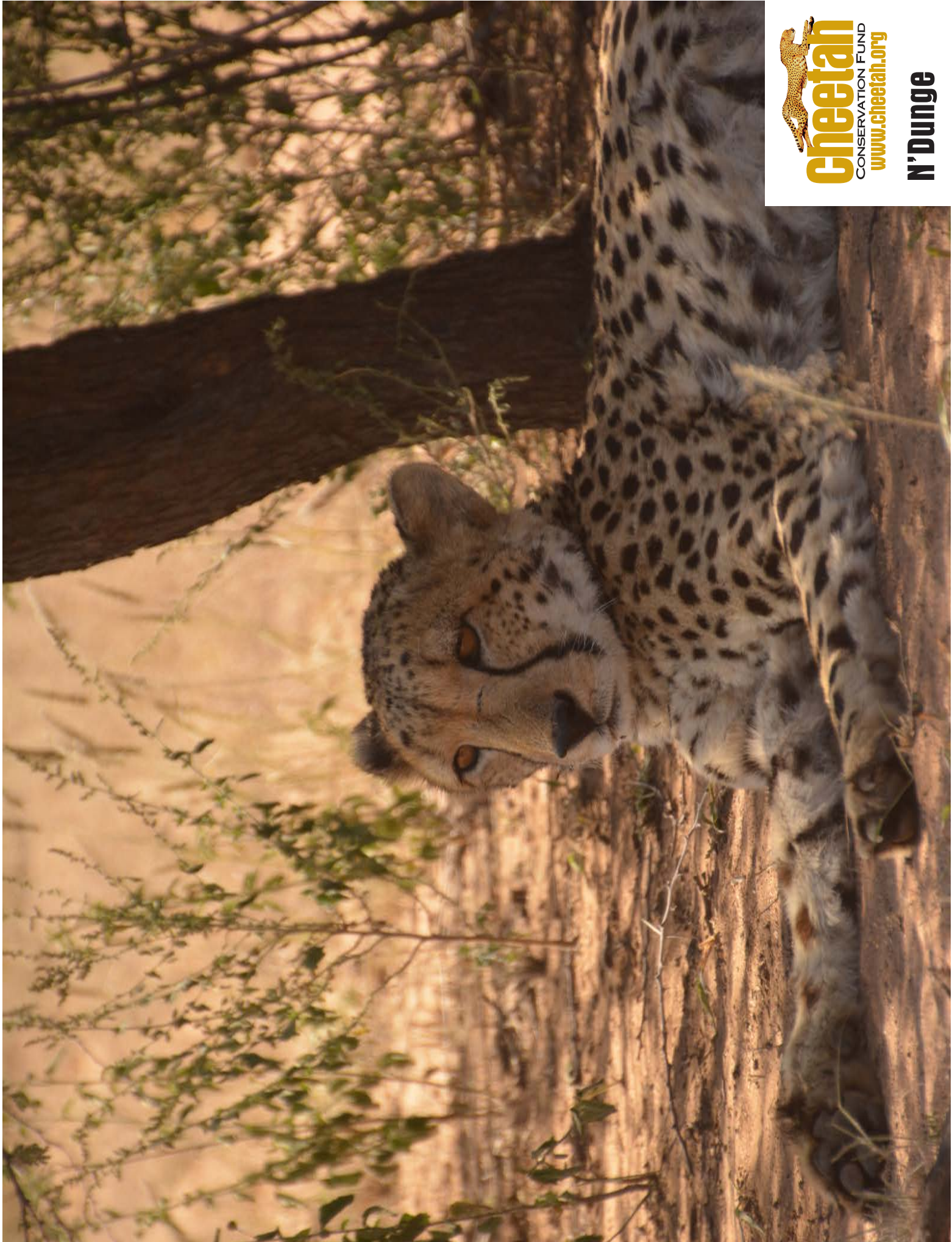
off his skills to the vet when she came to give his vaccinations. All of our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Smartman and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia.



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Your Update for Niko

from Namibia!

Niko came to CCF in July 2017 after being captured on a farm at around 6 months old. Niko and his brother (Koya) were kept on the farm for nearly 2 months before CCF were called. He was kept in a small chicken coop, given a poor diet and had no exercise, so was very overweight when he arrived. Niko is the quieter of the brothers, is much fluffier and is a very quick learner. At the beginning of this year, Niko worked closely with his keepers and learnt how to run on our purpose-built lure course to stay fit and healthy. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. During his training, Niko was initially quite scared of the rag on a piece of string that he needed to chase. His keepers could see he was desperate to chase it but was unsure what it was. To begin with his keepers rewarded him for being close to it, then eventually progressing onto holding it in his mouth. After a week or so, he figured out exactly what to do and is now one of our fastest cheetahs. Whilst his keepers are setting up the course he paces the fence line impatiently, wanting them to hurry up and get started! He is also perfect at exchanging a treat for the rag as he knows it's always his favourite, liver! There was also another big change in his life this year! A new young male joined CCF named Katiti, at this young age it is important for us to bond male cheetahs into "coalitions". In the wild, brothers would stick together once mum had left them on their own. This bond is for life and they do almost everything together, so with our young males we receive at CCF,

it's important we replicate the 'brotherly' bond and mix them together if we can. Niko was a little unsure of Katiti to begin with as he was quite nervous, his keepers spent a lot of time with them one on one together making sure there were no bad behaviours or fighting. They bonded quite quickly after Niko broke the ice and groomed Katiti's ear whilst he was sleeping. The three males are now very close and spend their days in the sun. Niko is the quieter brother but always the one to watch out for, he is very quiet on his feet and springs up out of nowhere to cause trouble. His mischievous nature is something that makes all the guests love him!



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Niko

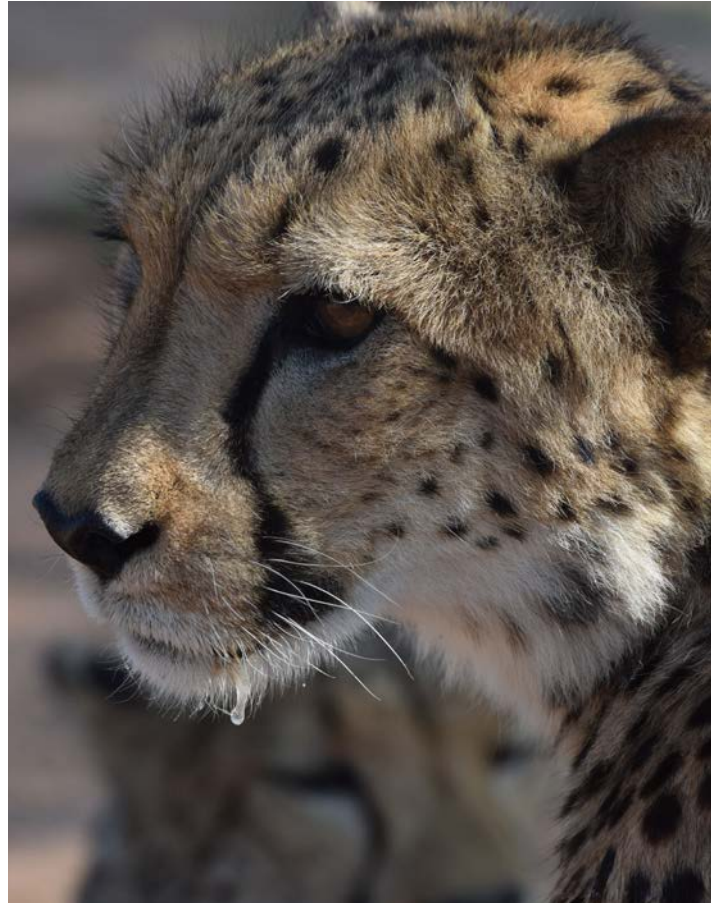


Your Update for Peter

from Namibia!

Peter continues to live here at CCF with his three siblings Khayjay, Senay and Tigerlily; also known as the “Ambassadors”. He is now 7 years old and doing very well. The Ambassadors were brought to CCF at just 3 weeks old and were bottle fed and hand raised here. This means they are very accustomed to people and enjoy a lot of attention from the staff, or anyone willing to talk to them whilst they purr as loud as possible through the fence! Peter had a very busy start to the year with vaccinations and a new contraceptive implant! All our cheetahs are given a domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Peter and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Whilst inside the crush cage, he was also giving a contraceptive implant that will last for one year. In Namibia it is illegal to breed any captive carnivore, so it is important that because Peter lives with females (also considering they are his two sisters!) that he receives contraception to prevent breeding. Peter loves his treats and is always very well behaved. He is very comfortable in the crush cage and never causes a fuss. He usually purrs the entire time he is inside during the procedure! Peter is one of the most confident in the group always investigating what’s going on and trying to play with his siblings. Unfortunately, he can get over excited and his sisters will give him a swat on the nose to tell him off! His keeper’s office window looks right out onto his enclosure, so they can regularly see him getting up to no good when he thinks they are not watching. He

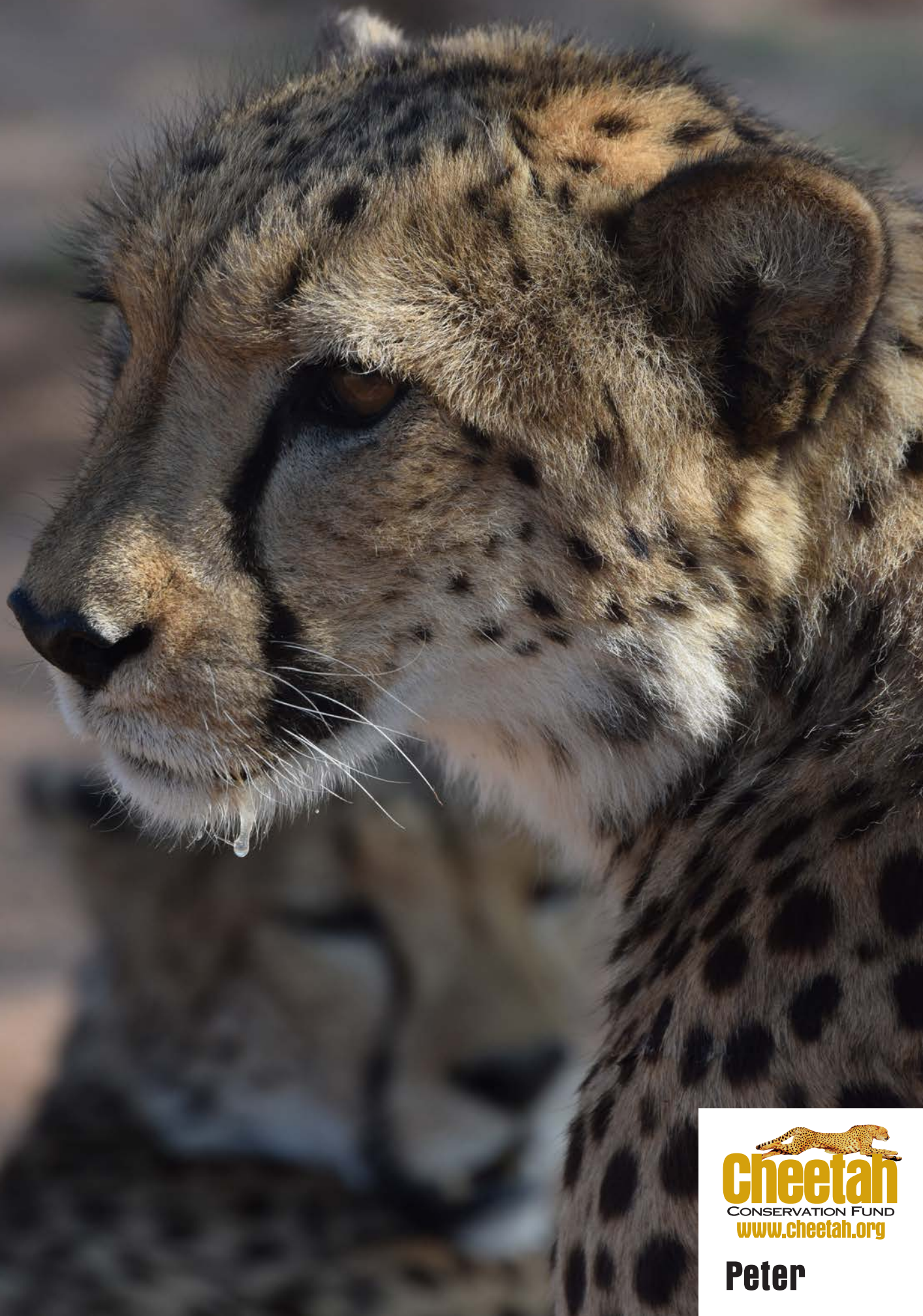
loves to stalk small animals inside or outside his enclosure, and any car that happens to drive by he will always run alongside the fence to see where they are going! He is also one of the most affectionate in the group and will always try to groom his siblings whether they like it or not!



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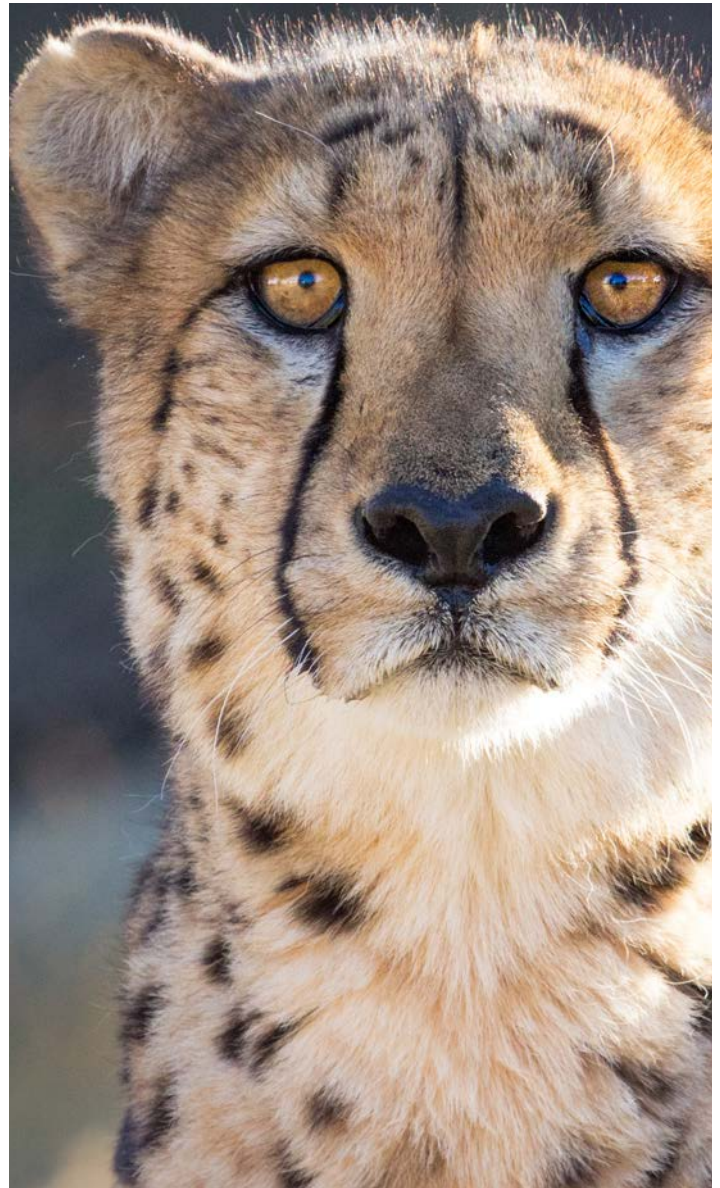
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Your Update for Phil

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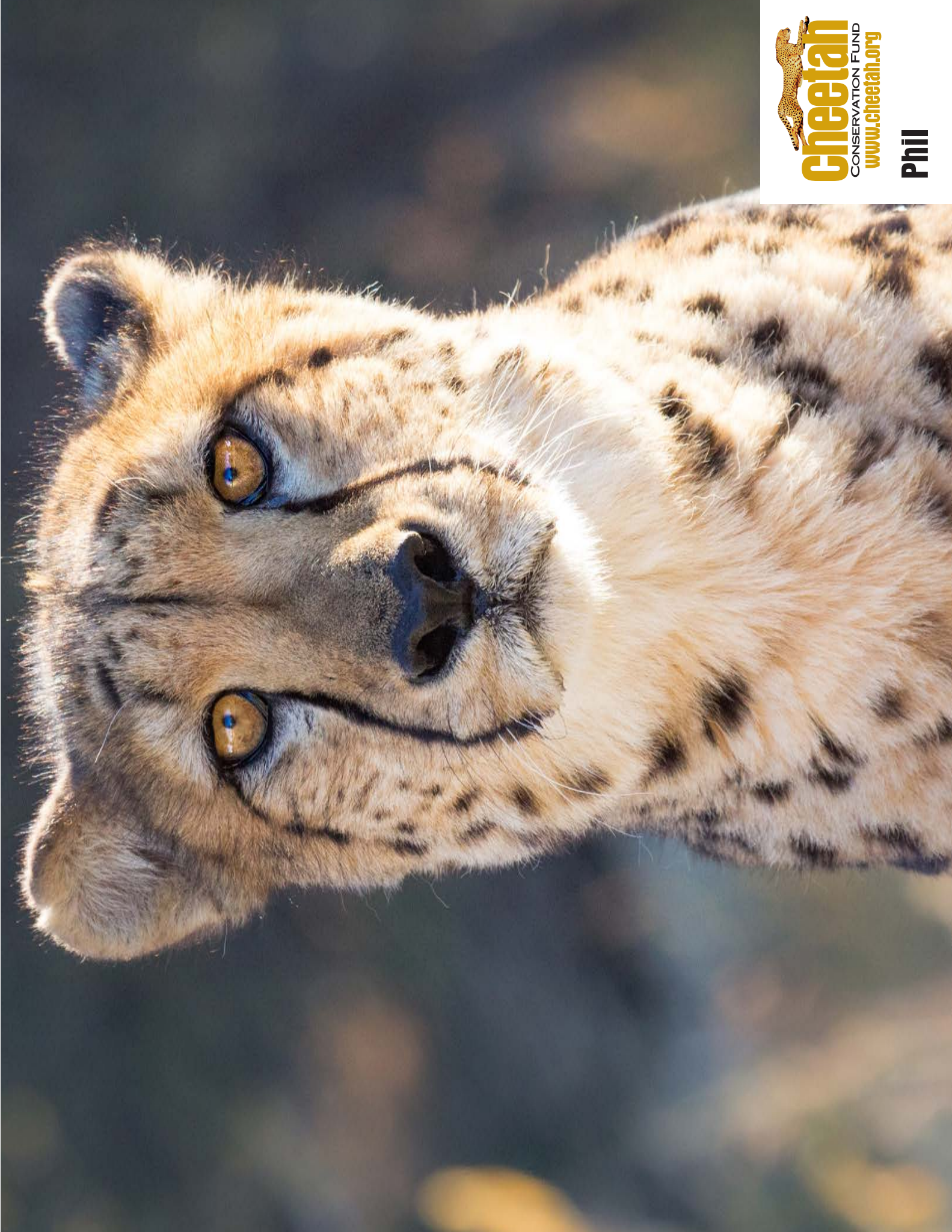
Phil continues to live here at CCF and is now 9 years old. Phil was one of a group of 2.5-month-old cubs trapped and brought to CCF after a radio-collared mother cheetah was found dead. He lives in a large enclosure with his brother Mischief a little way out from our education centre in the African bush. These males have remained tightly bonded and are never found without each other! Food and treat time is still Phil's favourite time of the day and he will always chase the feeding vehicle no matter. Here at CCF we ensure all our cheetahs are exercised as they don't hunt for their own food like they would in the wild. Instead, they are trained to chase our feeding vehicle as fast as they can and at the end of the session we will throw them their pieces of meat, almost replicating the hunt. Phil is one of the fastest cheetahs we have here and always makes it look completely effortless when he is running after the vehicle, we can get him to 60km/hr and he barely breaks a sweat. In the wild cheetahs would hit 80km/hr on average but can make it to 110km/hr. They use their semi-retractable claws to help anchor them into the floor and small bones in their ears to keep their heads focused and completely steady whilst running at these high speeds. He has not learnt his lesson from last year catching small mammals that gave him a stomach infection and can regularly be seen chasing animals inside his enclosure. Luckily he doesn't manage to catch them! During the day he is always hanging out with his brother and playing chase with the cheetah on the other side of the fence.



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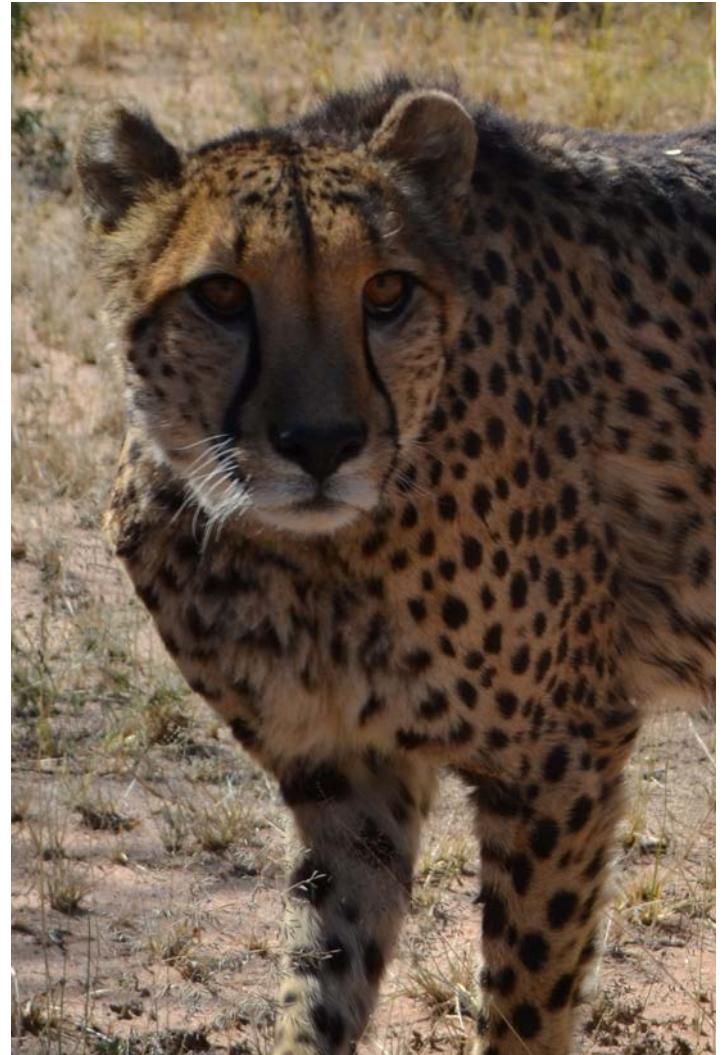
Phil



Your Update for Phoenix

from Namibia!

him. We can always count on Phoenix to be friends with everyone!

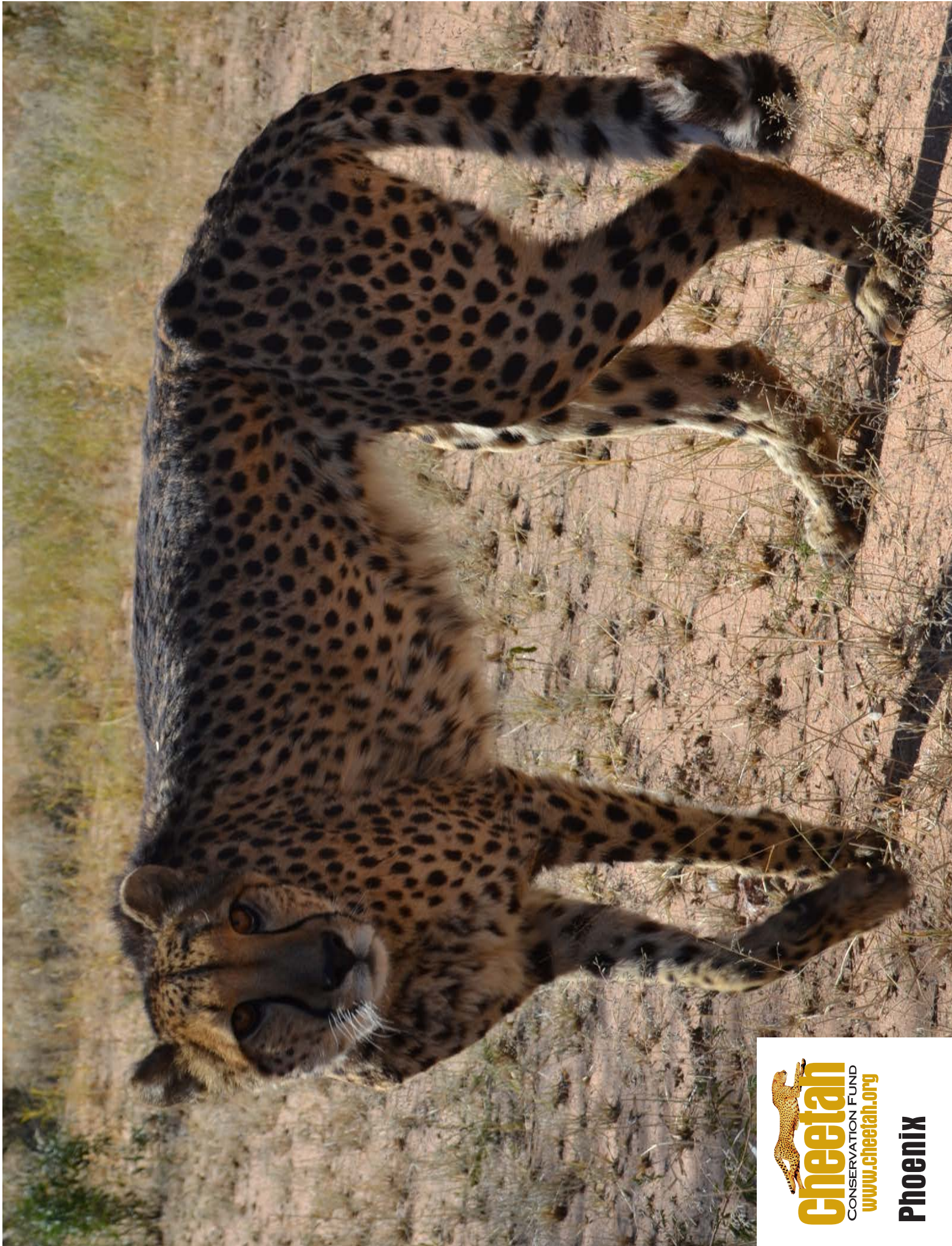


Phoenix continues to live here at CCF with his 'best friend' B2. Phoenix had a tough start in life, in 2008 a farmer shot his mother – but performed a hasty C-section when he realized that she was heavily pregnant. A neighbour alerted CCF. Phoenix was brought to CCF at just 2 days old. He was bottle fed and hand raised here by the staff so is completely tame and not afraid of humans, he also spent no time with his mother so cannot fend for himself in the wild alone. Phoenix is a very vocal cat that loves to chat away. He is constantly making a variety of sounds from purrs to chirps to let you know how he's feeling. Food is also his absolute favourite thing and always starts running around as soon as the feeding vehicle turns up. He's had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Phoenix and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Even though Phoenix is a pro at entering the crush cage he needed his 'best friend' B2 by his side to provide moral support. They chirp to each other during the quick procedure! At the beginning of this year a new cheetah named Sasha joined CCF and moved in next door to Phoenix. She is only 11 months old so is still learning the ropes, but he has already 'fallen in love' with her. Phoenix spends a lot of time chirping and purring through the fence to her. He behaves like an older brother for quite a few of our cheetahs that have come in as orphans, providing comfort with his purrs whilst they are growing up alongside

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Phoenix

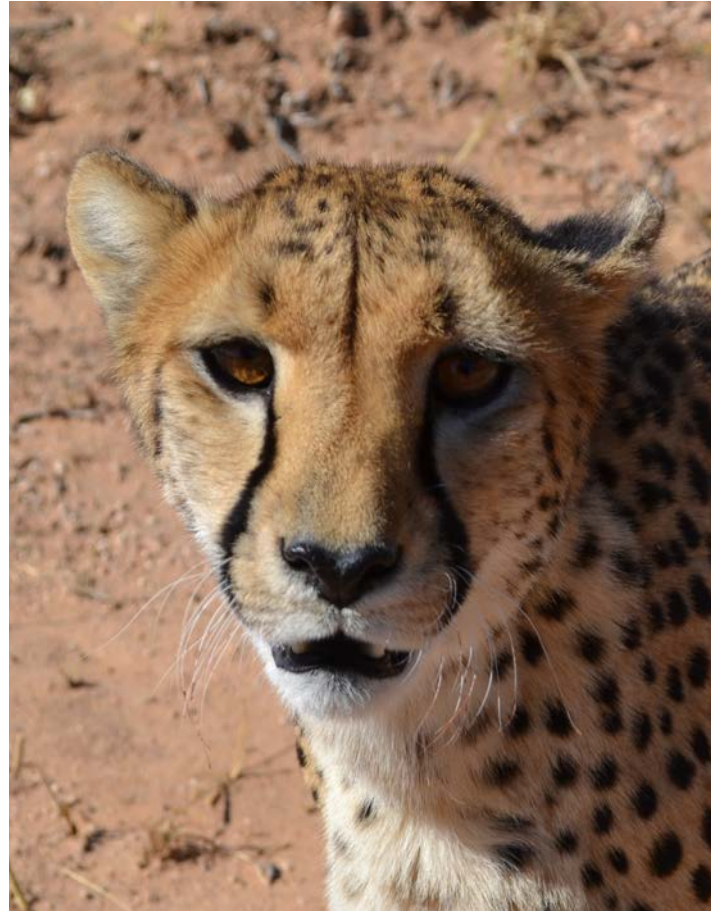


Your Update for Rainbow

from Namibia!

fact, she has to usually be encouraged out of the crush cage with food otherwise she will sit in there all day. She knows that when she sits in there calmly she gets a tasty reward so never wants to leave.

Rainbow continues to live here at CCF with her fellow group of females (Harry, Hermione and Aurora) and resident male Romeo (who very much lives up to his name!). She is now 6 years old and is as bouncy as ever! A farmer near Otjiwarongo found Rainbow on the side of a road and decided to try nursing her back to health. Rainbow was abandoned, although it is unclear what happened to the mother. After a week the farmer, called CCF to come pick her up. She had not eaten much and was being held in a small cage; she was not hand fed, but she had a high level of human contact during this time. Rainbow is one of the most energetic cheetahs we have here at CCF. She is usually bouncing off the enclosure walls with excitement or bouncing off other cheetahs wanting to 'play'. She recovered very well after her poor start in life and is now one of our superstar runners. She will always come flying out of the feeding camps on her day to run and race around the course effortlessly. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. Rainbow had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Rainbow and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Rainbow is a complete pro in the crush cage and is always completely comfortable, so comfortable in



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Rainbow



Your Update for Release Candidates

from Namibia!

3 males - **Cyclone, Kamin, Elwood**

On 18 March 2018, our three male release candidates were released from their enclosure onto CCF property. Upon release, the three males were fed an entire red hartebeest carcass just outside the gates of the enclosure to give them one last guaranteed meal before having to rely more on themselves out in the wild. The three males stayed at the carcass for a couple of days before venturing away from their enclosure. The males began exploring around CCF farms Elandsvreugde and Osonanga while CCF's monitoring team kept close watch over what they were up to. For the first week or so of release, the boys were not successful in making a significant kill (as far as we are aware), so CCF's monitoring team were able to supplement feed them during monitoring sessions. However, the team did find evidence that they had been hunting, which is a great sign.

One evening however, the males got separated for one reason or another. CCF does not know precisely the reason why but it could have been that they got split up during a long hunt. CCF waited for about a week hoping that the males would find each other, but unfortunately it seemed as if they were not going to be able to find one another so the decision was made to recapture all three of them and join them back together artificially. The capture of all three males went very smoothly and they were reunited back in their enclosure at CCF.

One week later, the males were released in the same fashion as the previous release from their enclosure. They remained together and based upon their collar data, it is clear that they began making successful kills. However, about two weeks after their second release, the monitoring team

became concerned with the data arriving from the collars. It seemed that one or two of the males had been caught in a trap cage. Luckily, CCF received permission from a neighbor and travelled to the cheetahs' location. Two of the males were indeed caught in a trap, so CCF captured the third and transferred all three once again back to their enclosure at CCF. All three males are currently residing in their enclosure at CCF. A plan is being worked on for their release at a later date soon in the future.

4 females - **Georgia, Susan, Daenarys, Tatjana**

The four sisters (all related to Elwood in the group of three males) are still living in their enclosure at CCF. CCF's release team is searching for a suitable release site for these four sisters and once an appropriate site has been found, CCF will begin the release process. Finding suitable release sites within Namibia is one of the most difficult aspects of cheetah releases as there are so many factors that must be considered during site selection. The area must have suitable prey populations, water and cover access, and surrounding communities must be onboard with the release efforts. Working closely with the people who live and work within the areas cheetahs are living/released is critical for the success of any release efforts.

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Susan, Daenarys, Elwood,
Tatjana, Georgia, Cyclone,
& Kamin

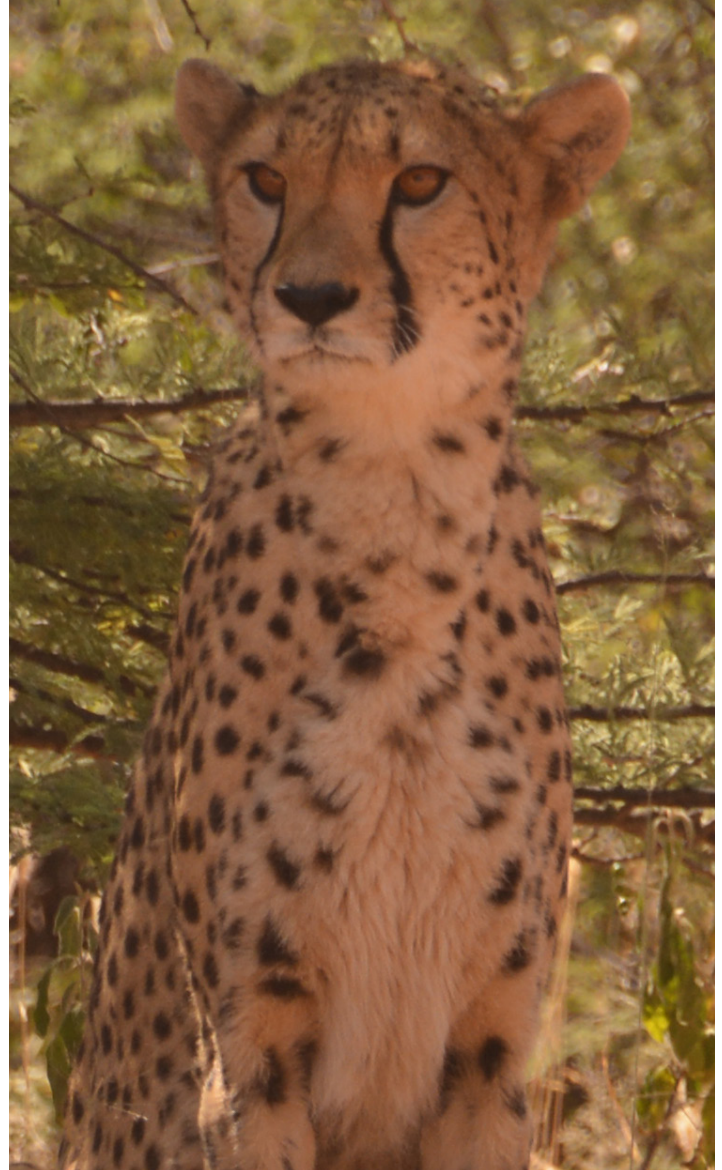




Your Update for Rohini

from Namibia!

Rohini continues to live here at CCF and is now 8 years old. Rohini was confiscated from a farm by the Ministry of Environment (MET) in the western communal areas (known as Damaraland) in early 2010 and CCF was asked to then take care of her for the rest of her life. She was about three months old at the time and has lived at CCF ever since. She has been living in a 13-hectare (30 acre) enclosure with her friend Polly for nearly 3 years with "The Scientist boys". We introduced Rohini to the males at the end of last year as they had been living next door to each other for a long time and getting along very well, so we decided to put them all together as the males are neutered. Initially, Rohini was a little grumpy with so many males around as she loves her 'girl time' with Polly! She chose to sit on the far side of the enclosure away from them for a long time before realising they can be quite nice and gentlemanly. We also brought across another coalition of males to live next door at the beginning of this year which means Rohini has lots of male friends now. Rohini loves to run but is always very nervous of the boisterous males that shove her out of the way for their food! We usually run the males and females separately when they chase the feeding vehicle, to give the ladies a nice chance to run as fast as they can. Rohini has worked out that on the first stretch of the run she only gets small treats as a reward whereas the second stretch she gets her big piece of meat. So, as you can imagine she puts in little effort on the first stretch and then the second stretch she runs as fast as she possibly can. Rohini is still one of the absolute super stars when it comes to photographers or film crews. She loves to pose for them and catches treats to show off!



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Rohini



Your Update for Romeo

from Namibia!

(Hello)

Romeo continues to live here at CCF with his four female cheetah friends Hermione, Harry, Rainbow and Aurora. Romeo was the family pet of a farmer in the Grootfontein area. He was well cared for and hand-raised, but the practice of keeping cheetahs as pets is illegal in Namibia. CCF was called in December 2014 to take charge of Romeo. He does not get along with the other males at the centre as he doesn't speak "cheetah" very well and they become very frustrated with him. So instead he gets to live with four lucky ladies! He's had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Romeo and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. Romeo wasn't best pleased with his vaccinations this year and his keepers had to upgrade to the best treats for him to settle for his injection. The decision was also made to castrate Romeo at the beginning of this year. It is illegal in Namibia to breed any captive carnivore, so we must provide our males with a contraceptive implant if they live with females or castrate them. Romeo is now getting much older and does not donate to the sperm bank here at CCF, the implants are also very expensive and hard to acquire here. The surgery was very smooth and quick, he was brought into the onsite veterinary clinic early in the morning and was back in his enclosure before lunchtime. He was quite sleepy for a lot of the afternoon, so his keepers provided him with a safe, warm space to recover. By the late afternoon, he was meowing as loud

as possible for food as he realised he had missed a meal throughout his procedure! He recovered very quickly and was back to his normal self within a few days. Romeo is one of the favourites here as he is a complete 'gentleman', loves to 'talk' to people and is very set in his ways (to everyone's amusement). During feeding time, Romeo must always be the first one in to investigate everything and must always be the last out, so he can clear up all the bones and check them for scraps of meat once everyone has finished. If his keepers do not do this he gets very grumpy and stares through the fence until they let him back in to check the bones.

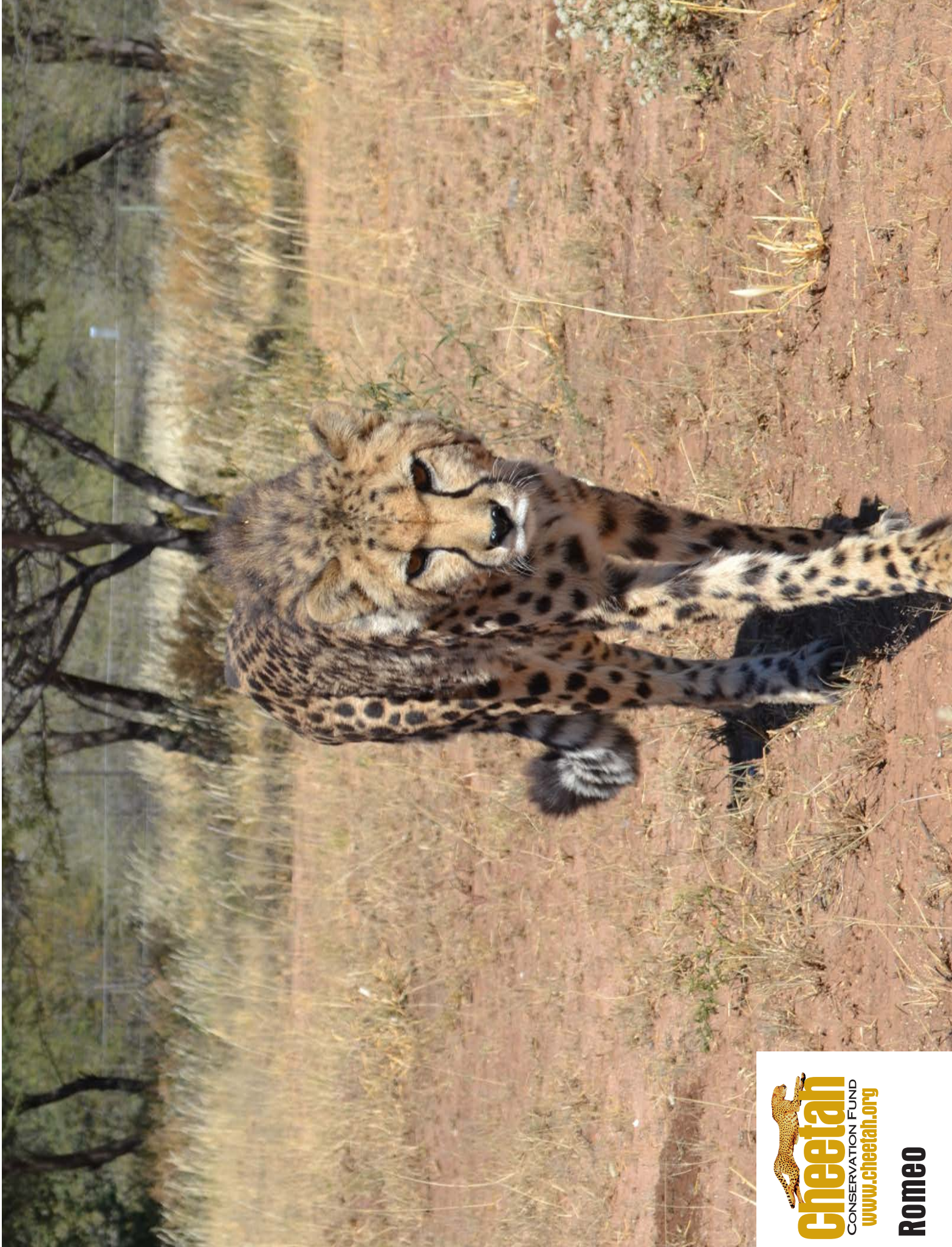


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Romeo



Your Update for Ron

from Namibia!

Ron continues to live here at CCF in his male coalition group with his close friends Little C, Shunga and N'Dunge. Ron originally came to CCF with his two sisters (Harry and Hermione) also known as the "Harry Potter Trio" in 2005, as two-month-old orphaned cubs. CCF staff named them after the kids in the popular book and film series. Ron is now 12 years old and still doing very well. At the beginning of this year Ron and his coalition moved to an 8 ha (20 acre) enclosure called "The Elands Pen". We made the decision, now they are older, to move them to a nice big space where they don't run for the public anymore as they were starting to lose interest and just wanted to hang out with each other! Since moving to their new enclosure, they have settled in perfectly.

Ron had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All of our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Ron and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. We have trained them all to run alongside our vehicle for exercise. It's important we exercise all our cats here as they don't hunt for their own food! In the wild they would be running as fast as they could almost every other day to catch their dinner. Here at CCF, we present it in nice portion sizes, but we always make them work for it. We have a feeding vehicle that they are trained to chase and at the end of the session will have the meat thrown from the back, almost replicating the hunt! Ron absolutely loves this method of feeding and

is usually the one right at the front of the other males. Before the session starts he is always dribbling with excitement. Because Ron is now older, we are making sure to keep a close eye on his teeth, if we need to, we can bring the local dentist to CCF to work on our cat's teeth. He doesn't mind as his patients are always asleep. Ron is the most reserved of the group and will always be found snuggled up to one of the other males as he loves his cuddles from the other cheetahs.

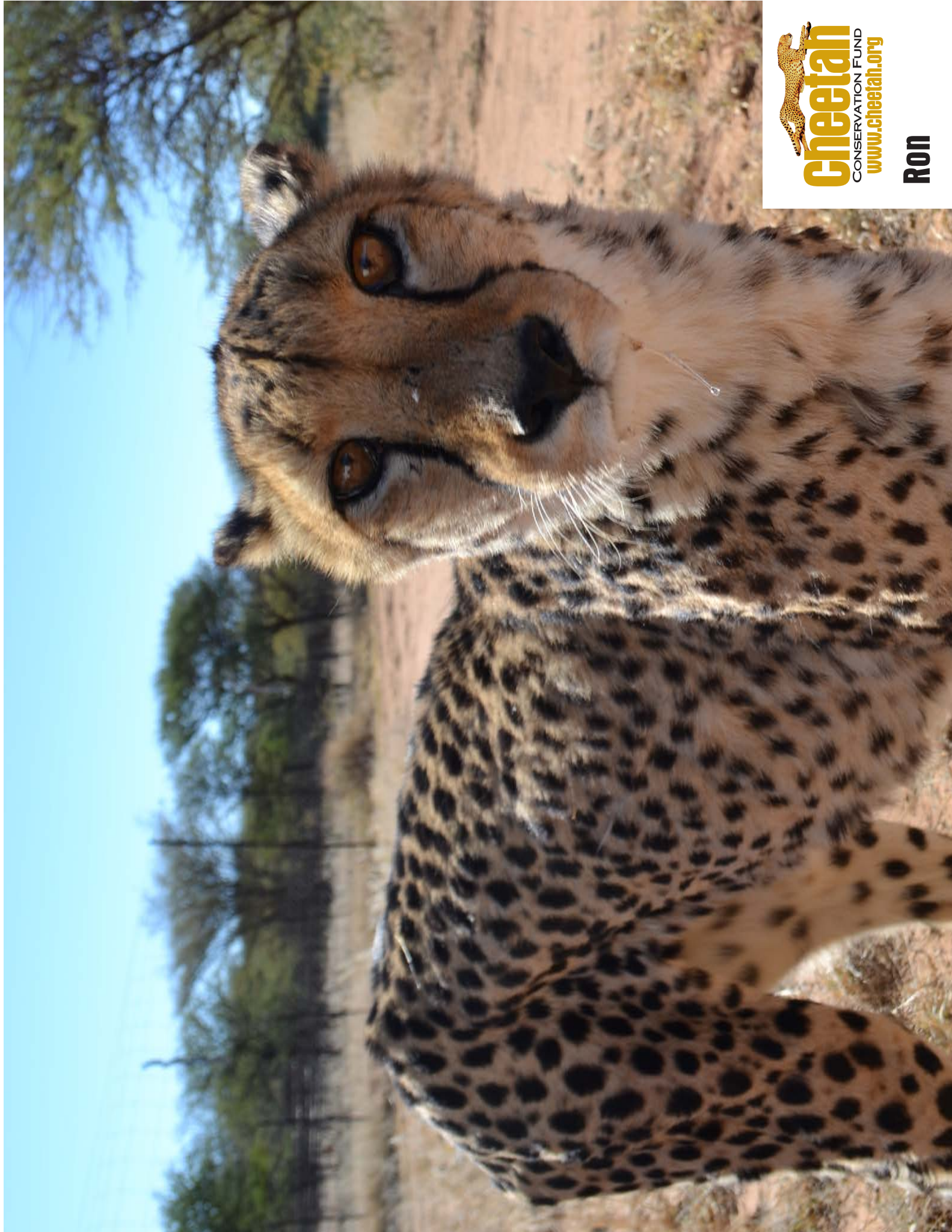


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Your Update for Sasha

from Namibia!

Sasha came to CCF in January 2018 at around 5 months old. She was rescued by a farmer who found her on his farm incredibly sick and weak. She was turned over to us for rehabilitation. During her first week at CCF, she had a routine check-up and a mass was found in her stomach. She had emergency surgery to remove it. After lots of rest and love from her keepers, she recovered very well. Since her surgery she has moved to a much larger enclosure and is growing up fast. She's very feisty and likes to let everyone know how she's feeling with her loud chirps and calls. Since settling in to her new home she has been making "friends" with almost every cheetah around her. There are two older males (B2 and Phoenix) who behave like her older brothers and constantly "talk" to her through the fence, chirping away and purring. Sasha is particularly fond of Phoenix and spends some of her afternoons laying near him. She has also met three young males who are still learning the ropes too, so she is quite unsure of their "forward" behaviour. Sasha will always make the loudest chirp noise possible when she doesn't like something which always startles everyone, including her keepers! Her keepers have grown very close with her as she is quite young and sensitive. They spend a lot of time with her working on a close bond to help her grow up properly! Currently, her keepers are doing "spoon training" with her. This involves using a metre-long wooden spoon to give treats and medication safely, so they do not need to use their hands. Sasha is taught to keep all four paws firmly on the ground and to take the treats nicely from the end of the spoon. The opposite end of the spoon represents "treats are finished" and she must move away. This basic training means

that Sasha can learn how to run on our purpose-built lure course in the future and exchange treats (such as liver) for the rag that she must chase! It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers. Sasha has picked up "spoon training" very quickly and will always wait patiently and never snatch for treats. As soon as her keepers enter the enclosure with the treat pouch, she knows straight away and will always come rushing over excitedly ready for training! She also had a big change in her life a few weeks ago and was introduced to an older female (Bella, 1.5yrs old) so that she had companionship and an older sister to teach her how to be a cheetah! Initially Sasha was very nervous during the first interactions, even though Bella lay patiently waiting for her to make the first move. Eventually Sasha mustered up the courage and sat next to her and made her classic loud chirp noise to announce her presence! The two females now get on very well and spend most of their days hanging out along the fence-line next to the males!

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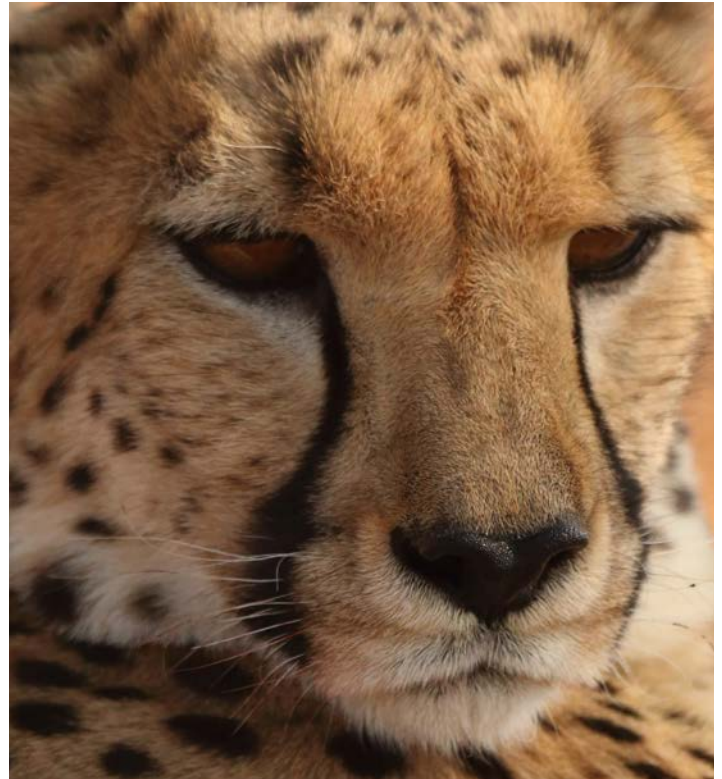


Your Update for Senay

from Namibia!

Senay continues to live here at CCF with her three siblings Khayjay, Peter and Tigerlily; also known as the “Ambassadors”. She is now 7 years old and doing very well. The Ambassadors were brought to CCF at just 3 weeks old and were bottle fed and hand raised here. This means they are very accustomed to people and enjoy a lot of attention from the staff, or anyone willing to talk to them whilst they purr as loud as possible through the fence! Senay had a very busy start to the year with vaccinations! All our cheetahs are given a domestic cat vaccine and a vaccination against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers to safely capture Senay and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia.! It’s important here at CCF to move our cheetahs to different enclosures, in the wild they would be walking long distances and experiencing new things often. We like to replicate this and provide mental stimulation by moving our cheetahs to an enclosure they may not have entered for a week, so they can smell everything new that has been there and scent mark! Scent marking is a very important way for cheetahs to communicate and they often only use specific trees in each enclosure to communicate with each other. These are called “play trees”, they can obtain a variety of pieces of information just from these scent marks such as age, sex, and reproductive status. Whenever Senay moves to a new enclosure or even a new feeding camp she hasn’t visited in a while, she always needs extra time to sniff everything she walks past! Senay loves running on our lure course and will always come out of the feeding camps

ready with her head down, then speeds off, showing off her skills to the guest on our purpose-built lure course. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers.

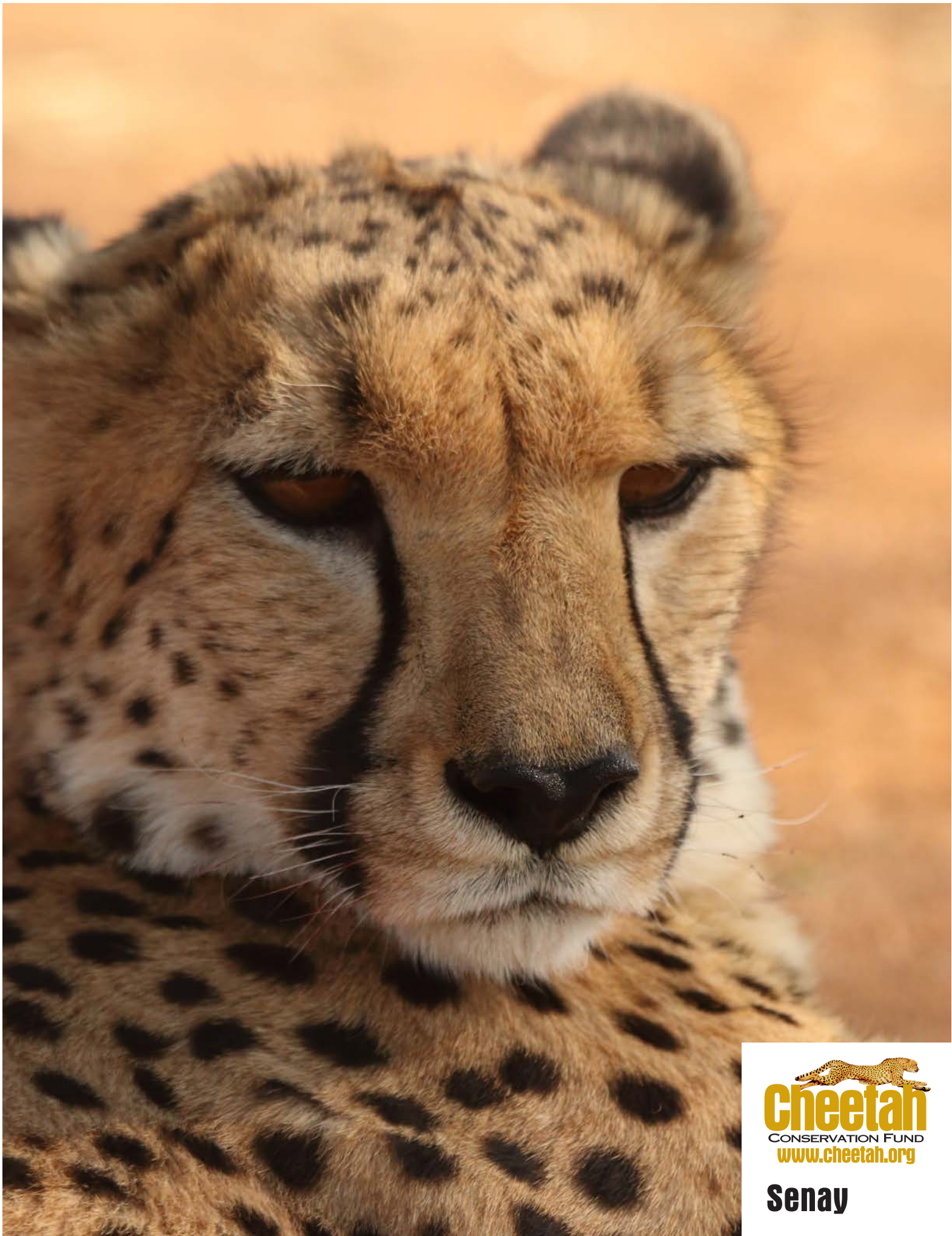


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Senay



Your Update for Shunga (Blondeman)

from Namibia!

Shunga continues to live here at CCF in his male coalition group with his close friends Little C, N'Dunge and Ron. Shunga and his brother N'Dunge were found without a mother in the Gobabis region. The two cubs were brought to CCF in July 2008 when they were three months old. During their first few weeks here at CCF their keepers noticed that Shunga wasn't the brightest cheetah and he gained the nickname "Blondeman". He is now 10 years old. At the beginning of this year Blondeman and his coalition moved to a much larger enclosure (8 ha -20 acre) enclosure called "The Elands Pen". We made the decision now they are older to move them to a nice big space where they don't run for the public anymore as they were starting to lose interest and just wanted to hang out with each other! Since moving to their new enclosure, they have settled in perfectly. We have trained them all to run alongside our vehicle for exercise. It's important we exercise all our cats here as they don't hunt for their own food! In the wild they would be running as fast as they could almost every other day to catch their dinner. Here at CCF, we present it in nice portion sizes, but we always make them work for it. We have a feeding vehicle that they are trained to chase and at the end of the session will have the meat thrown from the back, almost replicating the hunt! Chasing the feeding vehicle is his favourite thing to do! He will always chase, even when he doesn't receive food! He's had a busy start to the year with annual vaccinations! All of our cheetahs are given the domestic cat vaccine and a vaccinations against rabies. We train all our cheetah to enter a crush cage calmly and remain in there in exchange for treats, this is a method of positive reinforcement training. A crush cage allows the cheetah keepers

to safely capture Blondeman and have a veterinarian inject the vaccines without the need for anaesthesia. This training also proved helpful as he unfortunately managed to get an eye infection. We are still unsure of the cause, but he needed eye drops four times a day to help the healing process along with medication. Luckily, he is a complete professional at entering the crush cage calmly and loves his treats which makes everything very easy and stress free. Most occasions that we arrived to give him medication he was already waiting for us! His eye healed nicely after around two weeks and we were able to take him off medication. He didn't understand this though and still expected treats four times a day!

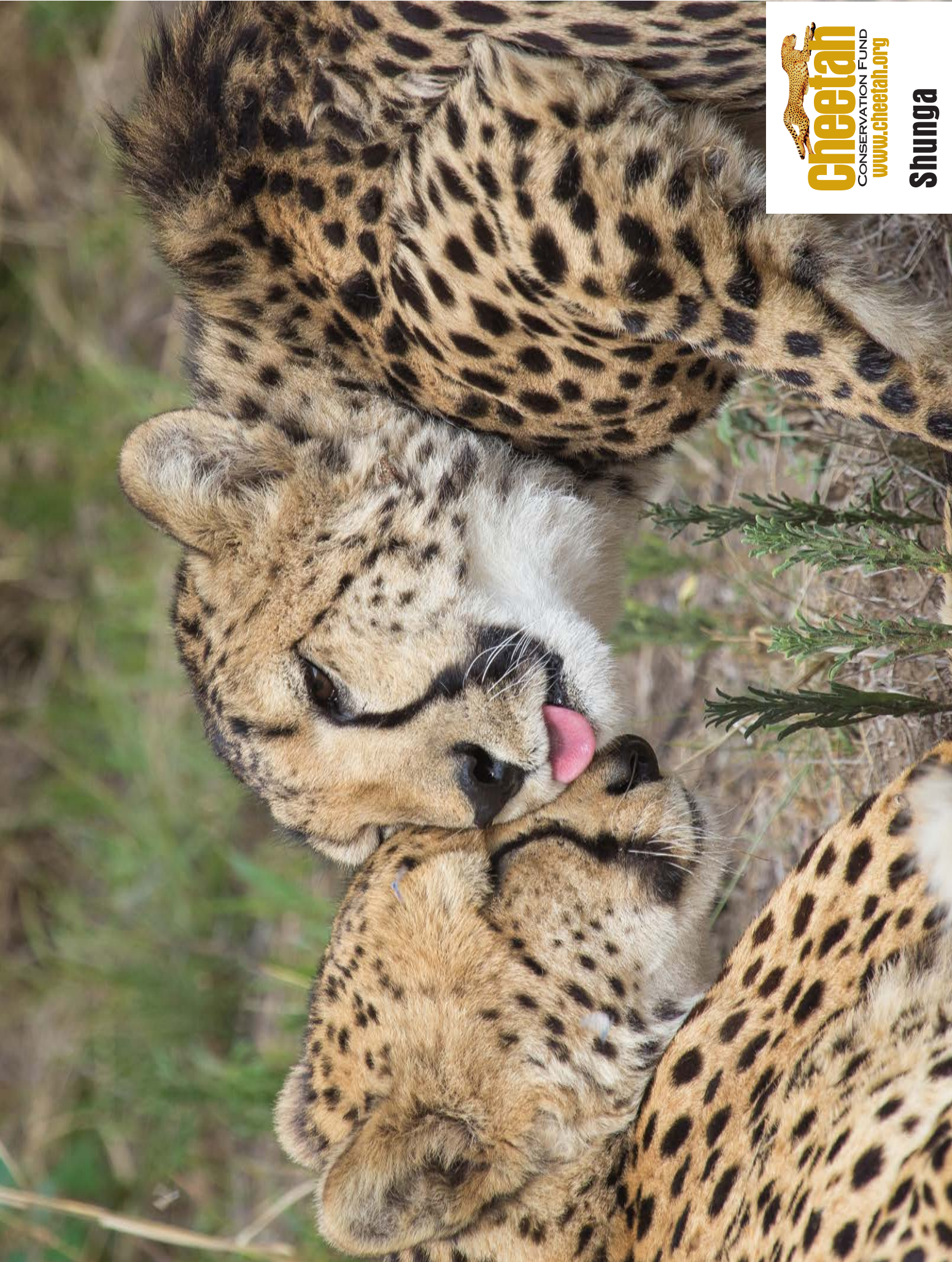


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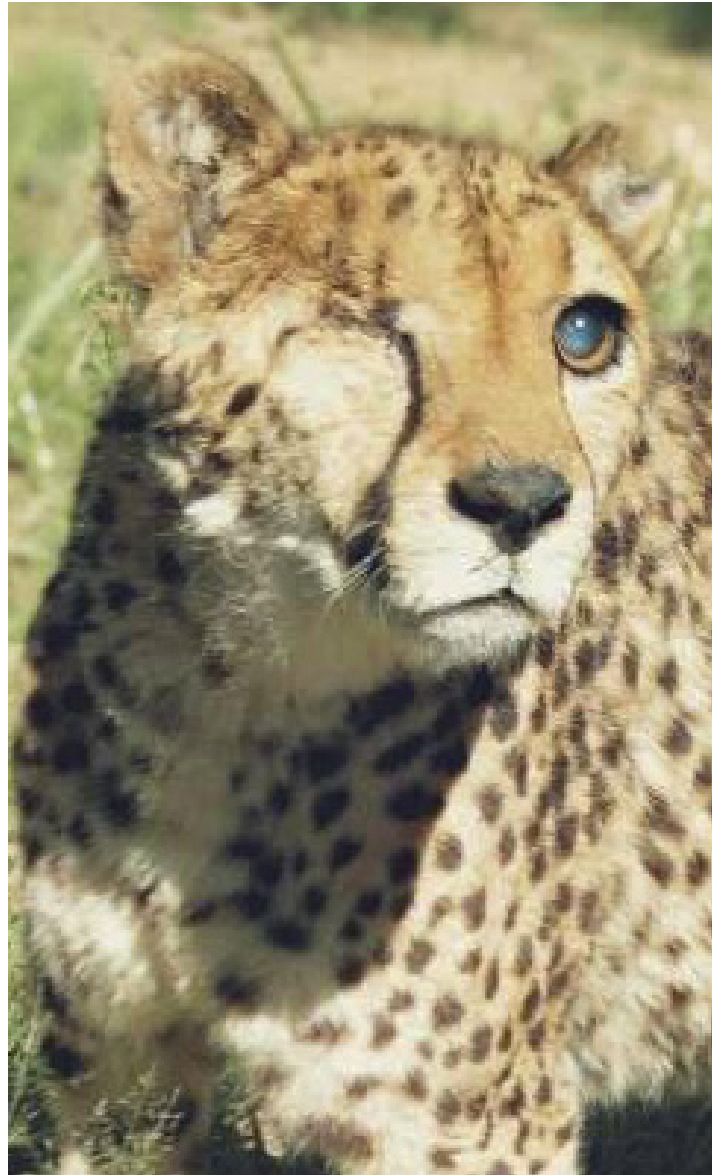
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Your Update for Solo

from Namibia!

Solo is CCF's oldest resident at nearly 18 years old and is adored by everyone at CCF. Her huge beautiful orange eyes have been the face we use on most of our promotional material! Solo came to CCF as an orphaned 13-month-old along with two siblings. Their mother and another sibling had been shot on a sheep farm. While her siblings were transferred to the White Oak Conservation Center in Florida in 2001, a onetime only import to the US, as a gift from the president of Namibia. Solo stayed here and became good friends with many of CCF's cheetahs. It was decided later last year that due to her old age, we would move her to a nice retirement enclosure, so she could watch over everyone during the day! She has had a busy start to the year, unfortunately she developed an ulcer on her eye (the cause still unknown). Despite a variety of veterinary treatment and medicine her eye did not heal well and started to cause her significant pain. After long discussions, we decided to put her under anaesthetic and remove the eye. Surgery at this age is very risky but because of the pain she was in we could not let her suffer. She recovered incredibly fast and she looks more beautiful than ever now! Since the surgery her keepers have put her on a strict routine to ensure her life is nice and stress free! Her nice retirement enclosure has little change, to ensure she can still get around as easily as possible. Solo also gets extra treats and feed now to make sure she keeps a good amount of weight on. The colder months can be rough for an older cheetah so her keepers are making sure she has an extra layer of warmth and a thick straw bed! Solo is still a super star for the public and everyone loves her new 'pirate' cat look.



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Your Update for Tiger Lily

from Namibia!

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often. We like to replicate this and provide mental stimulation by moving our cheetahs to an enclosure they may not have entered for a week, so they can smell everything new that has been there and scent mark! Scent marking is a very important way for cheetahs to communicate and they often only use specific trees in each enclosure to communicate with each other. These are called "play trees", they can obtain a variety of pieces of information just from these scent marks such as age, sex, and reproductive status. Whenever Tigerlily moves to a new enclosure or even a new feeding camp she hasn't visited in a while, she is always sure to scent mark absolutely everything! Tigerlily loves running and always loves 'showing off' her speed to our guests on our purpose-built lure course. It is important that we exercise all our cheetahs here as they do not hunt for themselves. Not only is it good for their physical health but also their mental health. It is an enjoyable activity for them where they can engage in play and positive interaction and bonding with their keepers.

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