



CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND

NEWSLETTER

A Global Cheetah Conservation Action Plan



In the last week of August international cheetah specialists came together in South Africa to map out a Global Cheetah Conservation Action Plan. CCF staff members Laurie Marker, Bonnie Schumann and Amy Dickman, along with Namibian Board members Dr. Arthur Bagot-Smith and Dr. Hu Berry joined other CCF international board members, including Annie Beckhelling (Cheetah Outreach/SA), Jack Grisham, Dr. Linda Munson and Dr. David Wildt (USA); Sean McKeown (UAE); Dr. Sarah Durrant (Tanzania); Nick Lindsey (UK) and Dr. Gus Mills (SA). The workshop, with the largest-ever gathering of experts in cheetah conservation, was facilitated by Dr. Susie Ellis of the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG) (one of the Species Survival Commissions of the World Conservation Union/IUCN) and sponsored by the North American Cheetah Species Survival Plan and the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT). The aim: to honor and unite the work already carried out in the wild (in-situ) as well as in zoological institutions (ex-situ) for cheetah conservation; and to develop a conservation action plan linking these initiatives, enhancing collaboration and providing for long-term survival of cheetahs in the wild.

Fifty-three invited delegates from ten countries attended: USA, Australia, Britain, The Netherlands, Kenya, Zimbabwe, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Tanzania and Namibia. Other Namibian organizations included the Africat Foundation, the Okatumba Trust, and MET (Ministry of Environment and Tourism). The meeting resulted from formal and informal discussions over the past few years among field biologists and zoo managers, formalised in October 2000 at the global CBSG meeting, with a plan to bring together as many stakeholders as possible in cheetah conservation in an interactive setting to facilitate the development of a comprehensive conservation action plan. Working groups dealt with a wide range of issues, including status and threats facing cheetahs in the wild outside of protected areas, cheetah/human conflict, genetic management, international collaboration, cooperation between captive breeding programs, education, veterinary and disease issues and public awareness. The workshop will result in a series of actions and steps, including the establishment of a global Cheetah Interest Group.

The cheetah, listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red Data List and on CITES Appendix I, is threatened with extinction as a direct result of human activities and changes caused by habitat fragmenta-



CCF's Laurie Marker, Bonnie Schumann and Amy Dickman joined 53 delegates from 10 countries in South Africa to map out A Global Cheetah Conservation Plan

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tion. Lack of genetic diversity within the global cheetah population further complicates the situation, making it more susceptible to ecological and environmental changes and disease threats. Fewer than 15,000 cheetah remain, the majority in Namibia. If the world's fastest land mammal is to survive, combined efforts of all stakeholders are required.

CBSG, one of the most active of the IUCN specialist groups, operates regionally in South Africa through the

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A Letter from Laurie

October 31, 2001

Dear Cheetah Friends,

I arrived back in Namibia on Thursday and the farm on Friday after over five weeks away-tired and happy to have been with all of you in your efforts to help CCF save the cheetah. At this interesting time for international travel I just tested systems in the world's major airports in 6 countries and 19 cities in 15 States!

I'm currently catching up on CCF activities during my absence. The staff carried on with their usual gusto. Eight Livestock Guarding Dog puppies were born and placed on farms; a female and her four cubs were tagged and released; necropsies were conducted on two dead cheetahs. The 18 cheetahs housed at CCF were cared for; those needing medical attention received it. Round River Conservation Study students who arrived a month ago are conducting game counts on the new Osonanga farm, beginning small mammal studies on the bush monitoring plots. Several youth groups have been here (nearly each weekend for 3 days each). Graeme Wilson, our Education Curator, attended a SADAC regional educational conference and with Annie Beckhelling of Cheetah Outreach presented educational initiatives from the Global Cheetah Master Plan. CCF's traveling educational exhibit was staffed at five major agriculture shows in the country. Daily visitors to the CCF Education Centre included two film crews. Bruce finalized the bush grant with USAID. And more Earthwatch volunteers arrived to help us. But this small paragraph cannot do justice to the work that goes on here on a daily basis!

Some highlights from my journey spent with you in the USA: When I arrived, Cathryn and Carl Hilker welcomed me into their home. The Cincinnati Zoo cheetah group held a workshop identifying the cheetah as one of the zoo's target species. My input was invited and provided, with the hope that they will continue to support CCF's efforts not only in Namibia but throughout the cheetah's home range. Through Cathryn's efforts and the Zoo's Angel

Fund CCF was presented with a \$50,000 check, a huge contribution from a zoological association. Next stop, Phoenix, Arizona, where Evelyn Boren and her great cheetah volunteer group put on two major events-one for staff and the second for board members and VIPs. Then it was on to San Francisco for the CCF Board meeting. This Board, a wonderful group of donors, has accepted the responsibility to help raise our annual operating funds, a responsibility in which all reading this newsletter are involved! CCF's active Northern California Chapter



WILD Foundation/CCF USA President Vance Martin (back/left) with Laurie Marker at a reunion dinner with Ambassador Lipumbu and the US congressional delegation who visited Namibia last year.

continues to grow under Charlie Knowles' guidance. Stacey van Syckle planned my travels through the US very well. All who communicate with her really appreciate her delightful and professional support. So many people in the Bay Area deserve thanks! Steve Flaherty, a computer specialist, provided CCF with two new laptop computers. Volunteers who have helped with CCF programmes for the past several years carried off three major events at Santa Rosa College, Los Altos Country Club and the 3rd 'Run for Survival' at Foot Hill College. Thanks to Rob and Barb from Leopards Etc for their continued support by bringing their cheetahs to events, and to Dawn Simis from Wild About Cats who also brought her cheetahs to the 'Run'. Stacey and my parents accepted an award at the Marin County Humane Society while I was still sorting out flight delays. Thanks for the honor in choosing me as your Humanitarian of the Year! I also got to drive an electric car, thanks to

Ken and Gabrielle Adelman. I encourage anyone who drives to get one! Then it was back to Illinois to meet with Howard Buffet, a big supporter of Anne van Dykes and the DeWildt Center in South Africa. (Anne and I have been involved in cheetahs since the early 1970's and are working towards doing even more together in global conservation.) Howard recently developed the International Cheetah Foundation, presenting CCF with a grant earlier in this year that we will use to translate "Survival of Cheetahs on Namibian

Farmlands" into Afrikaans. As well as spending the day with Howard and his wife Devon talking about cheetahs, farmers and conservation, I spent a therapeutic time with Howard in his combine "making corn". A great dinner with the Director of the St. Louis Zoo, Charlie Hessel, and their cheetah specialist, and my good friend Steve Bircher, and a drive through the zoo completed the day.

In Washington, DC I met with Vance Martin, David Barron, Members of Congress, and Heather and Alan Jacobs.

Heather and I worked at the National Zoo years ago when she became the zoo's

Development Officer. David, one

of CCF's first supporters, continues his support through congressional involvement. Just over a year ago, he brought the first congressional delegation to Namibia, a crucial meeting. This year over another great dinner, he brought together several of the congressmen who visited Namibia, along with the Ambassador Lipumbu, to continue our two countries' friendships. The next day was spent with CCF Science Advisor, Dr. David Wildt, head reproductive physiologist at the National Zoo. We are working with his team, JoGayle and Budah, to bring Adrienne, their post-doc, to conduct reproductive research at CCF. Adrienne will join us after the first of the year along with Jane Fink, a veterinary technician supported by a grant from the White Oak Conservation Center. In the afternoon I met another CCF Scientific Advisor, Dr. Stephen O'Brien. His lab, based at the National Cancer

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Good News From Namibia . . .

The 3rd Annual Celebration of Speed and Elegance: 2001-A Cheetah Odyssey

Over 300 guests, with Namibia's Ministry of Environment's Permanent Secretary Tangani Erkana as 'MC', attended CCF's 3rd annual Celebration of Speed and Elegance at Windhoek's Country Club on July 28th . This environmental evening included dinner (with menus made from Kudu droppings!), silent auction, slide presentation, the Cheetah Conservationist of the Year Award and entertainment by Broadway musical star Jason Raize, United Nations Special Ambassador for the Environment,

famous for his role as Simba in the Broadway musical "The Lion King. "The 2001-A Cheetah Odyssey" title reflected CCF's futuristic and long-term Research and Education Programs. Laurie reminded us that "Together we can make a millennium of difference. Together we can ensure the wild cheetah will survive and be enjoyed by future generations." —



Among the many events of the evening was a silent auction.

CCF's Cheetah Conservationists of the Year Award Goes to Namibian Farmers — Harry Schneider-Waterberg and Jorg Diekmann

Conservation is a tough job - it deals with compromises, making choices between future well-being and present benefits, involving us all. The public wants to see and enjoy the natural world; journalists and tour operators publicize nature's values; philanthropists raise and donate funds to protect the environment;



MET's Permanent Secretary Tangeni Erkana (l) and Laurie Marker present Jorg Diekmann (l) and Harry Schneider-Waterberg (r) with Awards.

scientists study issues and propose solutions; politicians pass environmental laws; government officials translate law into policy; landowners try to act as wise stewards. People in each field prove worthy of praise. At the annual fundraising dinner CCF highlighted landowners. Conservation involves land and animal stewardship – wise business practices. Good farmers are conservationists, working with nature for sustainability. CCF chose two farmers as Cheetah Conservationists of the Year: Harry Schneider-Waterberg (Chairman of the Waterberg Conservancy and the Conservancy Association of Namibia /CANAM) and Jorg Diekmann (Chairman of the Ovipuka Conservancy, a member

of the Waterberg Conservancy). Recognition was also awarded to their wives, Hannah Schneider-Waterberg and Maria Diekmann. As CCF's neighbors and active supporters of Cheetah Conservation for nearly a decade, these landowners embrace the concept of conservancies, practising conservation through collaboration and sharing of natural resources. With deep roots, long family histories in Namibia and active in social development, they run modern mixed farming operations, combining cattle farming with selective hunting and eco-tourism. Nearly ten years ago, at a farmers' meeting Jorg spoke up for cheetah conservation: "Cheetahs have been here much longer than we have - they are welcome and free to run on my farm. I want my children's children to see cheetahs." Their successful, non-lethal management systems have been shared with farmers locally and internationally, proving predator conservation is not contrary to human needs. That we can all live together. —

CheetahView Developments

Renovations to the two old farmhouses on CCF's Field School farm base, CheetahView, are now completed and new workers' houses with water and electricity have been built. The old smallstock kraal has been replaced and cattle kraals and monger upgraded. These buildings serve as headquarters for CCF's conservation biology field school in cooperation with Round River Conservation Studies. The fifth group of international and Namibian university students are currently pursuing their studies, including field biology techniques and course work. —

Save on Taxes – and Save the Cheetah!

As you consider your year-end donations, a particular benefit to US taxpayers are gifts of appreciated stocks and property. Your tax benefit is the full market value at the time of donation! Also, a bequest in your will helps assure the long term survival of the cheetah, and is a win-win—your estate and heirs are relieved of unnecessary taxes, and the wild cheetah receives the benefit of your good planning and generosity. See your tax advisor for details.

In The Field Of Education

Creepy Crawlies and Campfire Stories at the Wilderness Camp



Windhoek's International School recently sent two groups of thirty students, ages 9-10, for Wilderness Camp weekends. Accompanied by CCF Education Curator Graeme Wilson, the groups participated in various activities, including campfire stories. The first group were deeply concerned about "creepy crawlies," working themselves each evening into such a fright that some children slept two to a bed in hopes that the insects would avoid

them. The second group was quite different; Graeme had a hard time keeping them focused on tasks that did not involve exploring every crack and crevasse. One young extrovert told his version of how the cheetah got its spots: "Cheetahs never wear their fur coats to sleep, rather they take the coat and hang it in the tree above their bed. One evening a hunter used the coat as target practice and the cheetah dodged the bullets to grab its coat from the tree. Imagine the surprise when the cheetah met its friends wearing a spotted coat - of course all future cheetahs inherited that pattern as it was all the fashion!" He told the story so well that the other students talked about it all night. The two groups had such fun that they wanted to help CCF, so they are now painting spots on garbage bins to help Graeme always remember the story of how the cheetah got its spots! 🐾

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Endangered Wildlife Trust. CBSG's mission is the conservation of viable populations of threatened wildlife through intensive protection and scientific management of plant and animal populations in the wild, and, where appropriate, through conservation breeding programmes. CBSG offers a range of scientifically-based tools and processes to evaluate and integrate the interaction of biological, physical and social factors

on the population dynamics of threatened species and to assist conservation groups in their task of developing practical management plans to conserve these species. 🐾

Many thanks to the sponsors: Birmingham, Columbus, Fort Worth, Milwaukee County, Oklahoma City, San Diego & St. Louis Zoos; CBSG; CBSG SA; De Wildt Cheetah Centre; Endangered Wildlife Trust; Wildlife Breeding Resource Centre;

The Usakos Youth Forum – Helping Young Cheetahs Get Fit!



The Usakos Youth with Namibia's Cheetah Ambassador Chewbaaka

The Usakos Youth Forum visited CCF to lend a hand with a project that entailed clearing thorny bush from a cheetah enclosure to lay a lure course for exercising CCF's orphaned young cheetahs. This group of five non-releasable cheetahs are siblings of the ones sent to the USA earlier this year. The cheetahs are now "run" twice a week. Many CCF visitors have seen Chewbaaka, resident cheetah ambassador, exercising on CCF's big field. The same equipment is used, but the youngsters are exercised within their camp. The youth forum was honored to witness the first run, a rather confusing affair as the cheetahs took awhile to come to grips with rag and string. They did figure it out and have taken a remarkably short period of time to get fit. 🐾

Fossil Rim Wildlife Centre; Kirkpatrick Foundation/OK; North American Cheetah SSP; Oakhill Centre for Endangered Cats; White Oak Conservation Center/CCF.

More Cheetah Stories

Updates on Cheetahs Ginny and Paddy

Following months of intensive treatment Ginny was radio-collared and released with her two cubs. Tracked for three weeks, the collar came to a standstill on a neighbouring farm. CCF staff, accompanied by the concerned neighbours following her progress, found vultures had beaten us to the carcass, so it was impossible to determine cause of death. With no sign of her two cubs, our neighbours helped by setting a trap-cage in case they returned. The following day another neighbour, almost 40 km away,

but within 15 km of where the cheetahs had been held at CCF, reported seeing two young cheetahs near one of his cattle posts. We went to take a look, finding only tracks. We visited the next post about 10 km away to alert them to the cheetahs' presence. On the way a cheetah was seen crossing the dirt road some distance ahead of the vehicle. CCF staff quickly collected and set a trap cage. By rattling tin bowls, which the cubs seemed to remember from their time at CCF (cheetahs at CCF are fed in tin bowls), the

two young cheetahs eventually appeared in the long grass, their nervousness overcome by their hunger. Caught and returned to CCF, thin and hungry, they were otherwise in good shape. It is very interesting that they came back near CCF once their mother had died, most likely knowing food would be close.

Paddy, the male cheetah, reported in the previous newsletter, is still undergoing treatment for his foot. Due to the nature of the injury, the healing process is very slow. 🐾

More Cheetah Stories

Update on Those Cheetah Cubs Airlifted to the USA!

From White Oak Conservation Center in Florida (thanks to Karen Ziegler):

First off, the cubs received new names! They are all over one year of age now and SO BIG! The largest male, Zaris, is 122 lbs. (55.45 kg). He is huge, not fat either (well, maybe a little bit). A tough guy! And still in love with Peggy. His sister Torra, at 104 lbs (47.27 kg), is a little bit on the heavy side but looking good. The two brothers Otavi and Osamba are 87 lbs (39.5kg) & 93 lbs (42.27kg), looking good, like cheetahs should look. Gremlin is 62 lbs (28.18kg), growing but still small and thin. Peggy is 88 lbs (40 kg), a bit thinner than I'd like, and a bit picky and eating slowly. All six finally have vet clearance, so they were moved to our large pen with a large hill, ditches and trees, with lots of things to do. They look great out there and seem to really enjoy it. They can run fast and see many more cheetahs. Gremlin has really taken a liking to the male next door. The brothers and Gremlin still pick on Peggy but the

cool thing is that we've seen Zaris run to her protection! As with our regular program, we'll split males and females at around age two, then females at about two and a half. Sibling bonds have already taken place. They've had a rough start, so separating them any younger is not a good idea. They need all the social interaction they can get.

From Cincinnati Zoo, Ohio (thanks to Laurie):

I had the opportunity of spending a morning at Cincinnati Zoo's Mast Breeding Center with our four Namibian cheetahs. They are in a beautiful, large facility on their own, away from everything, with great trees and grassy yards. Tommy, the cheetah keeper, spends quite a bit of time with them each day, figuring out female reproductive cycles and how males react to females. These behavioral observations are co-related with fecal hormone lab analysis to track the female cycles. These four are still young and

inexperienced (just over 3 years of age) but a perfect breeding age. I was very excited to watch their behavior. It appeared we missed the cycle by a day as the female was not allowing males to mount although they displayed all the correct behaviors. They followed, sniffed, rolled, and were perfectly polite – in that there was no aggression towards the females. This is most important, as when the female is ready for breeding she will then allow the male to mount. The vocalizations were also correct. I was able to video quite a bit of these interactions. Between courtships, three of the four cheetahs acknowledged me in a cheetah way! I have known these cats since they were all quite young as all three of them were nearly dead when we received them. They looked at me when I called their names. One female almost ran into a tree trying to look at me while walking near me. We hope this group of four gets it together so we can see their cubs soon! ←

Meeting for Solutions Around the Globe Cat Specialist Group (SG) Meets in Switzerland

The IUCN Cat Specialist Group's format changed this year with the retirement of Peter Jackson, Chairman for over 20 years. Laurie has served as a Vice Chair since 1994. In July the new co-chairs of the IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist, Urs Breitenmoser and Christine Breitenmoser-Würsten invited Laurie, with ten other recognized cat specialists, to a meeting to discuss the organisation and identify the Group's responsibilities for the quadrennium 2001-04. Located in Sparenmoos, a small resort in the Bernese Alps in the centre of the study area of the Swiss lynx project, the meeting reviewed the progress in cat conservation since the publication of *Wild Cats* (Nowell & Jackson 1996), identified the duties and involvements of the Cat SG and discussed SG structure.

The Core Group (CG), the Cat SG's strategic Board, identifies priorities, develops cat conservation concepts and supervises permanent tasks (updates status reports, red list, etc.). The CG meetings, to take place every year (preferably April) in a different region, will push the group's common and lasting business and meet

with the region's Cat SG members to review the status and the conservation needs of regional cat populations. For practical reasons the CG remains small, but it must represent all species and fields of expertise. At present, CG members include: Sarah Christie, Peter Crawshaw, Rodney Jackson, Peter Jackson, A.J.T. Johnsingh, Laurie Marker, Tom McCarthy, Gus Mills, Kristin Nowell, Jim Sanderson, Mel Sunquist, Urs Breitenmoser, Christine Breitenmoser, and Dale Miquelle. As the process continues, more CG members should be recruited from other parts of the world than North America and Europe.

Participants reflected on priorities in cat conservation and the Cat SG's role. Several topics emerged, including funding for cat conservation; capacity building; the lack of basic knowledge to assess the status and population trends of most cat species; providing know-how back into the species' range, often in countries with very limited economic power; and the complexities of trophy hunting. The next CG meeting will be in the first half of April 2002. Of several sites



The Cat Specialist Core Group meeting in Switzerland

proposed, Spain or the Middle East (e.g. the UAE) were considered the most important as regards urgent problems. The liberian lynx (*Lynx pardinus*) is the world's most threatened cat species, with no more than 200-400 specimens in a very fragmented population and no stock in captivity.

Members of the Cat SG are cat specialists from the whole world with membership by invitation only, expiring after every quadrennium. The 'Friends of the Cat Group' are individuals interested in cat conservation and support Cat SG by subscribing to Cat News. For more information on the Cat Specialist Group contact: ch.breitenmoser@kora.ch ←

Meeting for Solutions Around the Globe

The International Theriological (Mammals) Congress in South Africa

In August, Laurie and CCF research assistant Amy Dickman presented a paper entitled "Predator-Human Conflict Resolution - Putting Theory into Practice" at the 8th annual International Mammals Congress (ITC)

in South Africa to over 300 participants from over 40 countries. Held in different countries once every four years, bringing together the world's leading mammalogists, the Congress provides an opportunity to meet other

researchers and share information. During a two-day session on people and predators, over twenty presentations were given on problems with predators and research methods employed to reduce conflict. ←

School and Community Education

Public education and developing an active grassroots constituency are integral components of the overall cheetah conservation programme. CCF educates farmers, teachers and the public about the need and methods to conserve Namibia's rich biodiversity and the role of the cheetah and other predators in healthy ecosystems. Public education and the development of national pride in the cheetah are critical to its survival in Namibia. CCF's Education Centre Curator, Graeme Wilson, and Education Officer, Matti Nghikembua, organize and direct all education programmes. CCF participated in the evaluation of the National Youth Conservation Corps project run by the Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Employment



Bonnie Schumann, CCF Namibia's Senior Research Assistant, with school children.

Creation. The aim is to strengthen the program to encourage youth development in Namibia. CCF continues to work with the Khorixas Youth Forum, bringing Namibian youths to CCF to learn about conservation. In April a visiting youth group, besides learning, put their energy into helping develop CCF's tented camp. In May the Otjiwarongo Youth Forum participated in a similar program. Graeme Wilson was elected as a committee member and Namibia Environmental Education Network (NEEN's) country representative at the NEEN Annual Conference held in Windhoek. Manda Wilson and Matti Nghikembua (additional member) were also re-elected into the steering committee. ←

Youth Also Help Out With Waterberg Conservancy Annual Waterhole Count



Khorixas Youth Group with this year's game count

In August the Waterberg Conservancy held its annual full moon waterhole count. Volunteers consisted primarily of groups pre-arranged by CCF. Fourteen Earthwatchers joined CCF, also participating in roadstrip counts and 12-hour waterhole counts before the 24-hour waterhole count. The Otjiwarongo District Youth Forum and Khorixas Cultural groups deserve special thanks for stepping in on short notice to boost numbers. A group of British volunteers from World Challenge also joined in. And for the second year, a group of young German volunteers from Daktari farm assisted. This year they also used their excellent cooking skills, providing meals for all, ensuring volunteers were well fed before and after. A total of 50 waterholes were counted, 42 by volunteers, the rest by farm workers. ←

John Murphy, CCF Board Member, passes away

In October CCF Namibian Board member John Murphy passed away. The



With fellow CCF Namibia Board of Trustees from left; Mike Hall, Laurie Marker, John Murphy and Walter Bottger

Chief Executive Officer of the DeBeers mining operations in Namibia, John was an active member of CCF's Board and an important force in regional conservation activities. He sought involvement in conservation wherever his career took him – in his native South Africa; in Botswana, where he was a key force in raising conservation funds; or in Namibia, where he served on our Board and the Board of Namibian Nature Foundation. Sadly, he was only months from retirement when struck down by a virulent cancer. CCF and the cheetah have lost a treasured friend.

**Give a Gift of Life to your family and friends
– Adopt a Cheetah for them!**
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Strengthening Africa – US Links in Conservation Biology in Kenya

In September, at a workshop entitled "Strengthening Africa - US links in Conservation Biology," Laurie and CCF's Education Officer Matti Nghikembua made two presentations, one on the role of Science in NGO's, and the other highlighting CCF's education programs for K-12 grades. Held in Nairobi, Kenya, the workshop attracted participants from nine African countries as well as the USA. Needs in African Conservation Biology were identified, along with strategies to address them. Issues affecting women in Conservation

Biology were discussed as well as the need to strengthen Conservation Sciences in K-12 education and capacity building in African Universities.

Participants concluded Conservation Biology in Africa could be improved through:

- Creation of an African Society of Conservation Biology (SCB).
- Improvement and evaluation of graduate education in Conservation Biology
- Facilitating and strengthening networks between African and

international conservation biologists

- Encouraging equal participation by recognising the role of men and women in Conservation Biology

The workshop resulted in the establishment of a steering committee for the proposed African SCB section. The main organizers were the American Association for the Advancement of Science Africa Program (AAAS) and the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB). ←

CCF Plays A Significant Role in the 7th World Wilderness Congress in South Africa

The central role of wilderness was highlighted during November in Port Elizabeth, SA when the 7th World Wilderness Congress convened with over 600 participants from around the world. In addition to Laurie, CCF staff members Drs Bruce Brewer, Dr. Richard Jeo, and Matti Nghikembua attended, with Laurie and Matti presenting a paper entitled "Cheetahs, Wild Land, and Human



CCF's Director Laurie Marker featured as a major speaker at 7WWC

Needs, Working Together." Their presentation was introduced by the renowned African elephant expert Iain Douglas Hamilton, honoring the significance of CCF's work. For further information on the Congress and the ongoing work of The Wilderness

Leadership School (SA) and The WILD Foundation (USA), visit: www.world-wilderness.org and www.wild.org ←

Predator Management Plan Workshop in Botswana

With many southern African and international predator researchers in attendance, CCF's Bonnie Schumann and Amy Dickman gave a talk entitled "Strategies for Reducing Conflicts on Namibian Farmlands" at an October workshop in Maun designed to develop a research and conservation plan for Botswana's predators. ←

Book Donations



Broadway musical star Jason Raize (center) with CCF staff. Donation of books sent by CCF USA Seattle chapter to Rogate School Library (Otjiwaronjo). CCF welcomes book donations!

The 19th Annual Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa (EEASA) Conference in Lesotho

In October CCF's Graeme Wilson, Namibia's National representative to SADC (Southern African Development Committee), attended the 19th annual EEASA Conference entitled "Environmental Education for Sustainable Development: African Perspectives" in Maseru, Lesotho. Themes included: Policy, Natural Resources and Networking; Poverty, Health / HIV-AIDS and Traditional Knowledge Systems; Excursions; Participatory Projects and Sustainable

Development. Topics included: "The role of the media in Environmental Education and how it can support environmental learning and action for change"; "Breaking the cycle of poverty, ignorance and the environment: the dynamic role of EE stakeholders in Africa"; "Ecological literacy in pre-literate communities"; "Participatory action research: a method for generating local knowledge systems and the role of EE in effective application of traditional knowledge systems for sustainable development." ←

Cheetahs Abroad – We Work Together!

Kenya – The Continuing Story

Embracing CCF's goals and objectives, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Nakuru Wildlife Conservancy (NWC) are supporting the study "Cheetah Conservation and Human Impact in Kenya on Nakuru Farmlands". This initial study centres on an area north-west of Nairobi in the Rift Valley, encompassing about 350,000 acres, including sixteen large farms, several smaller farms, and three National Parks. Landholder representatives include commercial livestock, crop and flower farmers, group and shareholder ranchers, and government managed land. NWC farmers are interested in determining cheetah status in their region. A cheetah habitat assessment will be

conducted, based on areas of recent sightings. CCF is also assisting KWS to develop an evaluation and awareness campaign to educate tourists to understand cheetah needs in the Masai Mara region.

In western Kenya wildlife numbers, including cheetahs, are estimated to have dropped by more than 50% in the last ten years, while the human population in the Nakuru region has increased by 50%. Reported cheetah sightings substantially decreased in the last several years, making it important to learn the reason(s) for the drop and develop solutions for stabilizing numbers. The study will provide valuable understanding of human/predator issues in areas

where other wildlife populations are increasing. CCF will hire a Kenyan research assistant to assist CCF representative Mary Wykstra-Ross in interviewing farmers and community members, while evaluating prey base and habitat for supporting cheetahs. Mary's involvement with CCF goes back several years. As well as being Exhibits Director at Utah's Hogle Zoo, she has worked with cheetahs since 1987, from being a keeper to an educator, as well as travelling and volunteering in Africa frequently since 1997. This Kenyan study, like the broad-perspective Namibian research, will increase the cheetah database and understanding of global cheetah issues. —

South Africa – The National Cheetah Management Programme (NCMP) and CCF Work Together

The farmers of North and North West Provinces play a key role in the future existence of South Africa's free roaming cheetah. Determining their attitudes towards cheetah conservation as well as their knowledge of cheetah populations is essential when drafting conservation survival strategies. South Africa's National Cheetah

Management Programme (NCMP) with CCF Namibia's support, initiated a farmer survey in the Northern Province, with CCF representative Mandy Schumann appointed by NCMP. The Hoedspruit Cheetah Research and Breeding Centre provided a representative to assist as well as providing housing, office facilities, and a vehicle.

During the survey's initial phase, fifteen farmers were interviewed and the questionnaire distributed to another 46 farmers. Using the CCF Namibian farmer survey form, CCF's knowledge and information was shared in the exchange, assisting future comparisons between South Africa and Namibia. —

Iran – CCF Joins Efforts to Save the Rare Asiatic Cheetah

Once ranging from the Red Sea to India, the Asian cheetah now numbers approximately only sixty individuals, found in Iran on the edge of the Kavir Desert where suitable prey is very scarce. The population declined from about 500 animals in the 1970s because of widespread poaching of cheetahs and their prey and from habitat degradation due to livestock grazing. Cheetahs historically played a significant role in Iranian culture, trained by emperors to hunt gazelles in ancient times. Immediate conservation actions are required as the population is gravely threatened with extinction. CCF, with the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, has been encouraging international support to assist this critically endangered popula-



tion. CCF's Director Laurie Marker and CCF's Science Research Advisor Cindy Olson, having tried to coordinate a

research expedition into Iran for nearly two years, are finally getting there as this newsletter goes to print! Iran's Department of Environment has invited CCF to assist in developing a cheetah conservation community-based education programme in joint association with researchers from New York Bronx Zoo's Wildlife Conservation Society (WSC) and their Science and Exploration Program Director, Dr. George Schaller, who has returned from a month's preliminary survey. Laurie and Cindy will conduct follow-up meetings with the core cheetah interest group that has developed to assist with the next step in this research and conservation programme. Keep posted for further details! —

Getting The Cheetah Message Out – Laurie’s US Tour

September 15 - October 20, 2001

Five weeks and many stops along the way – the Fall Tour was great success! Laurie’s visit, slightly delayed due to airline cancellations, was generously supported by cheetah fans around the country, demonstrating the spirit and determination that make CCF a leader in



conservation. In the immediate aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, the tour was in debate. Although we wanted to be sensitive to the shock and loss we all felt, we also realized people needed a positive focus. By coming together to celebrate and help save the cheetah, we found inspiration. Wildlife

and wild places are important - now more than ever.

The tour spanned the country. Congratulations to everyone for putting on successful gatherings (with cheetah ambassadors in many cases!) in Cincinnati, OH, Phoenix, AZ, Los Altos Hills, CA, Santa Rosa, CA and Seattle, WA. The NJ/NY and Portland, OR Chapters held record-setters! The former sponsored events at Drew University and a local school, despite the difficult fundraising environment. The BIG CAT, BIG PARTY sponsored by Oregon’s Chapter included a fabulous dinner and auction at The Governor Hotel, with Wildlife Safari’s education cheetah Jalani. Portland children created centerpieces through a grant from the Take The Time Program, sponsoring adults to spend creative time with children. Events also took place in private homes and zoos in Phoenix, Cincinnati, Woodland Park, Oregon, Oklahoma City and Wildlife Safari. In Washington DC Laurie and Vance Martin (President, CCF USA and The WILD Foundation) had an informa-

tive evening dinner on Capitol Hill, with the Namibian Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Leonard Lipumbo and seven members of the US Congress, ardent supporters of CCF’s work.

Laurie’s visits certainly help spread the



Laurie at the Wild Cats Weekend Run in Los Altos CA

cheetah’s message as well as bringing us together, reminding us why we work so hard. The cheetah is a unique, extraordinary cat. Our combined efforts will help ensure its survival. 🐆

**See Laurie’s Letter for even more details!*

The Livestock Guarding Dog Program Continues to Grow Along With the Puppies

The 13 puppies born in February are progressing well, though some owners reported problems with puppies playing with livestock. With corrective training, as they reach the end of their first year, this playful phase will pass. Understanding this breed’s behaviour is important in successfully raising the puppies into trustworthy guardians. A large breed, Anatolian Shepherds mature slowly. Their bodies reach near full growth when a year old, but it takes another six months to a year for brains to catch up. Proper guidance and training by herder and owner are critical during the first year and a half. Meantime, CCF has compiled a summary of common problems and training measures. Over 155 puppies have been born and over 110 dogs are currently working successfully on



Namibian farmlands. Interest in the use of these dogs is growing. Researchers working on Snow Leopards in Nepal, Jaguars in Brazil and European Lynx in Switzerland are interested in them. Although we selected Anatolian Shepherd for Namibia, over 20 breeds

of Livestock Guarding Dogs are presently in use throughout the world. CCF has also received many requests for dogs from South African farmers. CCF cannot supply this demand but can put potential owners in touch with two South African dog breeders. CCF is available for advice with raising and training Anatolians.

In September, Tyger, named after her sponsor, the Tyger Valley Centre in Cape Town, gave birth to 11 puppies. Unfortunately, she lay on two the night they were born, but the other nine are doing very well, with one tipping the scales at 1,6 kilograms at nine days old! All nine have recently been placed with their new owners’ livestock. The bond between an Anatolian and its flock is strong.

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Because CCF breeds its dogs for puppies to place with farmers, they are occasionally removed from the herd. In July Caesar (from CCF's goat herd) was bred with Tyger (from CheetahView's sheep herd). Following his two week siesta, returned to his goat family, Caesar ran through the herd, individually greeting the adult goats by licking them on the face. Head down, tail wagging, he greeted them with great enthusiasm. Completing his circuit of adults, he joined the ewes with kids, acquainting himself with newer members. It was obvious to observers that he had indeed missed his flock!

An Anatolian Guard dog protects its

flock against the perceived threat of predators. As Gustov, CCF's herder, was walking home one afternoon, dogs Santa and Caesar started barking, running past him. Following their trail, Gustov saw a tail hanging through the branches of a tall tree. Thinking a small caracal lynx was the tail's owner, he walked closer, ordering the dogs to return to the herd. To his surprise, it belonged to a much larger predator, a leopard, who jumped from the tree, and vanished into the bush when the dogs stopped barking at the tree's base. Thanks to the dogs' attentiveness, goats and herder returned safely to CCF that night. 🐾

Something About Those OTHER Dogs!

The Painted hunting dog, also called the African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*), has declined dramatically over the past thirty years, having disappeared from 25 of 39 countries where they were formerly recorded. Only six populations are believed to number more than 100 animals. Between 3,000 and 5,500 in perhaps 600 to 1,000 packs remain, most in South and East Africa. Small remnant populations remain in West and Central Africa. Virtually nothing is known about Namibia's painted hunting dogs. A wild dog sub-committee has been established to focus on wild dog issues in Namibia. The sub-committee falls under the Large Carnivore Management Association (LCMAN). 🐾

CCF Volunteers Making the Difference and Enjoying It! Brandi's Story

My trip to Africa and CCF was one of the greatest experiences in my life. I did not want to be a tourist. I wanted to feel I was actually helping. I started surfing the web for volunteer experiences. I had been involved with Earthwatch on a different expedition, which was a great experience. But I wanted to stay at one place longer than a couple of weeks. In the Earthwatch catalog I found out about the CCF website and noticed that they were taking volunteers for a longer period of time. I have a background in biology and learned about the dwindling populations of cheetahs and thought I would like to help. I have learned so much about the conflict the cheetah faces in Namibia. Coming from a farm myself I could understand the farmer's attitude towards predators. It costs a lot of time and money to lose livestock. This is where Laurie has been a great leader for the cheetah. She has helped farmers understand why we need the cheetah,



Brandi at work!

the behavior of the beautiful cats and, with proper farming practices, that we can all live together in harmony. While I was there we delivered thirteen Anatolian Shepherd puppies to commercial and communal farmers. With the help of volunteers and staff, farmers were educated to raise the dogs to guard livestock from predators.

It was an exciting time. Ten cheetahs

were sent to the USA for breeding programs and three cheetahs were released back into the wild after some tender loving care at CCF. The greatest feeling is seeing the animals released back into the wild. You really cannot put it into words. There were a lot of hands-on experiences, from preparing the meat daily for the cats, to cleaning out their pens, to assisting with examinations (my favorite part). While I was there a cat named Ginny was caught in a gin-trap. We had to change her bandage every other day because one of her toes had to be amputated, and we watched the healing process. I also was given more responsibility since I was there a long time. I prepared blood for analysis and helped with medicating animals who were sick. Volunteers become very involved. I would love to go back and help some more in the future. To all the staff, Thank You for being so great and teaching me so much. 🐾

Kay's Story

I'm 29, married with two small children. My duties as a mother, however, did not stifle the strong need I'd felt for a long time to be a part of the good that Laurie

Marker at CCF is doing. I wanted to pitch in and help. I had never been to Africa, never travelled alone, yet somehow I was not afraid. The call to help that came

from within was stronger than any fear that may have come and gone.

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It would take pages to list all the things I did during my two weeks. My volunteer duties ranged from computer work to cleaning up in the cheetah pens, feeding and helping with medical check-ups. By simply observing and listening to those who work there all the time, as well as listening (in awe) to Laurie answer questions at a Rotary Club event at CCF, I learned so very much about Namibia, cheetahs and conservation.

My time was filled with emotion. Following is an excerpt from my journal:

"July 12, 2001 [the morning of my departure]: I set out for a walk about 7am. I took my cameras with me and spent quite some time alone with 4 of the 5 young cheetahs in the pen nearest the offices. As I walked the road towards the office, along the fenced edge of their pen, they were all there to greet me and bid me farewell. Walking the path to the office was not nearly as difficult as walking the path back to the dorms as I realized finally that it would be the last time I would walk beside them. I had the feeling of finality that

had overcome me to the point of tears on this my last walk along the cheetah road at CCF. I whispered that I would miss them ..."

I mentioned several times that I did not want this 'experience' to be an isolated two weeks out of my life. I left CCF feeling strongly about continuing to DO something. So, since I've been home, I've received contact information from others in my area who would like to participate in a fundraising event for CCF. After all, raising awareness is a large part of the battle. 🐾

A Letter from Laurie

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Institute, is foremost in wildlife genetics. We are currently finalizing our analysis of genetic research data from the past ten years. It was a delight to see Steve and his staff, many of whom I have worked with since the early 1980's on cheetah genetics.

Next stop, Seattle, and a meeting with Dr. Darin Collins from Seattle Zoo. The next day my talk was hosted by the Cheetah Café and Kerry and Dean Kelly. I met with one of "Friends of Rogate Ladies" who visited CCF last year. This group, under Val's guidance, sent several hundred pounds of books to Namibia this year, donated to Otjiwarongo's Rogate School. Susanne Garrison (Seattle's Chapter leader) and I even stopped by a busy bus stop where a school group "built" the bus stop to look like cheetahs! Our second time at the Ben Rush School (the cheetah is the school's logo) was a big success. Susanne's sister-in-law hosted a private afternoon event for a few neighbors and their children with Jalani, Oregon's Wildlife Safari's educational cheetah, the highlight. Then Oregon's Chapter leader, Teresa Delaney, picked me up and we were off to Portland for a presentation at Oregon Zoo and a great evening at the Governor's Hotel honoring CCF, with the Wildlife Safari crew and Jalani joining in. This success showed the cooperation possible between two zoological institutions, Oregon Zoo and the Wildlife Safari, to raise funds for a field research project (CCF). Next morning we appeared on AM North West TV show, a program frequented for about ten years when I was Education Director at Wildlife Safari.

And New Jersey! Susan Babson heads

up our NY/NJ CCF chapter. She and her husband Art have been great supporters, graciously bringing me into their family and community. (The recently purchased the farm Osonanga II for CCF.) Cathryn Hilker and Elissa brought Sarah and Alexa from the Cincinnati Zoo.

Susan and her group put on a great evening at Drew University, preceded by a VIP dinner, attended by special friends along with artist Lynn Chase who has a new cheetah line of dishes featuring CCF's work. Several of the NY/NJ group had been CCF Earthwatch Volunteers. From New Jersey it was on to Dallas, Texas, to Fossil Rim Conservation Center, to see their cheetahs and dear friends Christine, MaryJo, Kelly, Bruce and Evan, and volunteers and supporters. The next day was spent with Bobbie and Candice Haas who provided the main grant to rebuild our Research and Education Center. They opened their home for a reception and presented CCF with a \$50,000 donation to expand our Livestock Guarding Dog Programme. Houston was next – I was looking forward to seeing Annie and Bob Graham and family! Annie and family visited CCF in June and are now supporting the purchase of a neighboring farm and hiring a farm manager! And, we took in a high school football game!

My US travel ended at the Oklahoma City Zoo with Jack Grisham, the American Association of Zoo's (AZA) Cheetah Species Survival Coordinator who serves on CCF's Science Advisory Board, a colleague of nearly twenty years. Through the support from one of their major donors, I spoke at the zoo. The same donor recently supported the

Global Cheetah Master Planning meeting, bringing together 53 cheetah delegates from eleven countries. Jack and I have a big responsibility to raise the funds to carry forward this Plan's goals – to save the wild cheetah.

Over in the UK I dined with CCF/UK directors Peter Stewart and Alan Lester. We met at the Namibian Embassy with several tour operators and journalists to launch the "Meetah Cheetah" in Otjiwarongo. It was great to meet the Namibian tourism group in action.

Arriving home was wonderful – I had missed the staff and the cheetahs, in particular Chewbaaka. His nose gets a bit out of joint when I'm not here, though he doesn't show it overtly but in his way he lets me know that I was gone a very long time. He's now purring all the time and again I know so well why we all are trying to help his species – cheetahs are just the best. I'm gone again in a few days to stop in at Cheetah OutReach to see their progress and thank Annie and her staff for all their efforts to raise funds in Cape Town, and then to present a paper at the 7th World Wilderness Congress. From there, I will be heading to Tehran, Iran, for a week of meetings to see how CCF can help in the survival of the last of the Asian cheetahs. George Schaller just returned – he has laid a lot of groundwork. We know that stopgap programs are needed and that CCF can assist with this.

Thank you all for being supporters and friends of the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Many cheetah purrs from Namibia. 🐾

Laurie Marker

How You Can Help Save the Cheetah...

Donations from the **Adopt A Wild Cheetah** program will ensure the cheetah's future as well as establish long-term conservation strategies throughout their range, develop conservation education programs, create priorities for the cheetah in the wild and support habitat protection. Your valued donation (in the form of an 'adoption') is not tied to a specific animal but is entirely used for the protection of all cheetahs in Africa and elsewhere. You can also join this program through the CCF web site, <http://www.cheetah.org/>

In gratitude for your donation towards our 'adoption' program, we send you the following items:

- . A CCF adoption certificate
- . A color photograph of a wild cheetah (YOUR CATEGORY)
- . A cheetah 'fact sheet'
- . A large CCF sticker
- . A copy of the most recent Cheetah Conservation Fund newsletter

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The Anatolian Guard Dog adoption program is a new addition to the plan. Your \$500 will pay to raise, feed and vaccinate one dog for one year, and training for the farmer to whom the guard dog will be given. The dogs enable farmers to protect their livestock from predators without killing or maiming any cheetahs that might be involved.

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C3	"Cheetahs", by Luke Hunter, info and pictures			16.95
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M2	Spirit of Freedom Poster 11in x 14in			2.50
M3	"Cheetah Study" by Artist Kim Donaldson (15in x 18in)			SALE! [was \$20] 10.00
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