



# News

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## Audi CCF "Drive To Survive" Tour Raffle Tickets for car on sale now

Stephen Berkov, Marketing Director for Audi of America, Inc.; Susan Babson, CCF USA Trustee; and Lynda Gearheart, CCF USA Director have announced an exciting collaboration between Audi of America and Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF). It is being called the Audi CCF *Drive To Survive Tour* and you could win a one-of-a-kind Audi TT Coupe.

Audi of America has donated a magnificent 2005 Audi TT Coupe which has received a spectacular thematic makeover by New York artist Lynn Chase. The beautifully painted cheetah Audi TT will run from city to city across the USA to increase awareness of the endangered wild cheetah.

The *Drive To Survive Tour* begins with a kick-off event at the famed Doris Duke Estate with a fundraising party co-hosted by The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey and CCF. Beloved naturalist and adventurer Jack Hanna will be at the starting gate as the *Drive To Survive Tour* begins its run through

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## New President Meets CCF USA

The newly elected President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, was recently invited to the White House by President Bush to honor the Presidents from southern Africa countries that have held democratic elections. Representatives of the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) met with His Excellency to discuss Namibia's leadership role in the area of conservation as well as the pioneering work that CCF has undertaken to help save the cheetah in the wild.



Attending the June meeting were H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba (second from left) and his entourage of ministers, CCF USA Director Lynda Gearheart, D.C. Chapter Events Chairwoman Beth Wallace, Namibia's new ambassador to the U.S. Hopelong Ipinge, and CCF Board members Dr. Stephen O'Brien and Gary Lee (not pictured).

## A Note from DR. MARKER

Dear CCF Friends,

As you will read in this edition of our newsletter, CCF staff continues to be busy in our cheetah conservation efforts. I have traveled a lot this year and have had the opportunity of sharing the values of wildlife with many people in other countries as well as with fellow Namibians. Learning about different cultures has been very interesting, especially when it includes discussions around cheetahs and other predators and ways of reducing conflict between humans and wildlife.

During my travels, I have been continuously pleased to see how our Namibian programs have taken root in various other countries where conflict occurs with predators. Namibia's farmers have become role models for integrated livestock and wildlife farming methods. Because of this, we are even more pleased to be working together with MeatCo and the Conservancy Association of Namibia (CANAM) in developing a market that will pay a premium price for non-lethal predator farming practices through "Cheetah Country Beef."

Economic support will continue to be extremely important as it relates to maintaining habitat for a species like the cheetah. That is why we are so pleased that our Bushblok factory in Otjiwarongo has now been opened and is producing fuel logs daily. Together, CCF's programs are helping farmers and cheetahs in Namibia as well as in other African countries.



Dr. Laurie Marker sits in the Algerian desert with nomads after looking for signs of cheetahs in the area.

Dr. Laurie Marker, CCF Executive Director

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(Audi CCF Tour Continued from Cover)



Columbus, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, Middleburg, VA, Miami, Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, Scottsdale, San Francisco and finally Los Angeles. The tour begins on October 1st and ends early November.

This highly visible tour is expected to generate substantial media coverage across the country with special fundraising efforts planned at many Audi dealerships. In selected markets, Saks 5th Avenue and Neiman Marcus will have cross-promotional events.

**A maximum of 2,000 raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 each or 6 for \$500. All proceeds will go to support CCF and the endangered cheetah in the wild. For information about tour cities and dealership events, raffle sales and fundraisers, visit the CCF web site at [www.cheetah.org](http://www.cheetah.org).**

**Our very special thanks to Audi of America for making this effort possible.**

## Sad Story of Cheetah Cub at CCF

In July, CCF staff responded to a call from a farmer in Omitara who had collected an injured cheetah cub from a neighboring farm. The cub and its siblings had been chased by a farm worker. The cub collected was caught after it was repeatedly kicked in the head. The cub, suffering from trauma to the head then spent three days in convulsions before CCF was contacted. After a short assessment of the situation, CCF promptly requested diagnosis and treatment from Dr. Arthur Bagot-Smith. The six-week-old female cub appeared to be improving under constant observation and care by CCF staff; however, a relapse of convulsions sadly brought the cub's life to an end a few weeks later. CCF requests fellow Namibians to not indiscriminately injure wild animals, and if cheetahs are causing a problem to please call CCF for assistance.



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## Earth Expeditions at CCF



**Gehardt Nikanor of CCF shows teachers from the United States how farmers can determine which animal killed their livestock. The 45 teachers were at CCF during August as part of an Earth Expeditions graduate course.**

## Guard Dog Plan Expanded

Tyger, one of our resident working Kangal Anatolian Shepherd females, recently gave birth to a litter of handsome mongrel puppies. The objective of this litter was to downsize the Kangal breed for working in the eastern communal areas. This is part of a program aimed at assisting the Eastern Communal Conservancies interested in developing their own livestock guarding dog programs. Combining the hardiness of local mongrels with the guarding talent of Kangal Anatolians will hopefully produce a dog more suited to the working conditions in this area. Placement and monitoring for this litter will be in collaboration with the Eastern Communal Conservancies.

## Gala Fundraiser

The seventh annual gala dinner and auction, Cheetah Country, a Celebration of Speed and Elegance, in support of CCF's efforts to ensure the survival of Namibia's cheetahs, was held at the Windhoek Country Club on July 30, 2005. The evening included a candlelight dinner, silent auction, live music, performance arts and awards. Over 380 people attended the dinner which included individuals from the business, conservation and government sectors.

Namibia's Founding President, Dr. Sam Nujoma, gave the welcoming speech in which he spoke about Namibia being the Cheetah Capital of the World and reminded all Namibians of their responsibility to care for the earth.

CCF's Executive Director, Dr. Laurie Marker, reviewed the accomplishments of the organization in keeping with the dinner's theme, "Cheetah Country." On behalf of the fund, she presented the year's conservation awards to farmers Mr. Hellmut von Leipzig and Mr. Gerson Kaapehi and CCF educators Ms. Bonnie Schumann and Mr. Matti Nghikembua.

Guest speakers for the evening were Ms. Mary Wykstra, CCF Kenya's program director, and Mr. Brian Jones, an Environment and Development Consultant who has worked in Namibian conservation since 1988. Mr. Jones' evening presentation highlighted the value of Namibia's wildlife and conservation programs.

## Chewbaaka Visits Dentist

On July 22nd, one of CCF's most important resident cheetahs, Chewbaaka, made a visit to Otjiwarongo dentist, Dr. Dennis Profit, for an infected gum.

Following anesthesia at the Otjiwarongo Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Jago transported the cheetah to Dr. Profit's dental office where digital x-rays were taken showing a problem under the gumline. Chewbaaka was given a root canal four years prior and a remnant of the root was left which was found to be causing the acute infection. The root was extracted and Chewbaaka's mouth stitched. The next day, the swelling was down and Chewbaaka was back to his old self.

Chewbaaka, CCF's 10-year-old ambassador cheetah, has had several visits to the dentist over the years owing to a malformation of his teeth resulting in what is known as Focal Palatine Erosion (FPE). FPE results when the lower molar wears an erosion in the upper palate of the cheetah's mouth and has been one of the physiological problems that CCF has studied over the years in its work with the wild cheetahs here in Namibia.



**Otjiwarongo veterinarian Dr. Mark Jago (left) assists dentist Dr. Dennis Profit during minor surgery on Chewbaaka's mouth in July.**



**(From left) Dr. Laurie Marker, former Namibian President Dr. Sam Nujoma, Mrs. Nujoma and Miss Namibia Leefa Shikwa at CCF's Gala dinner in July.**

## Livestock Training Course

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) hosted five one-week-long courses in Integrated Livestock and Wildlife Management in February and again in July. Over 45 communal conservancy farmers and representatives from MET and NGOs attended the workshop each week. Participants came from conservancies in the north and northwest and eastern communal areas, the Kavango and Caprivi. The objectives of the course were to provide all participants with an understanding of the economic and ecological value of integrated livestock and wildlife management and to teach them how to reduce conflict with wildlife through a better understanding of wildlife behavior and range land ecology.

The participants were provided information on livestock husbandry and management to reduce losses to disease, poisonous plants, birthing problems and predation. A desire to protect and integrate predators into their farming and conservancy areas was discussed and participants were taught how to correctly identify causes of livestock losses due to predators including the use of Livestock Guarding Dogs. In addition, basic administrative and wildlife management skills were taught as well as the importance of members' participation to the success of their conservancies. Small business venture development was also covered.

CCF's Bonnie Schumann, course coordinator, stated "courses like these provide practical, hands on skills in agriculture and conservation management, both of which support Namibia's economy." Course events include team building activities, lectures on vet care, predator importance and identification, management techniques and more. Practical field activities are also held where participants investigate mock kill sites to determine which predator killed livestock. CCF's "Integrated Livestock and Predator Management: A Farmer's Guide" was used as a basis for these continuing workshops.



*Dr. Arthur Bagot-Smith (right) discusses goat husbandry with course participants at CCF in February. A similar course took place in July.*

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## Predators on Candid Camera

### Hair snares, trip cameras give data on Cheetahs, Leopards, Hyaenas

CCF has "shot" several cheetahs using trip cameras and "snared" hair samples from cheetahs, brown hyaenas and leopards using lures laced with irresistible scent. Several cheetahs have been photographed on CCF farms while testing camera traps and CCF is planning a project in the Waterberg area to provide population estimates. In photo trapping, the animal will trigger self-activating cameras and take their own pictures.

In the DNA-based hair snare sample surveys, instead of a picture of the animal, the individual identification is provided by a sample of a body hair that is snagged by a device placed in the animal's path. DNA material is then extracted from the root of the hair and is used to identify individuals using advanced laboratory techniques. At present, DNA-based methods for identifying individual cheetahs using hair samples have not been developed, although CCF has identified individual cheetahs using DNA derived from blood samples using microsatellites. CCF's research during the past six months has focused on developing techniques to employ these census methodologies in CCF's research study area.

Once developed, camera traps could be relocated to different study sites in Namibia to provide a countrywide population estimate.



*A cheetah passes by a camera trap.*



*CCF staff member Lorraine Bowden sets a camera trap.*

## A Tail of Two Cheetahs

While testing trip cameras to be used in cheetah population estimates, CCF photographed two male cheetahs visiting the 64-hectare cheetah pen where 11 of our resident female cheetahs live. The photos clearly showed that one of the brothers had a severely injured tail. Almost a month later when photographed a second time, the tail showed no signs of healing. Trap cages were set and the injured cheetah was caught the same night. Dr. Mark Jago at the Otjiwarongo Vet Clinic amputated the necrotic section, leaving only about 6 cm of tail.

As this cheetah had to be held in CCF's quarantine pens while his wound healed, his brother was also captured to ensure he did not leave the area. Much to our surprise, this very healthy cheetah weighed in at a record 60 kgs, the heaviest wild cheetah recorded by CCF. Once the tail healed, both were released to resume their lives on and around CCF farms.

## 3 Musketeers Arrive at CCF

CCF was called to collect three eight-month-old cheetahs from a game farm near Karibib, caught after their mother, one sibling and two other adults were shot. All three are doing well and are now being integrated with another group of youngsters. They are inseparable and it was a foregone conclusion that they would become named for musketeers—Athos, Porthos, and D'Artagnan.

Many of the cheetahs we deal with are trapped in game camps.

This remains a difficult problem to solve as the only solution to predator conflict in a game camp area is to keep the predators out, a very costly exercise few farmers are willing to undertake. The result is that any cheetahs getting through the game fence are simply shot, a futile exercise as they will be replaced by others.



**CCF's Bonnie Schumann and veterinarian Dr. Mark Jago peek their heads into a plane carrying three orphan cheetahs to CCF. The cubs became known as the "Three Musketeers."**

## Kangal Puppy will Enhance Bloodline

An Anatolian puppy has just arrived from South Africa to augment CCF's breeding program. CCF periodically imports new males to enhance the Anatolian bloodlines in Namibia and maintains a register of all the Anatolians in this country. A big thanks to Cheetah Outreach in SA for helping to arrange the transport and selection of the puppy. The puppy is getting to know his new herd and as the goats recently kidded, has lots of new friends of the same size. Our herder, Armaas, has named the new puppy Amos.

## Nematode Discovered in Cheetahs

A nematode (*Ollulanus tricuspis*), previously recorded in cheetahs in a zoo in New Zealand, was found recently in Southern Africa for the first time in cheetah's resident at CCF. These pesky little guys caused quite a headache for CCF staff, affecting the health of five cheetahs over a prolonged period of time before being diagnosed by Dr. Emily Lane, a veterinary pathologist in South Africa. The diagnosis was made from stomach biopsies taken from the sick cheetahs. Symptoms caused by an infestation of this nematode include passing undigested meat in the feces and vomiting, causing a chronic loss in weight and condition.

Fortunately, following a specific deworming regime, all five cheetahs have completely recovered. Regular deworming will not eliminate this nematode, and it does not show up in fecal floats as is passed on through vomitus. We are still puzzled as to where the infestation came from, given that all the other cheetahs on-site appeared unaffected. We suspected that Daisy and Rosy, two of the five sick cheetahs, picked up the initial infestation when they were held illegally in very small and horrifically unhygienic conditions on a farm near Omaruru prior to being confiscated by CCF. However, their brother showed no signs of health problems and gastric biopsy showed the nematode was not present in his stomach.

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# Bushblok Plant Officially Open



**Dr. Arthur Bagot-Smith (CCF Namibian Chairman), Dr. Laurie Marker (CCF Executive Director), Hon. Paul Smit (Acting Minister of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development), Dr. Bruce Brewer (CCF General Manager), and Gary Newton (Mission Director, USAID) at the Bushblok factory opening.**

In March, the acting Minister of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development; the Governor of Otjizondjupa; the Mayor of Otjiwarongo; members of the Diplomatic Corps; CCF Board members; and other cheetah friends gathered in Otjiwarongo to officially open the CCF Bushblok plant in Otjiwarongo. CCF Bush currently has two contractors supplying bush to the plant. Run initially as a pilot research project, the next phase of development is to reach the full production capacity of the plant. Currently, eight tons of logs are produced per day. While the end product is slow to start burning, once lit, the blocks provide a smoke-free fire that will outlast any regular wood fire.

In 2001, through USAID, the U.S. Government granted CCF \$1 million to find a habitat improvement program that would be ecologically and economically

viably. Research identified a business opportunity to restore the Namibian savannah by processing encroaching bush into compacted logs for use as a cooking fuel or for home heating. The CCF Bush (PTY) Ltd. was established to pilot the manufacture of Bushblok products.

The key objective of the partnership between CCF and USAID is to create a commercial product utilizing encroaching bush as a raw material. Giving value to harvested bush will give farmers an economic incentive for habitat improvement.

Distributors in Namibia, South Africa and the UK have agreed to wholesale the Bushblok packs.



**At CCF Bush, selectively harvested invasive bush is chipped, milled and compressed to produce an eco-fuel log called Bushblok. By removing the bush and improving the bush-grass balance, cheetah habitat is restored and the production potential of the land is increased. Jobs are also created in the process.**

## Cheetah Country Beef Update

The Cheetah Country Beef initiative is moving along nicely. CCF Director, Dr. Laurie Marker, visited Allied Meats staff in the UK in May to discuss brand development and marketing options for Cheetah Country Beef.

CCF staff and representatives from CANAM attended the MeatCo Procurement Officers meeting on March 30th to discuss the Cheetah Country Beef project, a collaboration among CCF, CANAM, MeatCo and cattle producers. Issues and concerns raised by the procurement officers were discussed, and CANAM explained the producers' role in this innovative new project. Cheetah Country Beef was also discussed in depth during the CANAM AGM.



**Dr. Laurie Marker (second from left) visits with representatives of Allied Meats in UK.**

## Cat Specialist Group



**CCF's Dr. Laurie Marker is pictured with other members of the Core Group of the IUCN's Cat Specialist Group (CSG) at a 3-day June workshop in Brazil. Following the Core Group meeting, a workshop was held by the CSG on the South American cats and was attended by over 80 cat biologists and conservationists.**

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**ccfKENYA**

## Cheetah Research Moves Ahead

Phase one of the nationwide cheetah census project, in collaboration with Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS), East Africa Wildlife Society and Cheetah Conservation Fund Kenya (CCFK) was completed in March 2005. Data analysis shows higher than expected cheetah numbers in the Kajiado district from Nairobi to Amboseli and Tsavo West National Parks and the Lake Magadi region, with increasing conflict of cheetah killing goats and sheep. Mary Wykstra is program director of CCF Kenya.

### First Radio-Collared Cheetah

A farmer caught a female cheetah and one of her five sub-adult cubs in a trap cage. Both were fitted with radio collars by KWS vets and CCFK. The cheetah family was seen by CCFK staff several days later after the release. Another sighting of the group was on a very steep rocky slope, where two cubs had killed rabbits.

After a couple of weeks, the cub's collar went silent and an exhaustive search revealed that two cheetahs had been killed by snares which were set by poachers for game meat. Major John Ritter of the U.S. Embassy and Honorable Mark Bellamy, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, joined a team to de-snare and recover 29 snares in the area. Sadly, one more cheetah cub was recovered by the de-snare team.

CCFK sends their sincere thanks to the Kiu community for their support in cheetah sighting reports and their keen interest in the preservation of the cheetah for future generations.



*Some of the world's top wildlife specialists joined over 40 participants to discuss Kenyan predator conservation under the direction of Dr. Laurie Marker, internationally known cheetah expert, Mary Wykstra of CCFK, and Dr. Sam Andanje of KWS. Topics of the workshop included census techniques, research collaboration inside and outside of protected areas, community development, and education objectives.*

## CCF Meets New Ambassador



*During her visit to the United States, Dr. Laurie Marker (left) and CCF USA Director Lynda Gearheart meet Namibia's new ambassador to the U.S., Hopelong Ipinge.*

### **MEDIA NEWS BRIEFS**

#### London Daily Telegraph Puts Focus on Cheetahs

The London Daily Telegraph, in its April 30th Saturday Supplement, featured cheetah conservation efforts in Namibia. The Daily Telegraph has a circulation of 1 million copies and won the 2005 Newspaper Awards for National Newspaper of the Year. Once again highlighting the contribution cheetahs make in drawing attention to Namibia in the international media arena. The strength of this "cheetah draw card" to boost tourism must not be underestimated and Namibians should continue to make every effort to ensure that Namibia lives up to its reputation as the "Cheetah Capital of the World," a title no other country can challenge.

#### Animal Planet Features CCF

Namibia's cheetahs have featured prominently on international television with a superb production by Granada Films for Animal Planet called "A Race Against Time." The program, broadcast around the world in prime time, highlights cheetah conservation efforts in Namibia.

#### Namibia Highlighted in New TV Series

Kate Humble and Ben Fogle visited Namibia to produce a brand new series for UK television called "Wild in Africa." This series was shown every weeknight in April. CCF's research featured prominently in the series.

**ALGERIA**

# Cheetahs Take the Spotlight

CCF Director Dr. Laurie Marker has been busy the last few months carrying the message of cheetah conservation around the world. In Algeria, Dr. Marker and a determined team of scientists from several agencies set off into the desert to carry out a wildlife reconnaissance survey of the Ahaggar National Park.

Focusing simultaneously on the distribution and relative abundance of cheetah and their prey base, the team explored rarely visited areas to the north and east of the Ahaggar massif within Parc National de l'Ahaggar. The trip also provided training for the Algerian team members in field censusing methodologies and equipment use.

The team discovered good evidence that the Ahaggar continues to support an internationally important population of cheetahs. No estimates of population size can be made on present data, but the survey demonstrated an area of occupancy of at least 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Information from other parts of Algeria suggests that cheetahs are found over a much wider area. Although the gazelle prey base was encountered at only moderate rates, compared to more southerly dorcas populations, they are consistently distributed; in conjunction,



*Dr. Laurie Marker (left) with Algerian biologists Farid and Amina Belbachir find scat of cheetah in trees during a survey in Ahaggar National Park.*

with barbary sheep, hares, and feral donkeys, they are likely to provide an adequate prey base without a need to include live-stock in their diet. Local people mentioned that they considered cheetah a nuisance to camels, but not so much to small stock which are protected by herding and guard dogs.

During the survey, 68 scat samples, most likely from cheetah, were collected and brought back to Namibia. Here volunteers have carefully washed the samples and used the remaining hair to identify whether cheetah hairs are present, thus confirming that it is indeed cheetah scat. The next step will be to have the confirmed samples analyzed for genetic material in order to evaluate the Algerian cheetahs at a genetic level. This will be done at the Zoological Society of London. The remaining hair can also, at a later stage, be identified to establish the prey base of cheetahs in Algeria as each hair can be identified to species level. This technique has been used here in Namibia to document cheetah prey selection.

## Scholar Focuses on Female Cheetahs

### Research examines link between social groups and physical changes.

Jessica MacManus, one of two Fulbright scholars currently researching at CCF, is at the end of her year-long study on cheetah behavior and endocrinology. MacManus has been studying the effects of density on stress levels and the estrus cycle of captive female cheetahs in order to provide information to assist in developing more effective captive-breeding enclosures and programs.

From September 2004 to July 2005, 572 hours of cheetah behavior were observed. From this data, cheetahs were grouped into three categories: socially bonded, social, and peripheral individuals. Using both high-density and low-density enclosures, it was discovered that the peripheral group didn't occur in low-density situations.

Adult female free-ranging cheetahs would never live in proximity to one another. However, we found that in a captive situation some cheetahs do form social bonds and social groups. Of the five individuals in these social groups, all were raised together since they were cubs and two were sisters. Factors such as rearing companions and relatedness may affect adult sociality. Manipulating these factors could lead to more successful captive breeding techniques.

To complete her study, MacManus has been invited to the Smithsonian Institute's Center for Research and Conservation to perform enzyme-linked immunoassays in order to measure the hormone levels in each fecal sample collected. Comparing hormone profiles to behavioral data will give us an understanding of how social dynamics may lead to physiological changes.



## Dr. Laurie Marker Spring Tour 2005 Review March 4th – April 15th

Dr. Laurie Marker kicked off her spring U.S. tour in New Jersey with various donor parties hosted by **Susan Babson**, CCF Trustee, and numerous private supporters of CCF from the area. Flying off to Palm Springs' the Living Desert to "A Wild Affair," **Karen Sausman**, Living Desert's president, presented Laurie with the **Tracks in the Sand Award** for 2005, the museum's conservationist of the year award.

Traveling to the California Bay Area, Laurie gave a special lecture presentation at the San Francisco Zoo while sharing an evening with donors sponsored by the Zoo. She later gave an evening presentation at the Golden Gate Audubon Society with **Elizabeth Murdock**, director of the Society. Laurie was in great demand by various media outlets including Bay Area Vista Ch.II with **Janice Edwards**, Environmental News Network Radio Show, and National Geographic World Radio with **Peter Laufer**.

**Teresa Delaney**, the new Run for the Cheetah Chairperson in Oregon, hosted Laurie in Portland at various meetings and conferences related to the Run which will take place on October 16, 2005. The Portland Run for the Cheetah and **Claudia Whiteheads'** Phoenix Run for the Cheetah will serve as prototypes for national CCF Runs that will be held in other U.S. cites.



*NSTA Conference in Dallas, TX.  
Left to right: Delene Miller, Dallas Chapter Head, CCF Volunteer  
Heidi Benson and Dr. Laurie Marker.*

Laurie then traveled to the southwest to Dallas, Texas for the NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) convention for three days, and was chaperoned there by Chapter Head **Delene Miller**, **Ron Gray** and **Heidi Benson** who manned the CCF Booth.

Atlanta was the next stop for Laurie with an interview with CNN which will air this coming fall, and an evening spent with CCF supporters **Lisa Chambers**, **Phil Osborne** and **Dante Stephenson** at his restaurant, Dante's Down the Hatch. Michigan was Laurie's next destination where she spent a full day with students, teachers and parents in Bloomfield Hills' Cranbrook School and **Alyce Seibert**, Head Master.

Laurie's last week in the states was most eventful and productive with her first meeting with the newly appointed Ambassador of Namibia, **Ambassador Hopelong Ipinge**. While staying in Virginia with the von Hassel family, Laurie attended numerous fundraising dinner events for CCF and a special cocktail party at The Studio given by **Walter** and **Frannie Kansteiner** in Middleburg, VA. Laurie also participated in Cat Ambassador programs with **Elissa Knights** and **Jennifer Good** at the Powhatan School, the Hill School and the Fox Croft School. CCF Youth Ambassador, **Christian von Hassel** and brother, **William von Hassel** helped support CCF's mission by raising thousands of dollars to benefit the cheetah cause.



*Dr. Laurie Marker receives Conservationist of the Year award from Living Desert. Left to right: Karen Sausman, Mary Storers, Kate Manning and Dr. Laurie Marker.*



*Phil Osborne, Dr. Laurie Marker and Dante Stephenson in Atlanta.*

## Run for the Cheetah - Oregon Zoo - October 16, 2005

The first Portland Run for the Cheetah premieres at the Oregon Zoo October 16, 2005 with a 5K & 8K Run/Walk beginning at the Zoo and winding through beautiful Washington Park. The Honorary John A. Kitzhaber, MD is CCF's Honorary Run Chairperson; former Oregon Gov. Kitzhaber is proud to support the first annual Portland Run for the Cheetah. National Run for the Cheetah Chairperson Teresa Delaney can be reached at [teresa@cheetah.org](mailto:teresa@cheetah.org). The Run for the Cheetah will expand to more U.S. cities in 2006, becoming a national event inspired by the cheetah's speed while helping to build awareness and raise funds to save the highly endangered cheetah in the wild. Register for the Run at [www.runforthecheetah.org](http://www.runforthecheetah.org). For more information, call (503) 644-6822.



*Laurie Marker and the Honorary John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.*

### **Cheetah Talk at REI - Saturday, October 15, 2005**

REI Pearl District Store - 1405 NW Johnson St., Portland, Oregon. Runners and others are invited to join Dr. Laurie Marker and two education cheetahs for a talk from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Runners may pick up their Run packets there. Call (503) 221-1938 for tickets \$10 and \$12.

### **Cheetah Camp at the Oregon Zoo - Sunday, October 16, 2005**

Children ages 4-11(Age Group Camps). Campers will visit with two live education cheetahs and Dr. Laurie Marker. Activities include zoo tours, making gifts for children in Africa, and participating in a Cheetah Sprint for Kids. Must Pre-register by October 14th. Call (503) 226-1561.

### **BIG CAT. BIG PARTY. Sunday Evening, October 16, 2005**

Join Dr. Laurie Marker and two education cheetahs for Portland's 4th annual dinner and auction at the Oregon Zoo Banquet Center. Call (503) 690-3532 or e-mail [ccforegon@cheetah.org](mailto:ccforegon@cheetah.org).

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**A Special Thanks to the CCF Phoenix Chapter**, Chapter Leader Claudia Whitehead and the Phoenix Zoo for their inaugural Arizona Run for the Cheetah this past spring. The CCF Phoenix Chapter raised over \$7,200 with their Run, and will join the Run for the Cheetah in spring 2006. Special thanks to David Bluestein, Race Director, and the Arizona sponsors for their great contributions to the Run: Scottsdale East Valley Tribune, Phoenix Zoo, Harkins Theatres, Floatron and Tuscon AAZK.

### **DC Chapter joins Land Rover Alexandria For An Evening on the African Savannah!**

Please join Cheetah Conservation Fund for an evening on the African Savannah benefiting CCF. Hosted by Land Rover Alexandria on October 27, 2005 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. please come and enjoy meeting Dr. Laurie Marker, a live cheetah, bid on African travel and treasures, test drive a Land Rover, view safari photos and find out how to support the cheetah from extinction. For ticket information go to [www.cheetah.org](http://www.cheetah.org) or email [dccheetah@yahoo.com](mailto:dccheetah@yahoo.com).

**Coming Soon: Our Online Store where your purchases help save the wild cheetah at [www.cheetah.org](http://www.cheetah.org)**

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How do you place a monetary value on the importance of saving an entire species of wild animals from extinction? You cannot, and nobody else can either.

What you can do is join with other people around the world who believe as you do. Together, you join in a loud and single voice to spread the word that species conservation can be accomplished if enough people who care, care enough to get behind it.

"We Can Live Together" is CCF's motto. It embraces the core concept of successful cooperation between humans and predators. CCF is taking this positive message to a world audience to help save the cheetah—with ramifications for other predators worldwide.

Join Dr. Laurie Marker and her team to help save the wild cheetah. Your help is needed in order to ensure the on-going work of CCF. Now, for the first time ever, Charter Memberships in the organization have been authorized by its Board of Directors. Please consider joining today. Your tax deductible membership dues will help Dr. Laurie Marker and CCF continue their efforts to save the wild cheetah from extinction.

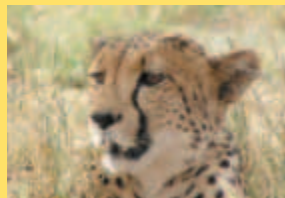
**To become a member of CCF, see tear-out brochure in this issue, or visit [www.cheetah.org](http://www.cheetah.org).**

**Want to do More?  
Check out the Cheetah Adoption Program**

When you adopt a cheetah through this program you receive: a CCF adoption certificate, a color photograph of the same classification of wild cheetah you "adopt" and a large CCF sticker. Your valued donation (in the form of "adoption"), is not tied to a specific animal but is used entirely for the care and protection of all the cheetahs we work for in Africa and elsewhere.

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# Cheetah News

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## Angels of Music IV

“Cheetahs in Flight” was held May 3, 2005 in Cincinnati, Ohio. One of CCF's earliest supporters, The Angel Fund, holds a musical fundraiser every third year. This year, four Broadway stars, gave their time and talent to raise \$150,000 for CCF.



*Front Row Animals from left to right: Chance, Bravo, CJ, Alexa, and Sahara; not shown was cheetah Moya. Back Row: Alicia Samson, Elissa Knights both with Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden (CZBG) Cat Ambassador Program; Cathryn Hilker, Cincinnati CCF Chapter Head; Gregg Hudson, CEO CZBG; Annie Beckhelling, Cheetah Outreach Cape Town, South Africa; Jessica Basford, CZBG Cat Ambassador Program.*

### Dr. Marker's USA Fall Tour 2005 September 12th - October 28th

#### September 12th -18th

New York City and Chicago AZA

#### September 19th - 25th

Cincinnati Zoo and Jackson Hole, WY Film Festival

#### September 26th - October 1st

New Jersey & Washington, D.C. CCF Gala Events  
(Tickets available)

#### October 2nd - 12th

Northern CA Bay Area  
Safari West, WCN Expo & Fundraising Events  
(Tickets available)

#### October 13th - 16th

Portland, Oregon - Run for the Cheetah  
Big Cat. Big Party.  
(Tickets available)

#### October 17th

Miami - Audi Cheetah Tour at Ritz Carlton

#### October 18th - 20th

Houston Zoo Event  
(Tickets available)

#### October 20th - 21st

Atlanta - Audi/CCF Tour Events  
(Tickets available)

#### October 22nd - 27th

Washington, D.C.  
CCF Board Meeting/Chapter Events

#### October 28th

Laurie returns to Namibia

*For a complete list of CCF events, please visit*

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