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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 5 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. Aurora is very closely bonded to Rainbow who she grew up with and they can usually be found together investigating, playing, chasing or just winding up the males through the fence with their flirting! Aurora is one of our best runners along with her best friend Rainbow and they will always tag team the rag during our cheetah runs and both expect a treat at the end of it no matter who has caught the rag. She is also quite clumsy for a cheetah and has been seen to lose her footing or bump into trees whilst running, she always recovers perfectly even if she is a little embarrassed in front of our guests! She is quite quiet and peaceful in nature but very confident when food is around and will

always make sure she gets the biggest piece and will run away with it somewhere high up! Once she's finished she always likes to come and check all the other bowls to make sure nothing is left for her to steal.

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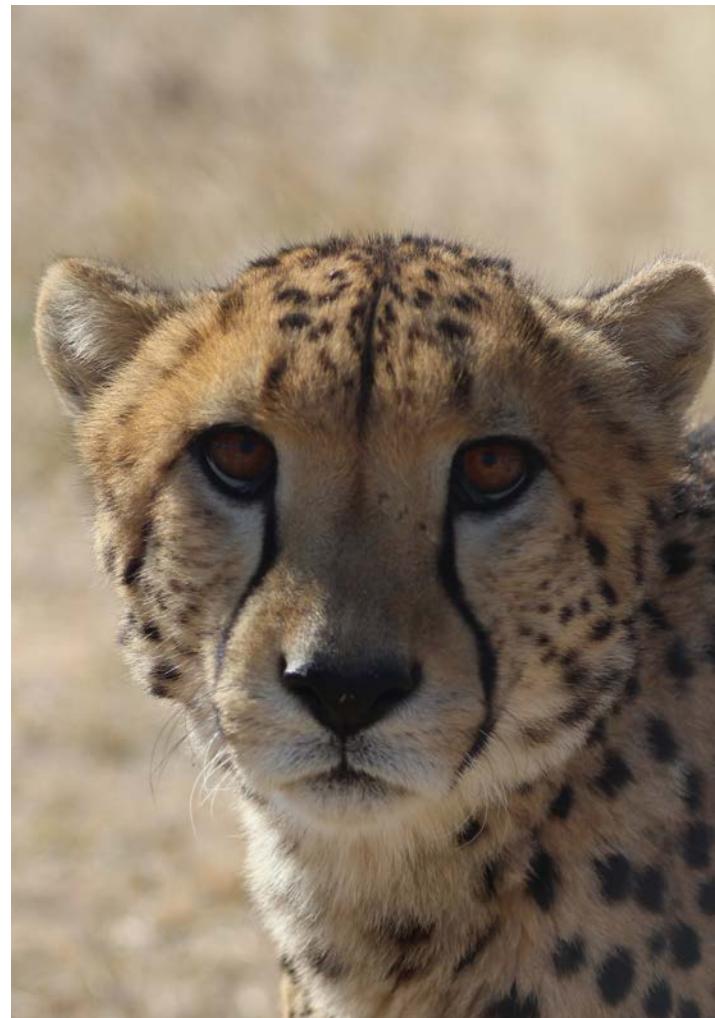
Your Update for B2

from Namibia!

B2 continues to live here with his best friend and "older brother" Phoenix. He is now 3 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 very unique way of expressing himself which range from burbles, chirps and growls (He usually sounds much like a baby crocodile!). This year, two younger males (under a year old) moved in next door to him and Phoenix. They both now must act as role models to the younger males who will also be staying with us for the rest of their lives. At the moment, he likes to hiss and chirp as loud as possible at them to which they always respond with gentle purrs or meows to let him know they want to be friends. B2 is quite confident around his handlers/keepers but also impatient and skittish. Once he has his dinner he will always run away with his food and hide it. He also lives right next door to the stables so loves to spend lots of time watching the horses run around during the day!

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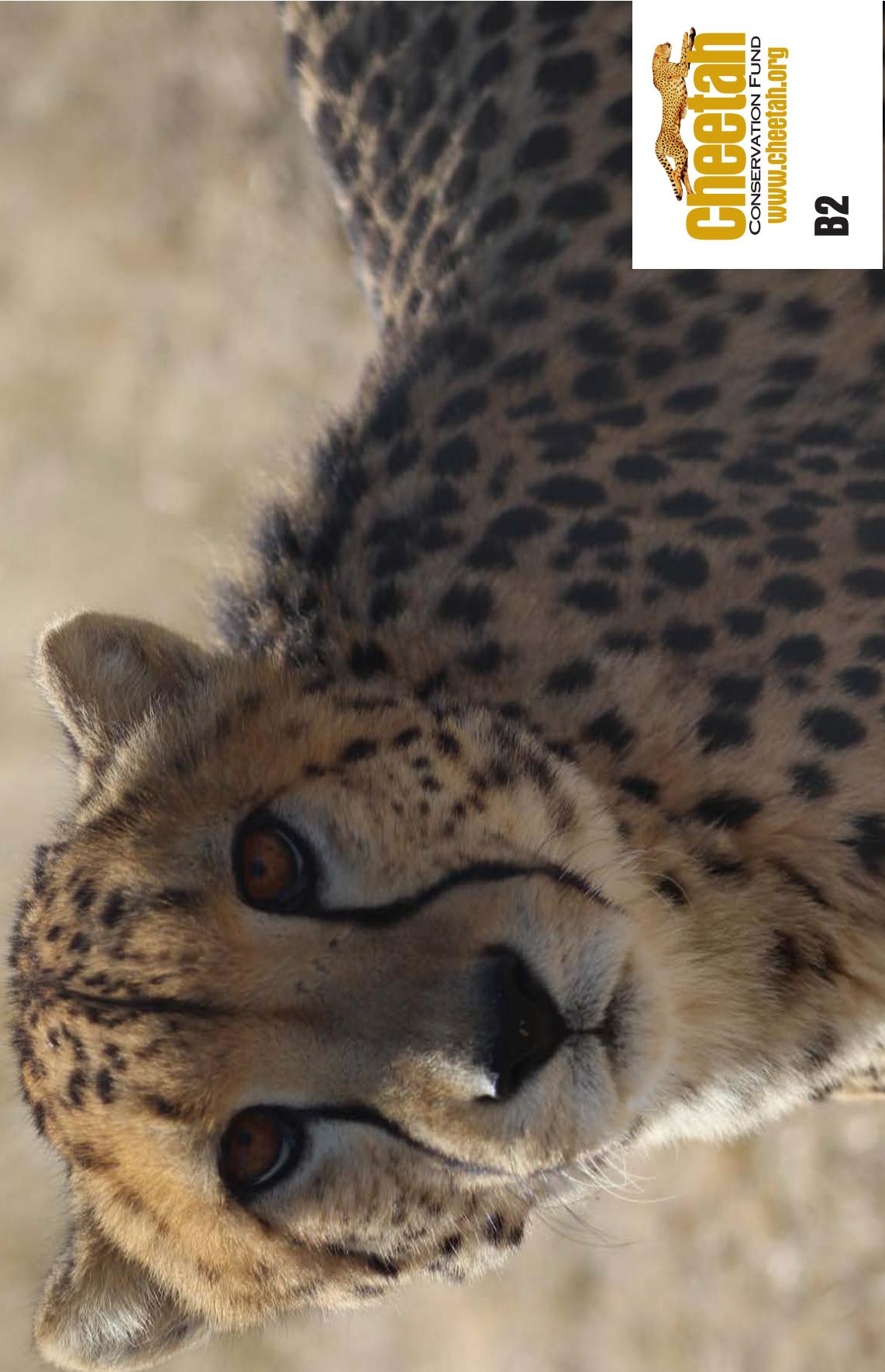


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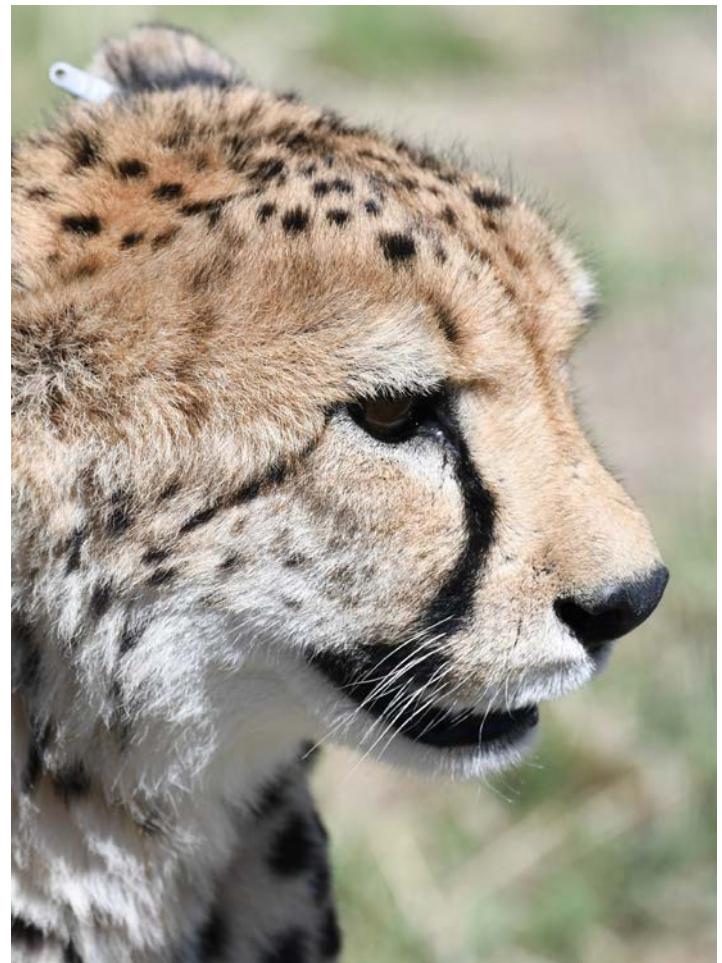
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Your Update for Darwin

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Darwin continues to live in the Elands pen here at CCF with his brothers Fossey and Livingston (also known as "The Scientists") and is now 11 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. This year we took the decision to castrate the three brothers and mix them in with their two friends who they have lived next door to for the past few years, Polly and Rohini. The three brothers have lived alongside the girls for a long time and know them very well, so it was an easy and simple process. They have been living in the same enclosure since November now and are doing great as a much bigger group. They have bonded incredibly well together and behave just like a family. Darwin still has his obvious limp from his poor start in life and has glucosamine to help ease his joints every day. This doesn't stop him from chasing our truck every feeding time for his dinner though, he still very much enjoys running! He is very peaceful in nature and will always patiently wait to be fed or crush cage trained.

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Darwin

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Your Update for Fossey

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Fossey continues to live in the pen we call the 'Elands pen' here at CCF with his brothers Darwin and Livingston (also known as "The Scientists") and is now 11 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. This year we took the decision to castrate the three brothers and mix them in with their two friends who they have lived next door to for the past few years, Polly and Rohini. The three brothers have lived alongside the girls for a long time and know them very well, so it was an easy and simple process. They have been living in the same enclosure since November and are doing great as a much bigger group. They have bonded incredibly well together and behave just like a sibling family. Fossey is always the one in charge between his coalition brothers and will put them in their place, especially around food! He's very vocal and likes to chirp at his handlers/keepers to let them know how he's feeling and that he would like some more treats! Since the females have been introduced, he has taken quite

a shine to Polly and can usually be found snuggling with her under a tree most of the day. Because of his poor start in life, Fossey is on glucosamine which helps his joints as he gets older and the weather gets colder here in the winter (June – August).

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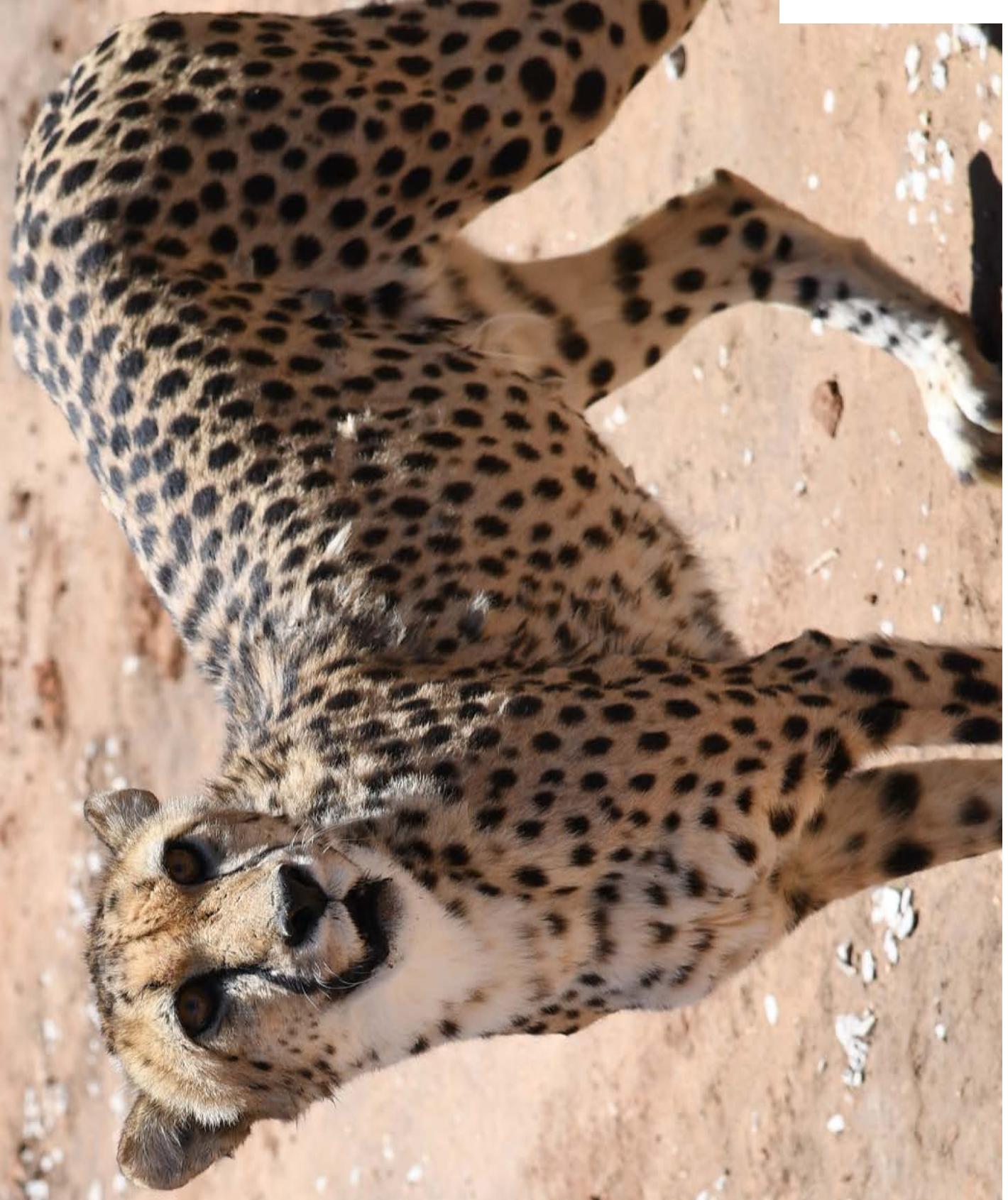
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FOSSEY





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handlers must move slower around her as she doesn't like any fast movements. Even though she is quiet in nature, if somebody does something she doesn't like she will always let them know with lots of chirps and hisses (which are never meaningful, it's just her special way of communicating!). Harry is one of our best runners when she decides to partake and flies past the guests showing that age is just a number! Because of her older age we always let her decide when she fancies exercising!

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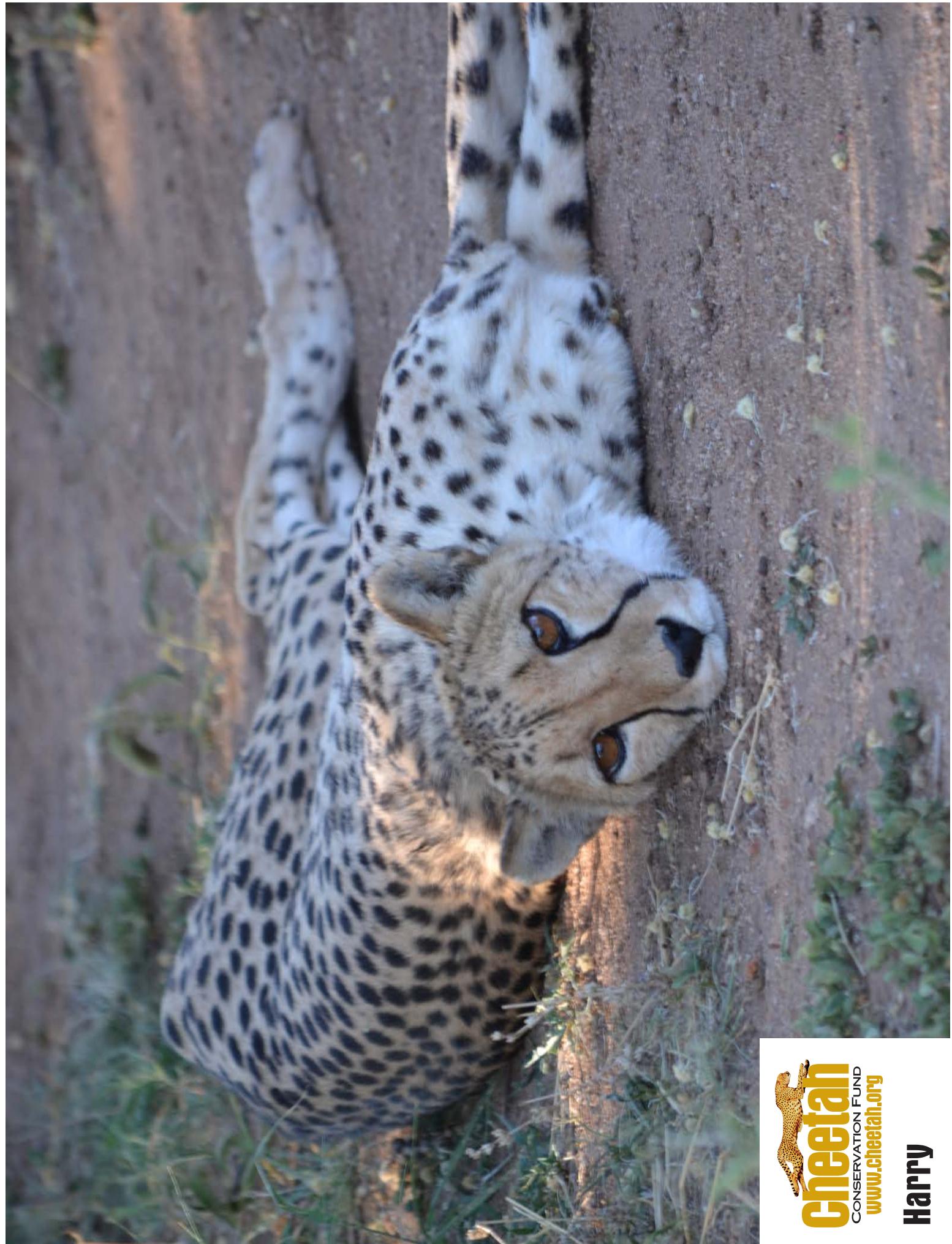


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Harry



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Hermione continues to live here at CCF with her fellow group of girls (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, her teeth are a little worn down now, so she gets easier/softer pieces of meat to eat rather than complicated bony pieces. Her keepers/handlers also give her glucosamine daily for her joints which they must hide it in her favourite treats as she is very sneaky at finding the tablet and spitting it out! Hermione is very closely bonded to Harry and they are almost inseparable, they will always snuggle together throughout the day in the long grass at the bottom of their enclosure and when it is feeding time, will always come up to the feeding pens together too. Hermione is very quiet and shy in nature so her keepers/handlers are always extra patient with her during training

sessions and feeding times. Hermione loves to supplement her own diet here at CCF and frequently catches guinea fowl and small birds in her enclosure and ends up covered in little feathers when she comes to see her keepers/handlers. She is easily recognisable as she is one of the smallest, daintiest females we have, is darker in colour and has a very dark nose which makes her look like she has rubbed her face in dirt! Her small stature doesn't fool anyone though as she will never let other cheetahs push her around and she will always make sure to put the males in their place through the fence when they annoy her too much!

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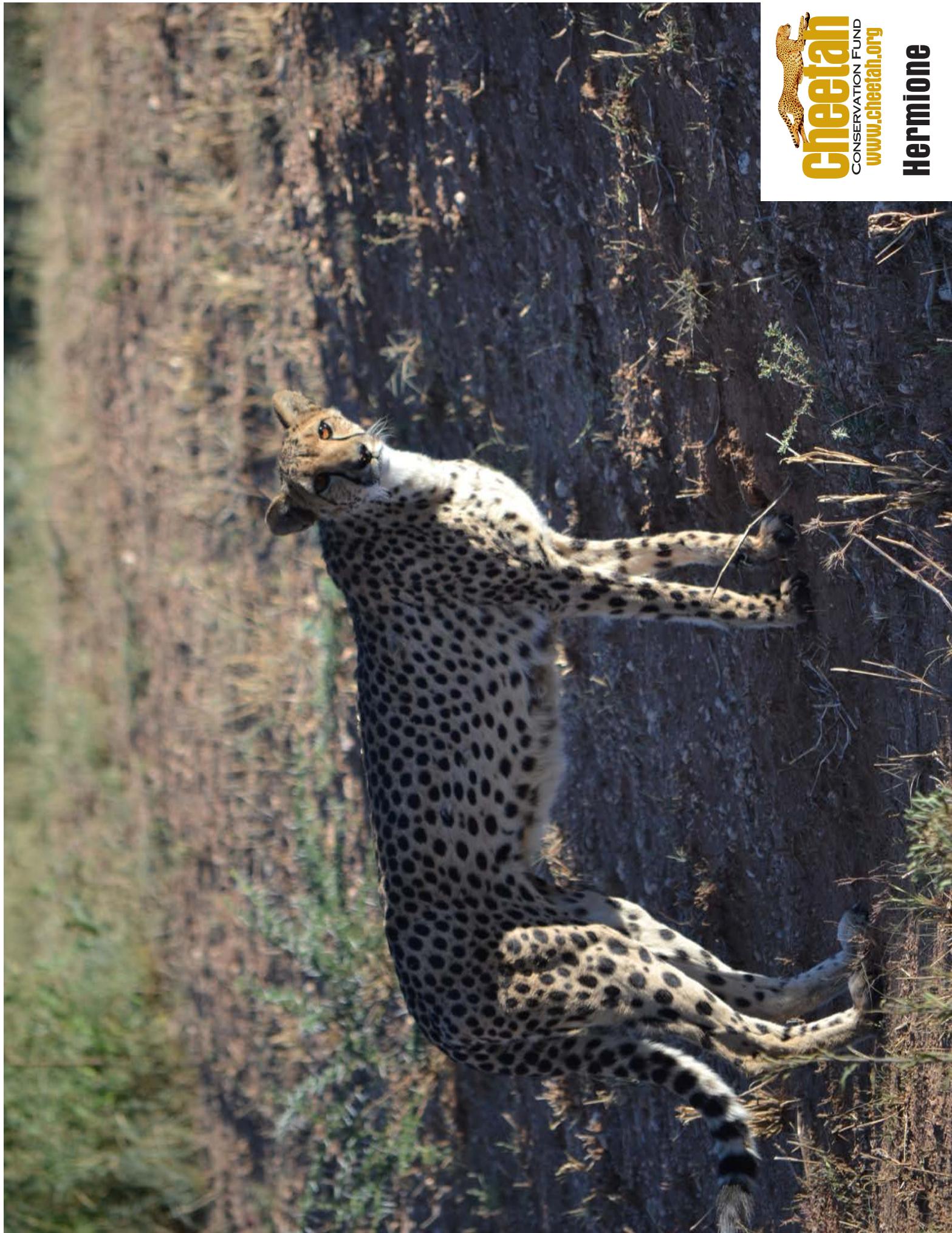
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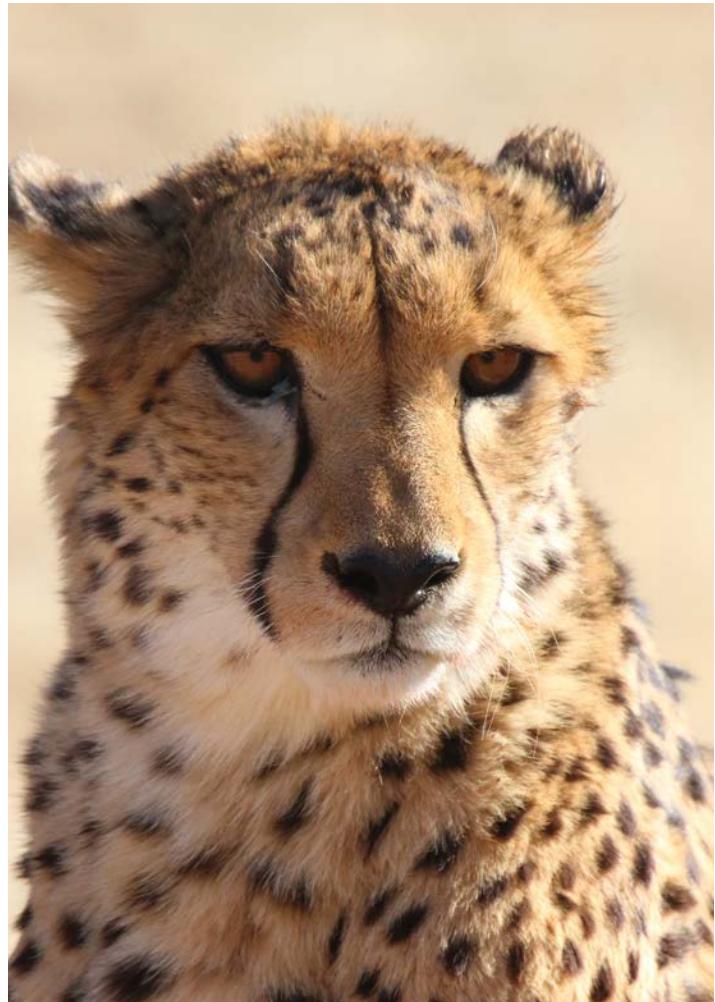
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Your Update for Khayjay

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 can usually be found fast asleep under a tree in the shade during most of the day. It may look like he is sleeping most of the time, but he is still very much alert and is always keeping an eye on things. Khayjay loves his treats, especially liver and will always make sure he has licked the bowl completely clean in case he has missed any. This year Khayjay had an eye infection so needed twice daily eye washes and antibiotic gel. Being hand raised makes any of the Ambassadors much easier to treat. He always behaved perfectly with his handlers and would meet them at the gate in the morning ready for his treats and eye wash without any fuss! He is usually the last to finish eating as he likes to check every bowl to make sure there is nothing left!

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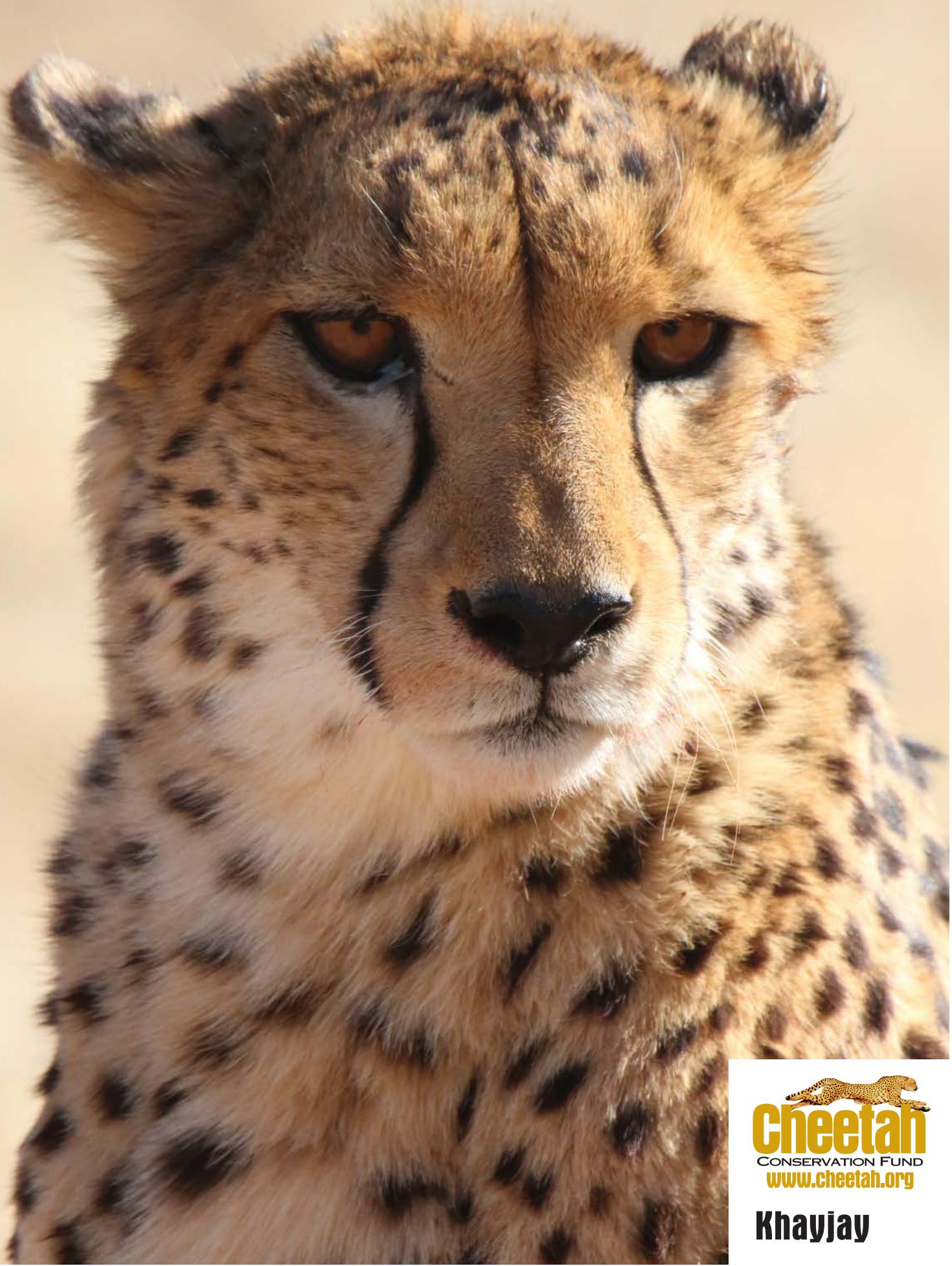


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Khayjay



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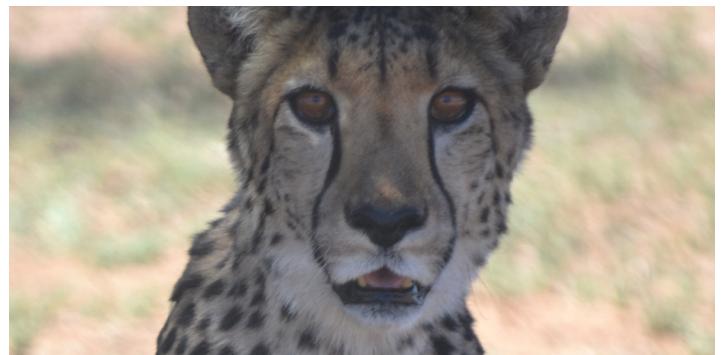
Your Update for Little C.

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. Little C. is the most confident member of his coalition and the snuggliest. He is usually found cuddling all his "brothers" and is sat right in the centre of every grooming pile purring as loud as possible. He is one of the largest cheetahs we have had at CCF weighing nearly 50kg, he has a much darker and fluffier coat than the other cheetahs so can always very easily be recognised. He loves to tease his keepers/handlers by staring them out and stalking them from the other side of the fence whenever they have food. Little C. loves his cheetah runs in the morning, he is always first out of the pen and runs as fast as possible! When he

charges past the guests he sounds like a horse galloping! His favourite toy is the spoon that we use as a rewarding tool when training to give treats on. Unfortunately, he has taken a few steps back in his training as he enjoys swiping it out of his keepers/handler's hands and running away with it. Since the second half of this year he is now on a new training programme that means he can still be rewarded with good behaviour not involving the spoon, which he is absolutely thriving with!

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Little C.



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Your Update for LGD Program from Namibia!

As of December 2017, the **LGD program** has placed 47 puppies throughout Namibia. In the second half of the year, 4 litters were born with a total of 24 (15M, 14F) puppies. Lady gave birth to 9 (6M, 3F) puppies in July and her puppies were placed in September. Aleya gave birth to 3 (1M, 2F) puppies in August and one puppy was placed in October. The male puppy will go to Cheetah Outreach in South Africa for breeding purposes. The second female will stay at CCF for working and breeding. She has been given the name April by the LGD student assistant, who has been helping with dogs for 1 year, as that is the month he was born. Repet gave birth to 12 (6M, 6F) puppies in August and they were placed in October, but one female will stay at CCF for working and breeding. Susie gave birth to her first litter of 5 (2M, 3F) puppies in November, these puppies won't be placed until the end of January 2018. Our newest male, Bolt, is the father to all these litters.

This year, CCF has also been working in the Opuwo district with farmers on training in livestock management, use of guarding dogs, and livestock health. Furthermore, a total of

8 puppies have been placed in the district to assist the farmers. Unfortunately, one puppy passed away, but due to the great care the farmer provided to his dog he was provided with a new puppy. All the other 7 puppies are healthy and working well. All farmers have been very satisfied with the progress of the dogs and have seen a reduction in their livestock losses. CCF went back in November to visit farmers who attended the workshops in March to fill out post questionnaires to see if they have improved their management and health of their stock through the techniques CCF provided during the workshops. Unfortunately, many did not use the techniques explained by CCF to help mitigate predation and disease on their small stock so it is concluded that there are other factors affecting the farmers' ability to use these techniques such as cost or accessibility. Hopefully, over time the farmers will begin using the techniques and see the results in the health and security of their livestock.



CCF is very happy with the progress of 2017 and hopes this success continues throughout the rest of the year. Thank you for supporting the **LGD program at CCF!**

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Livestock Guarding Dogs



BONUS! CCF SCAT DOG UPDATE



CCF's scat dog program is moving forward with our new scat dog trainer, Quentin de Jager, who joined CCF on the 1st of March. Since Tiger's leg injury last year Finn has been CCF's main scat dog. He was mostly used to look for scat around play trees at CCF's Big Field area between Mach and July 2017. No wild cheetah scat was found during that period of time. Out of the 86 samples placed during this time, Finn was able to find 72.

CCF acquired a new scat dog, Levi, a Belgium Malinois/German Shephard cross breed and was trained by Quentin at the Paramount K9 Unit in South Africa in anti-poaching, and was since then used in the detection of rhino horn. Levi has been donated to us by our German partner "Aktionsgemeinschaft Artenschutz (AGA) e.V.", and we are very thankful for their ongoing support, and especially, their support in moving our scat dog program forward. Since Levi's arrival in June he has been trained to detect scat in random transects on roads and playtrees. Levi is now trained to search for scat on transects of 1.5 km and we are currently further improving his endurance and training. Levi is now trained to detect cheetah, leopard and African Wild Dog scat and gives different indication when he finds cheetah scat.

During June and August Tim Hofman, a Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution Master Student from the George-August University in Goettingen, Germany, conducted his field research with the scat dog program at CCF. Tim was looking at the different influences (e.g. wind, humidity, heat and age of scat) that have an effect on the detection probability of a scat detection dog. Finn was used on a total of 8 transects that consisted of 250 meters, and 5 scat samples in total on each transects. 4 of the transects for in

dense area, and 4 of the transects were in open areas. The final results of the study will be published in the beginning of 2018.

The future of the scat dog program is to start collecting cheetah scat all around Namibia. Both Finn and Levi will be used to go out to farms having cheetah, or suspected cheetah problems, to determine if it is really cheetah problems or not (with finding cheetah scat and identifying if cheetahs have really eaten livestock). This will be a very important tool in mitigating the human wildlife-conflict between farmers and cheetahs.

The scat samples found by Finn & Levi will be used for genetic purposes as well, and the genetics lab, ecology department and scat dog program work together closely.



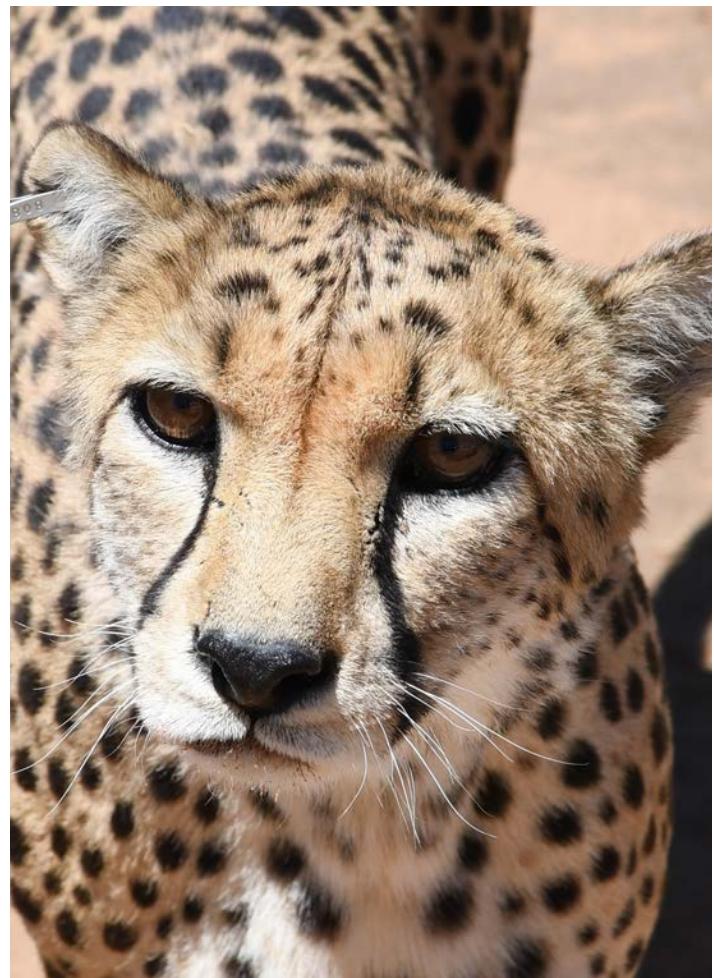
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Your Update for Livingstone from Namibia!

Livingstone continues to live in the Elands pen here at CCF with his brothers Darwin and Fossey (also known as "The Scientists") and is now 11 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. This year we took the decision to castrate the three brothers and mix them in with their two friends who have lived next door to them for the past few years, Polly and Rohini. The three brothers have lived alongside the girls for a long time and know them very well, so it was an easy and simple process. They have been living in the same enclosure since November now and are doing great as a much bigger group. They have bonded incredibly well together and behave just like a sibling family. Even though Livingstone is one of our smallest males, he very much makes up for it with his feistiness. He always comes to greet our guests through the fence with some mean vocalisations even though his body posture suggests otherwise, he loves to think he's big and scary! Livingstone is currently on glucosamine for his joints after his poor start in life but still very much enjoys running after our truck for his dinner!

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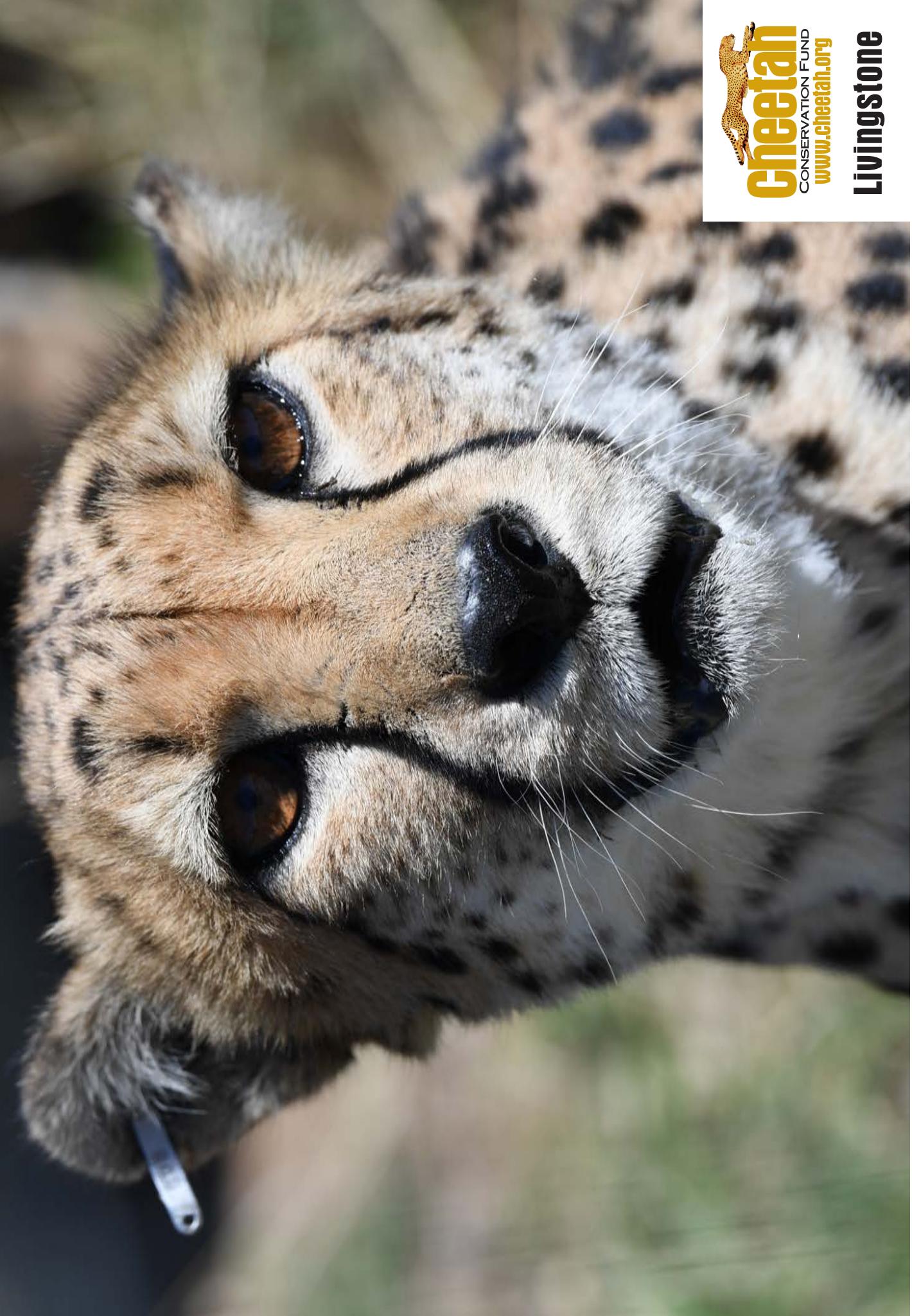
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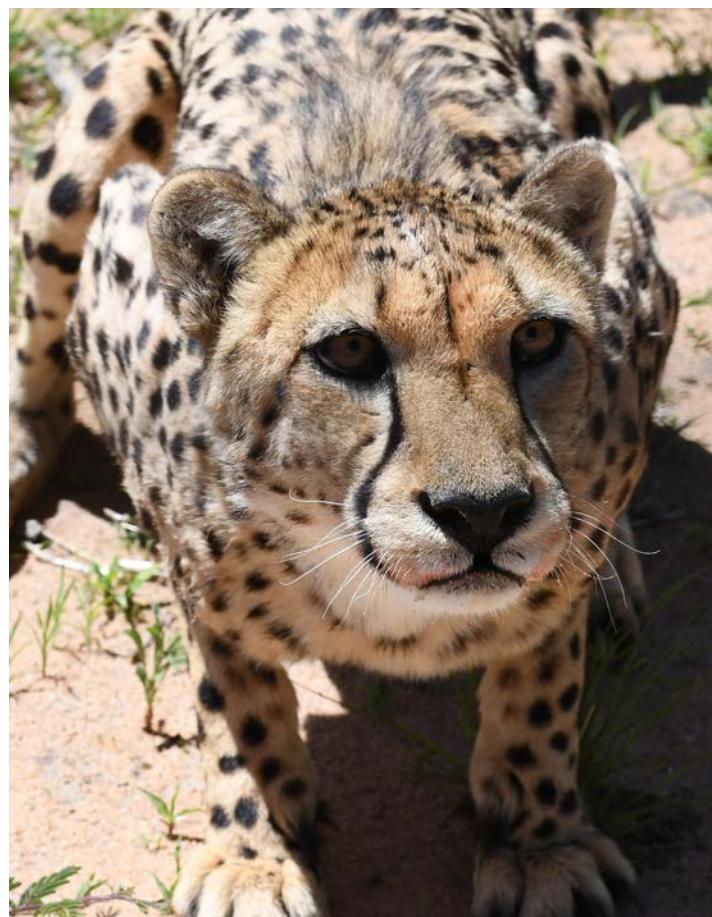
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Your Update for Mischief from Namibia!

Mischief continues to live here at CCF and is now 8 years old. Mischief 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 Phil a little way out from our education centre in the African bush. During this year, Mischief has learnt the art of crush cage training. His brother was not well for a while with a stomach infection, so he provided a lot of moral support by entering the crush cage with his brother at the same time expecting treats too! He picked it up incredibly quickly and usually meows at the front of the cage door to let his keepers/handlers know that he is ready for his training session! Mischief is incredibly food motivated and loves to race around the perimeter of his enclosure after the feeding truck for his dinner. He is very chatty and loves to tell his keepers/handlers that they are not bringing his dinner fast enough every day! Currently, there is a wild cheetah that lives next door to Mischief. During the day, Mischief can usually be found stalking him through the fence or watching him intently whilst he goes about his day oblivious to his spectator.

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Mischief

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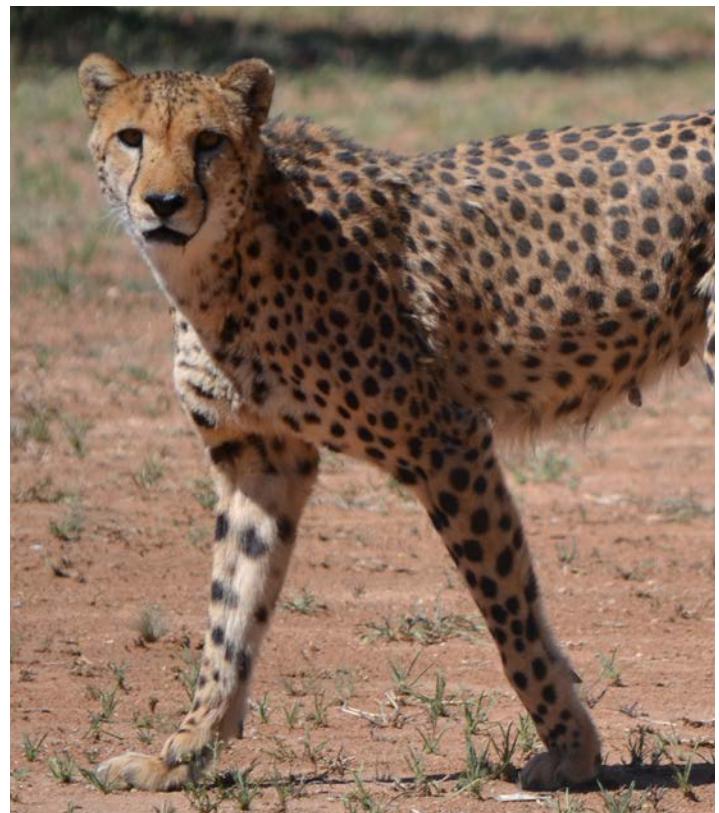
Your Update for N'Dunge

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 9 years old. One of his daily tricks is eating with his feet inside his bowl, this isn't common for a cheetah to eat this way and shows that he is very relaxed in his surroundings. Because he eats using his paws he is usually the first to finish, he then harasses his coalition mates for their food. All of them will tell him off and stop him, but he will then continue to sit next to them whilst they are eating and meow as loud as possible to let them know he would still like to share! We exercise our cheetahs at least 3 to 4 times a week, during these sessions N'Dunge is usually found along the fence line flirting with the females rather than running and loves to spray his scent over almost

every tree, rock or plant in each enclosure he enters. Instead of running he will make sure he sniffs everything in the enclosure that a female cheetah has touched.

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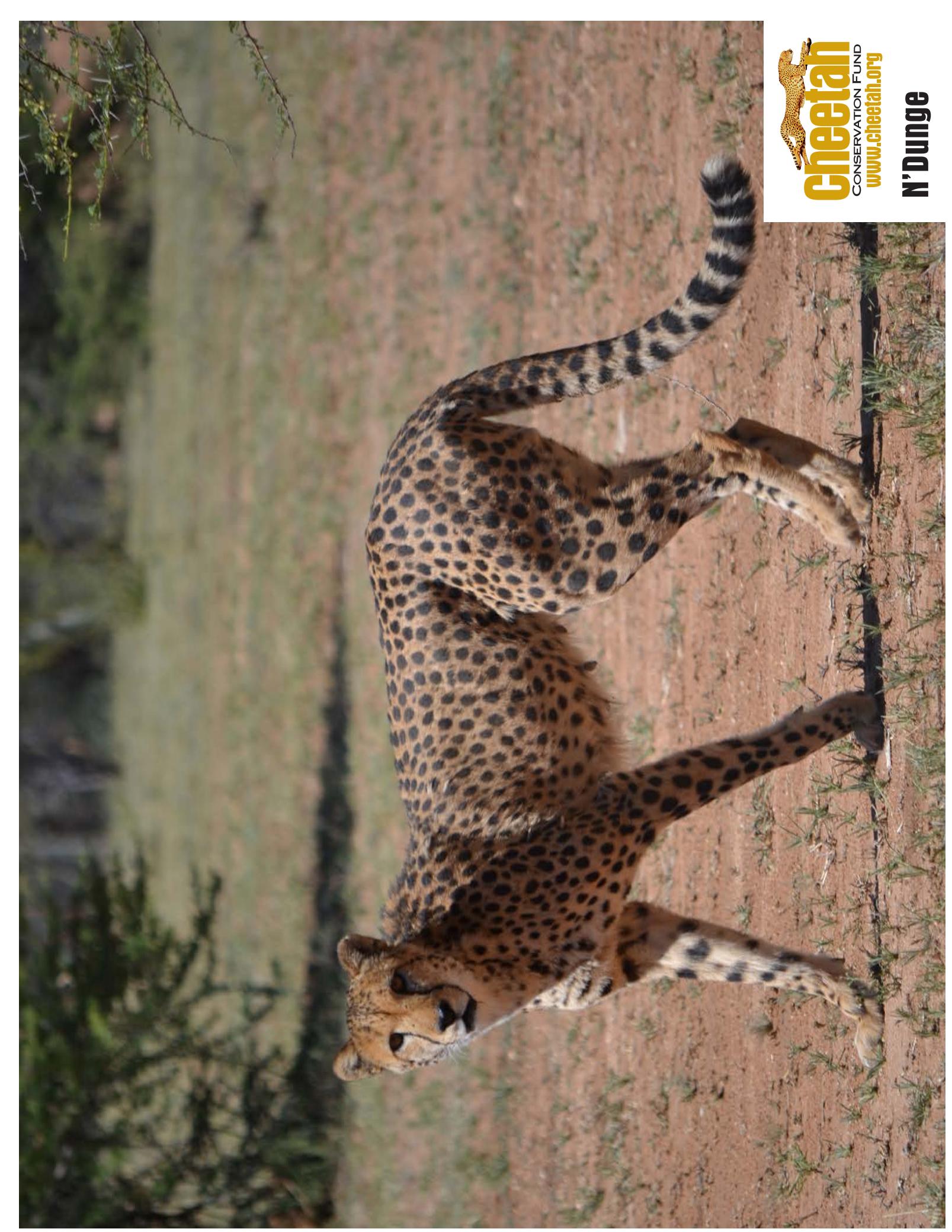
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N'Dunge





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Your Update for Orphan Cubs

from Namibia!

Our **orphan cubs** (juvenile cheetah now!) are continuing to live in the large enclosure called "Leopard pen" which is much further away from the main centre to keep them as wild as possible. They are still doing very well and getting bigger by the day! The coalition of males (Kamin, Elwood, Cyclone) are tightly bonded and behave exactly how brothers would in the wild. It is unusual for a male cheetah to live alone, generally 2 or 3 males, often brothers, will form a coalition. This small group will live and hunt together for life and end up claiming a large area.

Currently, these males are still a little young and not mature enough to be put back out into the wild. At this age, they are still very vulnerable to dominate males which would be fighting for their territory. They still need to be larger and more mature to fend for themselves. These males may be ready for release by the end of 2018 if we can find an appropriate place to release them!

At the beginning of November this year, we rescued another young male from Omaruru. Unfortunately, we had no option but to remove him from the site as the owner had been having heavy loss of livestock from

predators. The young male, estimated to be around a year and a half old. He is a perfect age for introductions to our current 3 releasable males (Kamin, Elwood, Cyclone). CCF staff are currently bonding him with the 3 males so that they can be released together as a coalition. At the moment, the 3 males live right next to him and can interact with him through the fence whenever they want. There is a lot of vocalisations such as purring and chirping which are all good signs they will get along!

Our 5 orphan females (Georgia, Susan, Daenarys, Tatjana and Zinzi Girl) are also doing well. They are still very nervous of people and will always wait until the keepers have left before coming to get their meals. We are hoping to be able to release these females in early 2018, they are in good health and ready to go out into the wild. Female cheetahs normally live a solitary life, siblings will typically stick together until they feel confident enough to go out alone. Initially we will release these females together, and we expect they will stick with each other until they are ready, eventually splitting off on their own, usually when males discover them and begin courting them and eventual breeding. Of course, CCF staff carefully monitors all releases.

During the day, the males can usually be found under a shaded tree or on top of

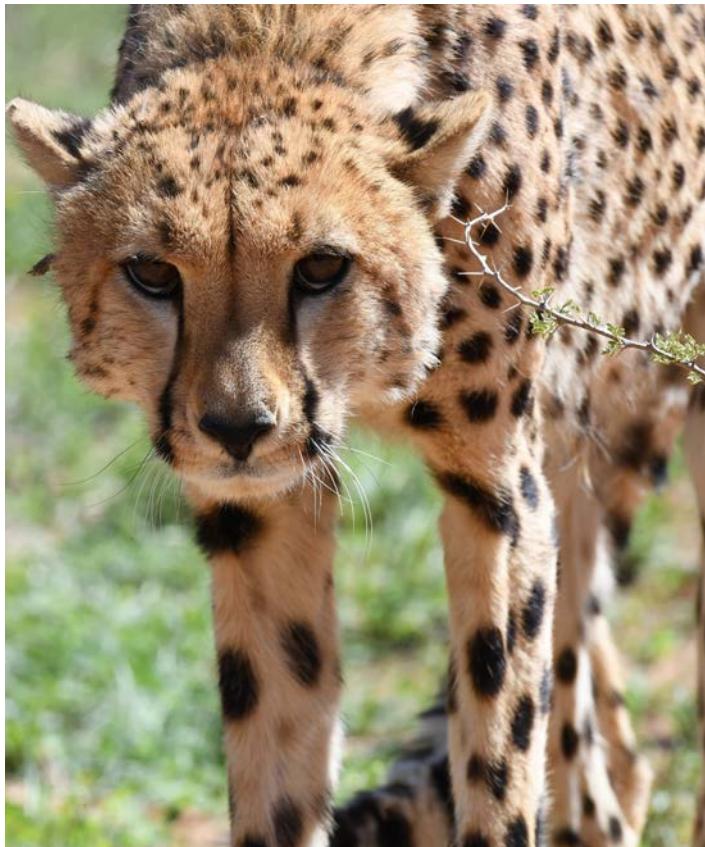
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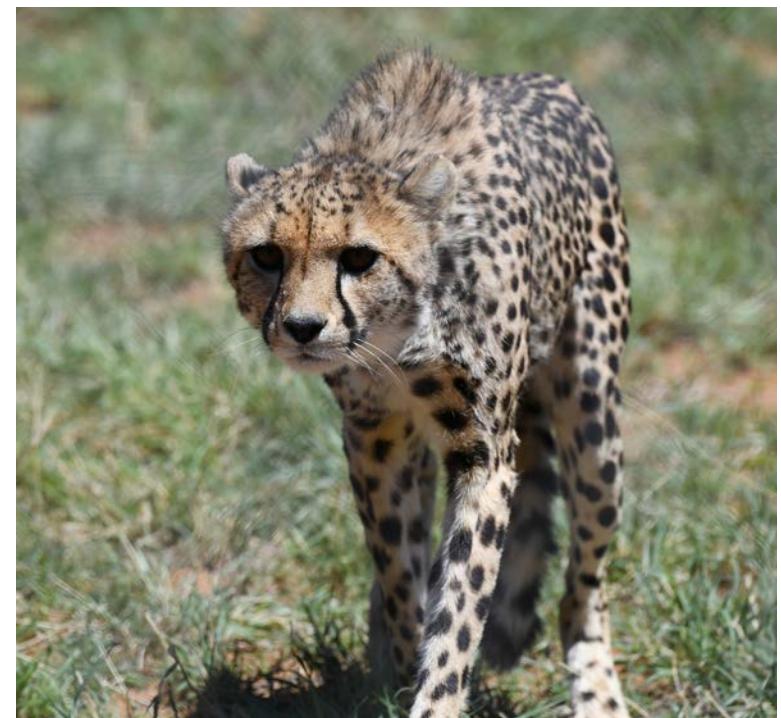
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their favourite termite mound surveying the local area for prey. They been seen stalking and catching birds, already practising their hunting skills! The females tend to stick together and sleep under trees as a group, grooming each other a lot. They have also been seen stalking prey through the fence and occasionally sprinting at great speeds across their enclosure after small animals. CCF's keepers visit the cheetahs daily to replenish water, feed them and check their overall health. This is usually done at different times of the day during the week to make sure they don't become accustomed to a routine. This is important for them when going back out into the wild as they won't be getting regular daily meals! We also make sure they get regular fasting days which are also randomised. This helps maintain a more natural eating pattern for the cheetahs, as wild cheetahs do not typically eat every single day. As you can imagine, they are very suspicious of people and usually rush at the fence and hiss/spit at the keepers as a way of greeting them before getting their food. The keepers don't mind, as it shows they will make good wild cheetahs and have not become habituated to people.



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





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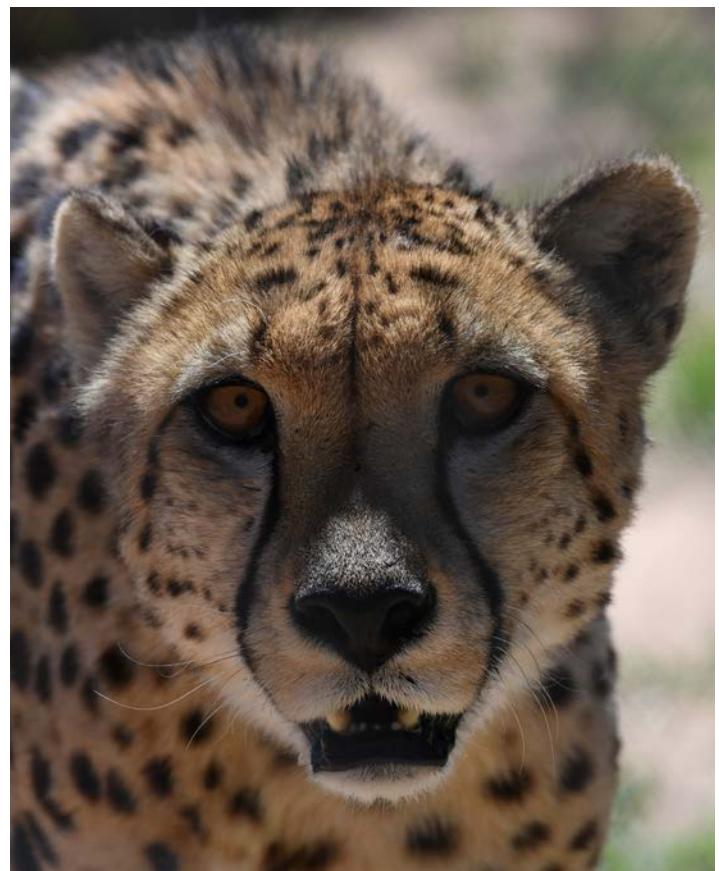
Your Update for Phil

from Namibia!

Phil continues to live here at CCF and is now 8 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. This year, Phil had a stomach infection that put him on anti-biotics for over a month! During this time, he had to learn to come in and out of the crush cage to be given medication which he picked up super-fast! Once he got the hang of it, he would wait patiently for his keepers to bring him his medicine every morning and night, meowing as loud as possible in front of the crush cage door to let them know he was ready. Usually followed by his brother Mischief who also had to have treats for providing moral support! Phil is one of our best runners, always ready to chase the feeding vehicle as fast as possible for his dinner no matter whether it is feeding time or not! Phil is very confident and enjoys teasing guests by jumping up on the fence to startle them when they come to visit him, usually with a smug look on his face after. He is constantly meowing, purring or chirping, just like his

brother, to let his keepers/handlers know exactly how he's feeling and that he needs more treats.

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Phil



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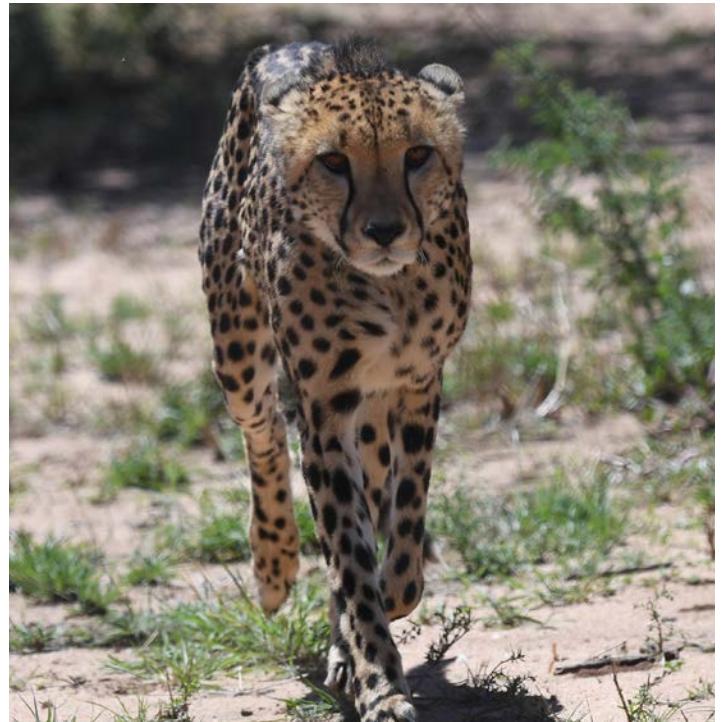
Your Update for Phoenix

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Phoenix continues to live here at CCF with his best friend B2. Phoenix had a pretty tough start in life, in 2008 a farmer shot his mother – but performed a hasty C-section when he realized that she was highly pregnant and a neighbour alerted CCF. Phoenix was brought to CCF at just 2 days old. Phoenix loves his food and is usually frantically pacing at his dinner time each day meowing at his keepers/handlers to hurry up! He loves to flirt with any of the females that happen to be on the other side of the fence who usually pay no attention to him! When the other males are on the other side of the fence he loves to tease them by running at them as fast as possible to startle them and show them how big and tough he is. He's very charming with his keepers/handlers and will always voice how he feels. He has a very unique meow compared to all the other cheetahs which makes him very lovable amongst the staff and interns. This year, two younger males (under a year old) moved in next door to him and B2. They both now must act as role models to the younger males who will also be staying with us for the rest of their lives. At the moment, he likes to hiss and chirp as loud as possible

at them to which they always respond with gentle purrs or meows to let him know they want to be friends. He also lives right next door to the stables so loves to spend lots of time watching the horses run around during the day!

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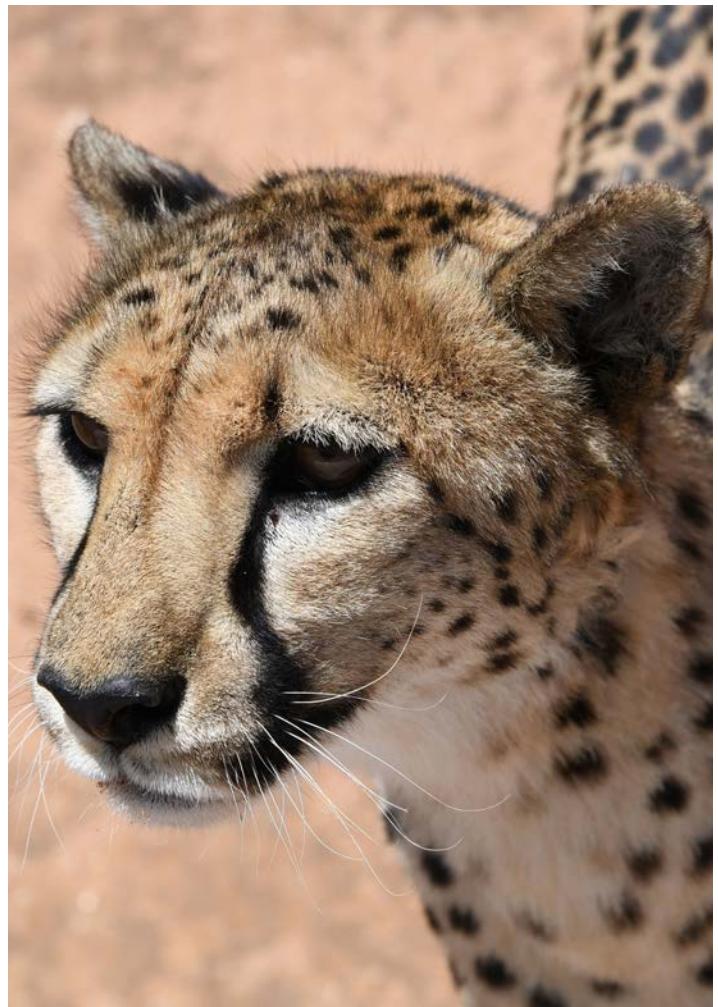
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Your Update for Polly

from Namibia!

Polly continues to live here at CCF and is now 8 years old. Polly was one of a group of 2-month-old cubs trapped and brought to CCF after a radio-collared mother cheetah was found dead. She has been living in a 13-hectare enclosure with her friend Rohini for nearly 2 years now alongside "The Scientist boys". The decision was made earlier this year to castrate these males (since they are older and this is better for their health and CCF cannot captive breed cheetahs in Namibia) and mix them in with these two females as they have been getting along incredibly well through the fence line. In November, we introduced them with ease and Polly has become incredibly close with one of the males, Fossey. They can usually be found snuggling together all day under a shaded tree. Polly is the boldest of the two females and will always make sure she puts these males in their place. She very much enjoys teasing them too and will chirp to them to encourage them over, once they get close enough, she will either give them a playful slap on the nose or bound away into the long grass. She is still one of our best runners, flying past the males and will always catch up with the feeding truck ready to get her dinner.

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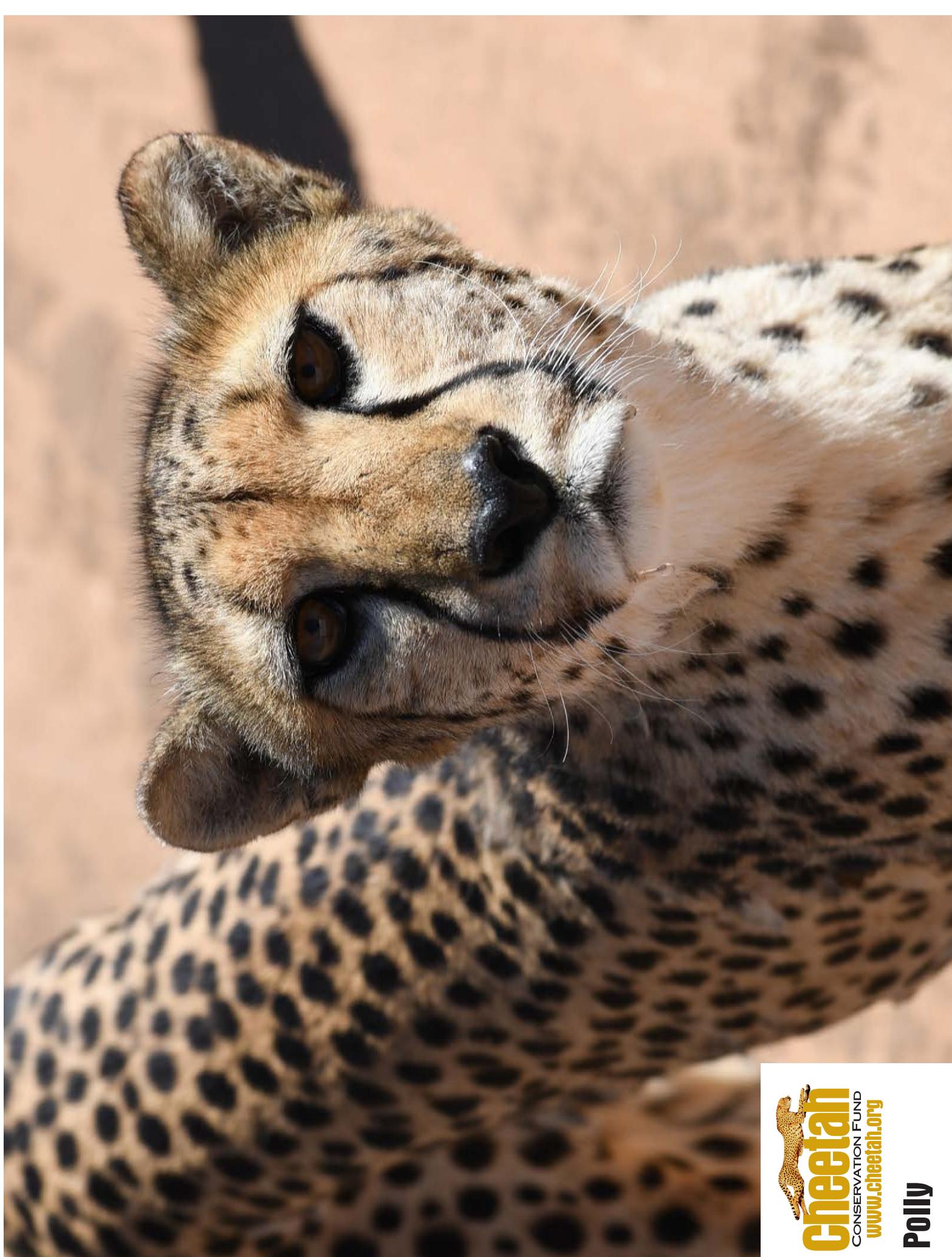


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Polly



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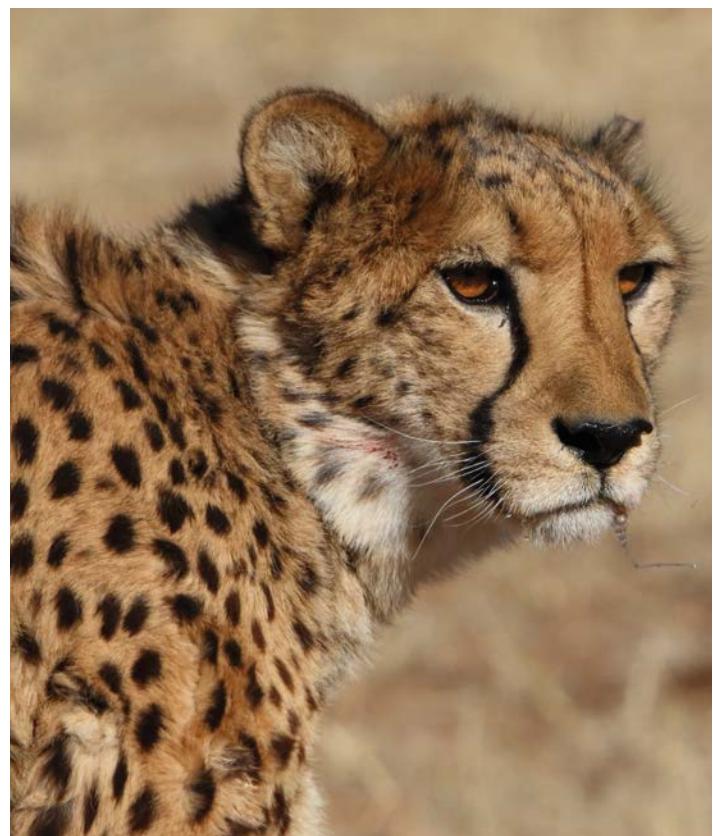
Your Update for Peter

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 is very confident usually being the first one to come when the group is called and is very affectionate with his handlers. He particularly loves his keeper/handler Becky and will always make sure he greets her in the morning with the loudest purr. He loves his treats (small bits of meat) and will always expect some after anything he does, whether he deserves them or not! Usually during our runs, he likes to follow our keepers around hoping to get an easy treat without having to do any work. As persistent as he may be for food, he does enjoy a good run and always makes it look completely effortless. He still enjoys all the attention from the female cheetahs around him too and can often be found flirting through the fence or calling to the female

cheetahs in other enclosures to see if any of them responds.

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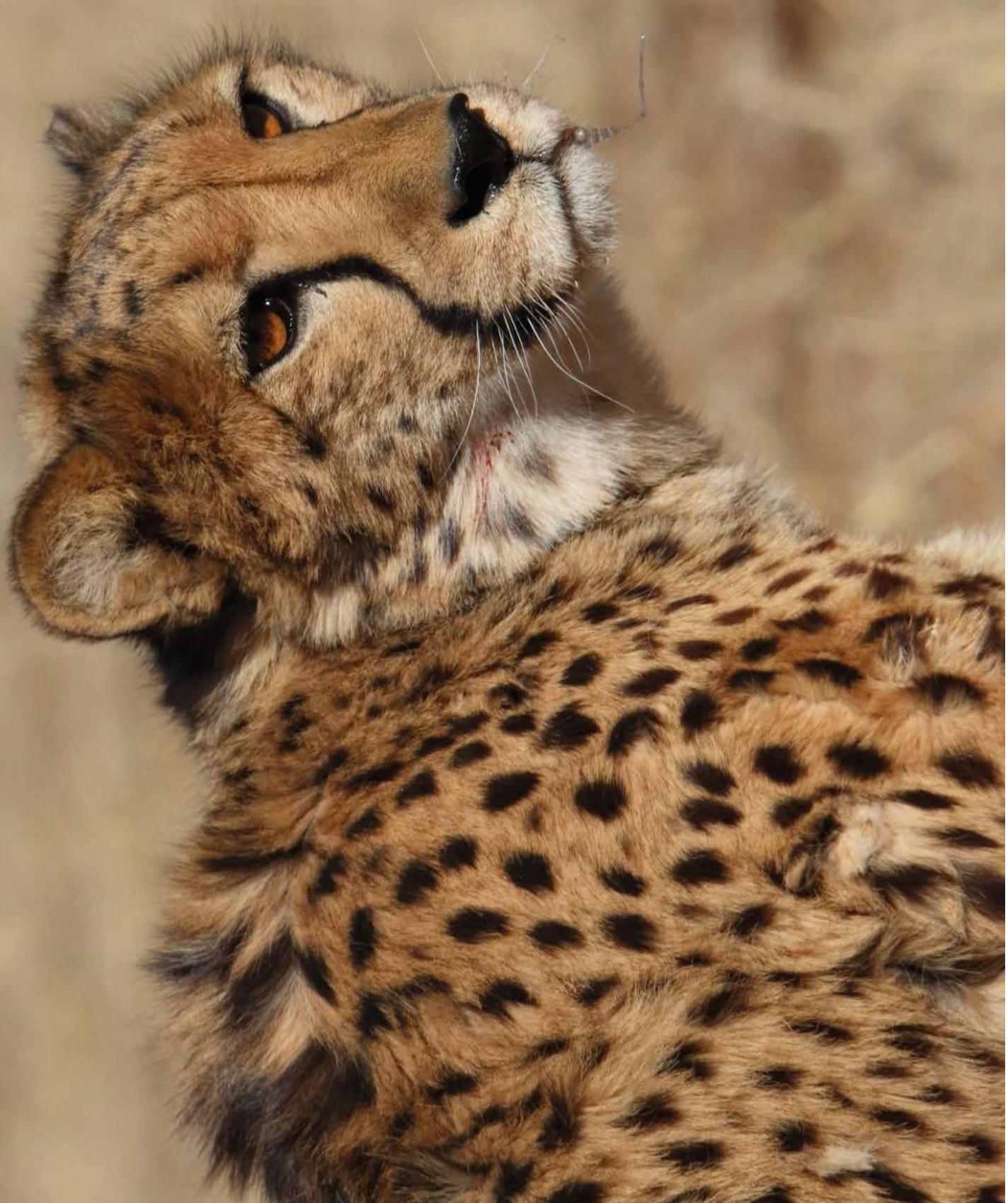
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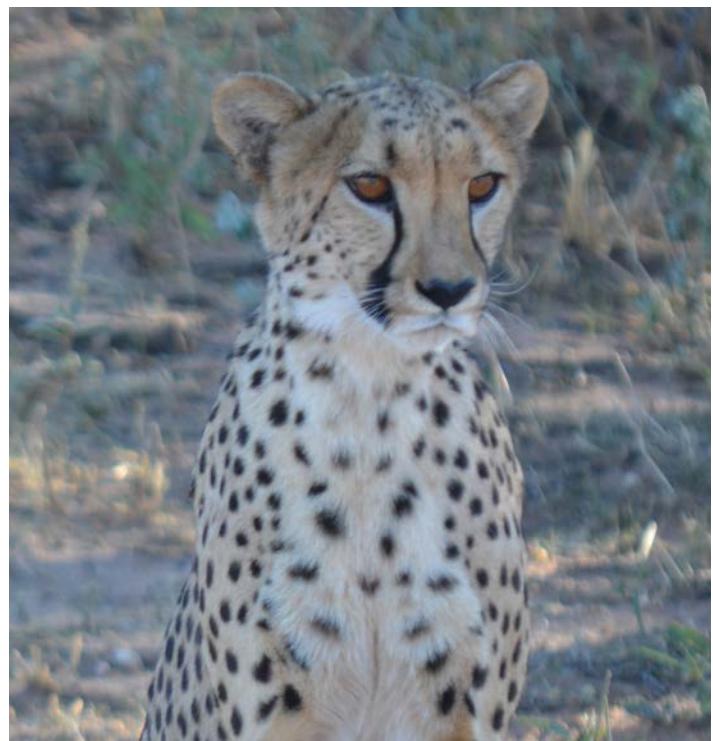
Your Update for Rainbow

from Namibia!

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 5 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. So, she is very used to humans now and loves to do any form of animal husbandry training with her keepers/handlers. Running is Rainbow's absolute favourite thing to do whether it be in the feeding camps, the large enclosures or just to show off to or guests. We exercise our cats 3 to 4 times a week, before every run Rainbow likes to do a warm up and speed around her pen as fast as possible with her tail in the air, usually winding up any other cheetah in there with her! She is very calm and polite in nature with her keepers/handlers and is always willing to learn and move around where she needs

to with ease. This year we replaced her microchip whilst she was inside the crush cage, she sits perfectly, will take her treats and let you perform most minor veterinary procedures on her without any fuss!

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Rainbow



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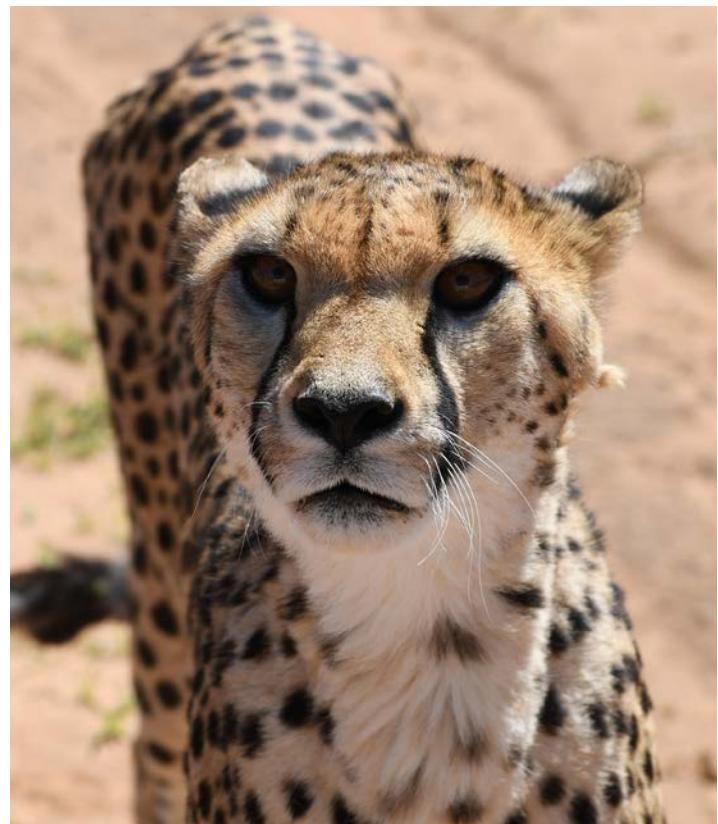
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Your Update for Rohini from Namibia!

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 enclosure with her friend Polly for nearly 2 years now alongside "The Scientist boys". The decision was made earlier this year to castrate these males and mix them in with the girls (since they are older and this is better for their health and CCF cannot captive breed cheetahs in Namibia) as they have been getting along incredibly well through the fence line. In November, we introduced them with ease and Rohini settled well with her new friends. Rohini is very independent and likes to spend time on her own near the fence line, always watching what everyone else is doing whilst constantly flicking her tail! She is incredibly photogenic and will always be the first to gather around photography tour vehicles to have her photo taken! She is one of our best runners and will out run the males every time to the feeding truck to get her dinner!

She is very settled in her routine and her keepers find that she is usually waiting right at the gate entrance for her food at the same time each day.

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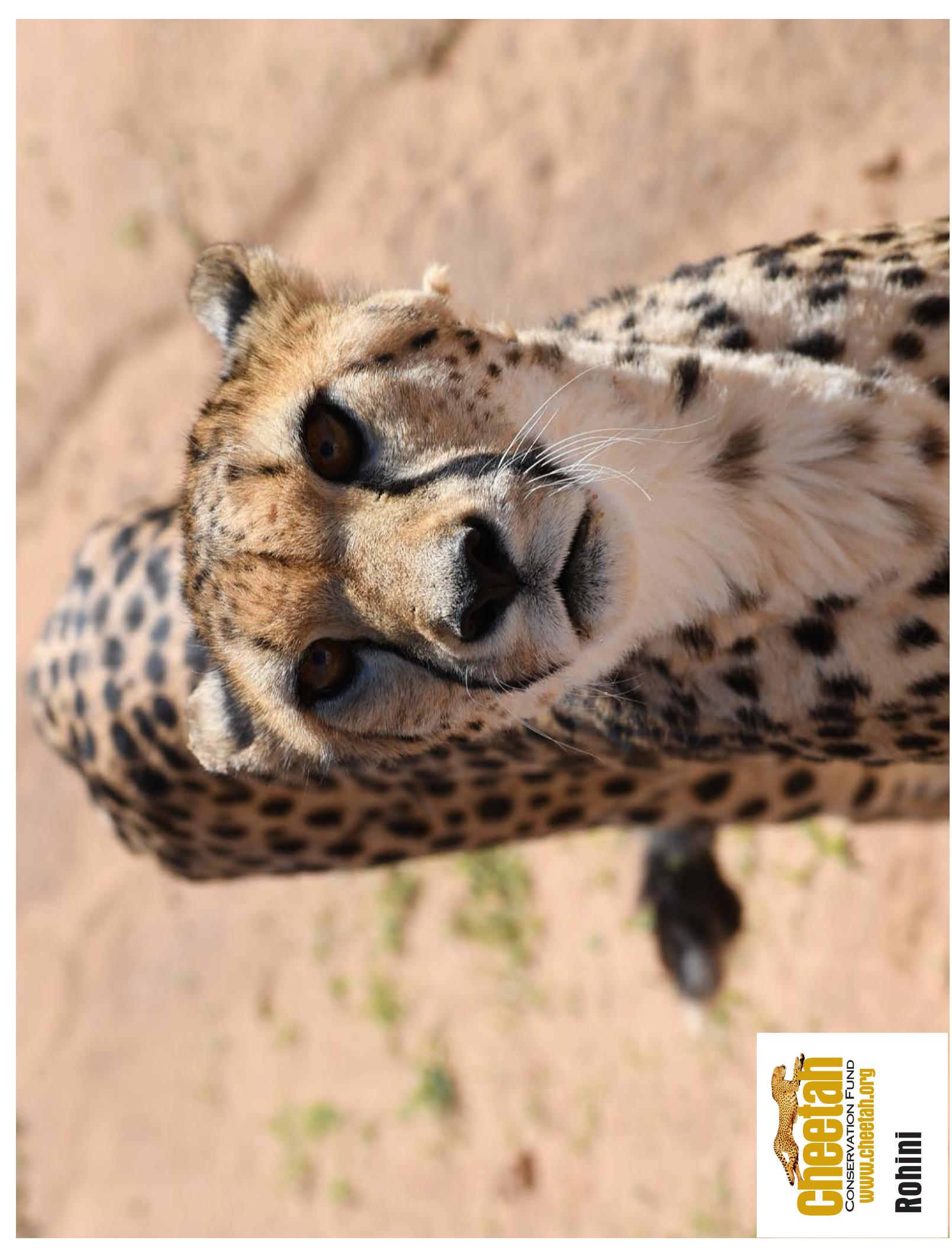


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Your Update for Ron

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. He is quiet and peaceful in nature and very much a gentle cheetah. He's usually found sitting on his own, a little further away from the other males watching the world go by and overseeing everything. Although, on the odd occasion he's been seen snuggled right in with the other three males having a big grooming session. Even though his teeth are now worn down with age, he loves his food! He is always pacing frantically as soon as he sees his bowl arrive and dribbling profusely until he is let into the feeding camp and starts eating. Currently, his keepers/handlers are cutting up his pieces of meat into easier bite size pieces which they can hide his glucosamine tablets in. He always seems to be able to sniff them out, so his keepers/handlers must out smart him and hide them inside his favourite treats! He

gets very excited for the cheetah runs in the morning and will always come straight out of his pen and run a beautiful lap of the lure course. Once he has caught the rag, he will usually approach his keepers/handlers quickly before they can get to him for his treats! He is very predictable after his treats and will always wander off and observe his coalition mates do the rest of the work.

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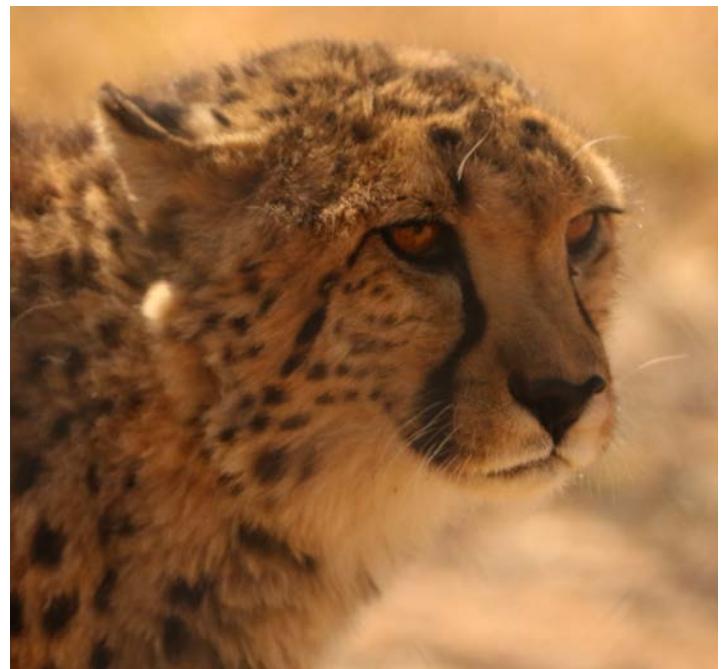
Your Update for Romeo

from Namibia!

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. Romeo is one of the most affectionate cheetahs we have and is always pestering his keepers/handlers for attention. He loves to purr as loud as possible through the fence whenever anyone talks to him and he especially loves food! During feeding time, Romeo is always the first up to the feeding camps waiting for his dinner, sometimes even an hour earlier than he needs to be! He is a gentle cheetah and very calm in nature, he is incredibly easy to work with as he was hand raised and is very used to people touching him. He is completely crush cage trained and is always more than willing to have blood taken, injections or any other minor veterinary procedures done without any fuss as long as he gets his treats afterwards! He is very easy to tell apart as

he is very fluffy and darker than the other cheetahs that we have. Romeo doesn't partake in our lure course for exercise as he is terrified of the fast-moving rag (would you believe!), instead he likes to chase our feeding truck up and down the fence line or chase the other males away from his female cheetahs!

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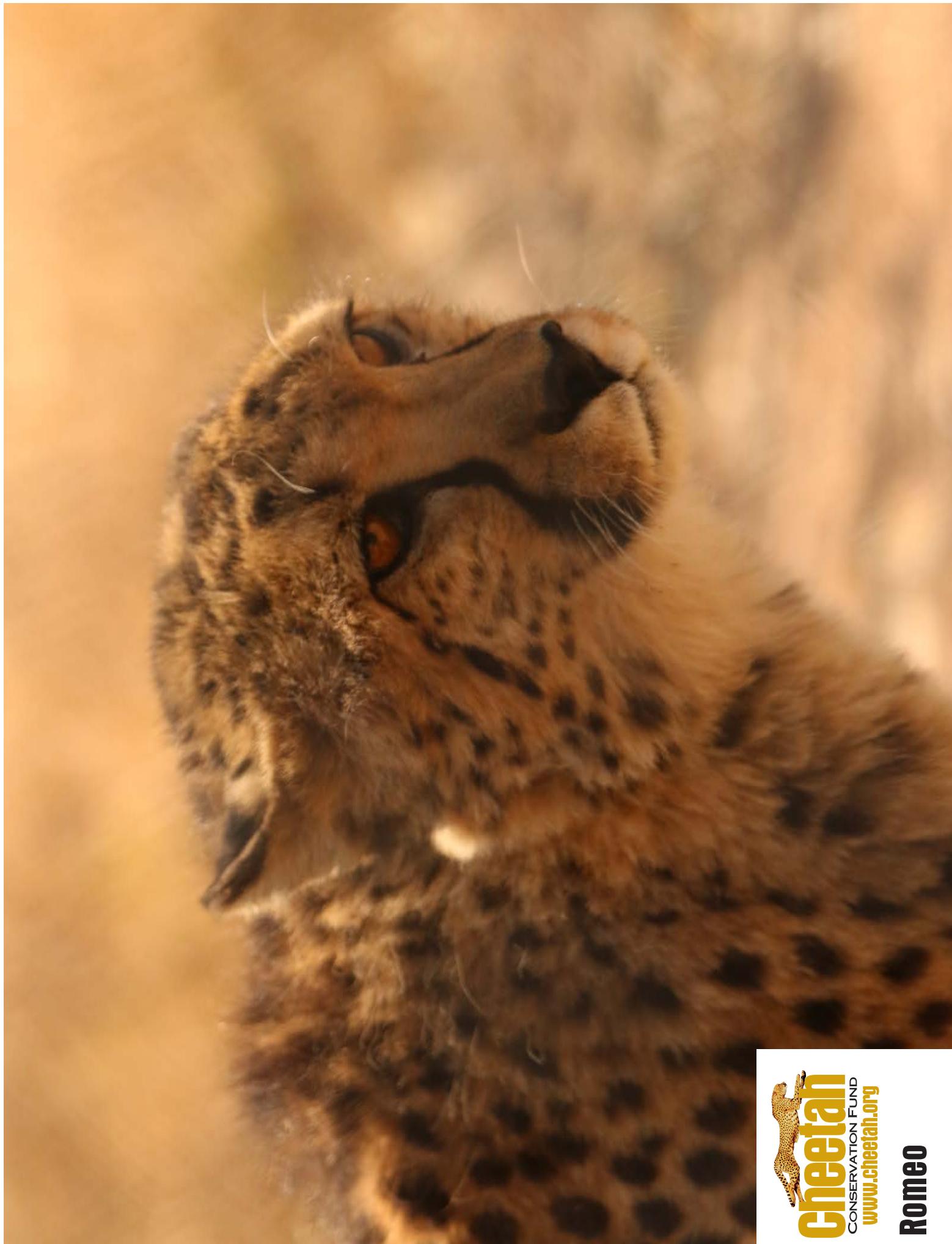


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Romeo



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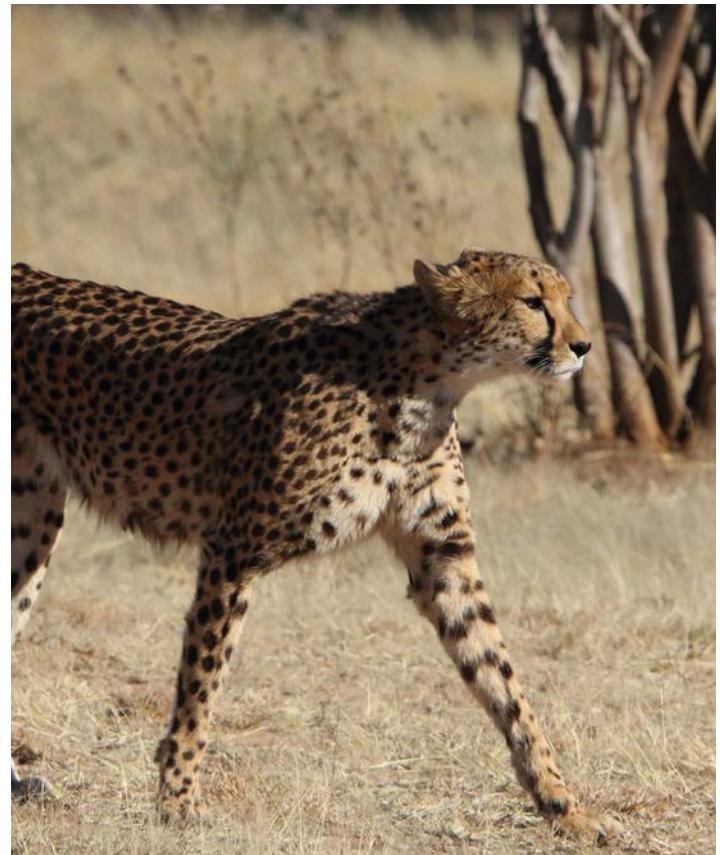
Your Update for Senay

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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 is a very aloof female and will always let you know how she's feeling. She has bonded particularly well with new keeper Laura and will always make a bee line straight to her in the morning to greet her and purr as loud as possible. This time of the year the rains have started to come, Senay will always make sure everyone knows her distaste for the rain and will sulk under a tree for everyone to see until they pay her attention! The Ambasssadors, and all the cheetahs have enclosures to get out of the rain, but they often have to be told to get into their enclosure before going on their own! She always likes to show off her speed during the cheetah runs and makes it look completely effortless whilst she races around. Once the run is over, she will always

walk back to her regular enclosure and take her treats.

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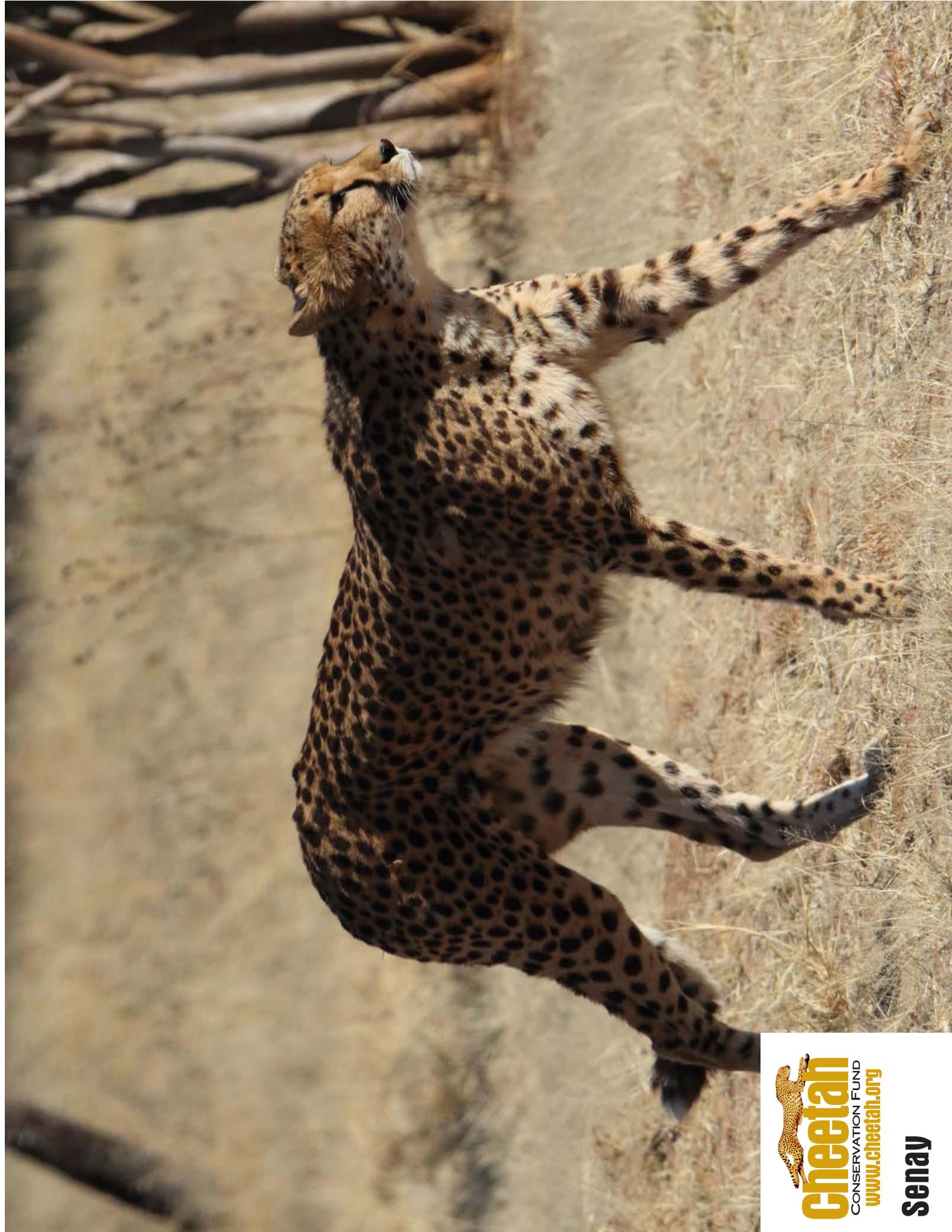


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Your Update for Shunga (Blondeman) from Namibia!

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 9 years old. He is very attached to his coalition mates and is usually found cuddling Little C the biggest male in the group and purring as loud as possible. Even though he is very soppy with his male cheetah friends, he loves to stalk his keepers/handlers every time they bring him food and stare them out to show how big and tough he is! We exercise our cheetahs at least 3 to 4 times a week, during these sessions Shunga is usually found along the fence line flirting with the females rather than running and loves to spray his scent over almost every tree, rock or plant in each enclosure he enters. He is also one of the chattiest cheetahs we have, making lots of chirping noises to any female in sight (sometimes when they aren't in sight too!) as well as when he wants to be

let out/into another enclosure!

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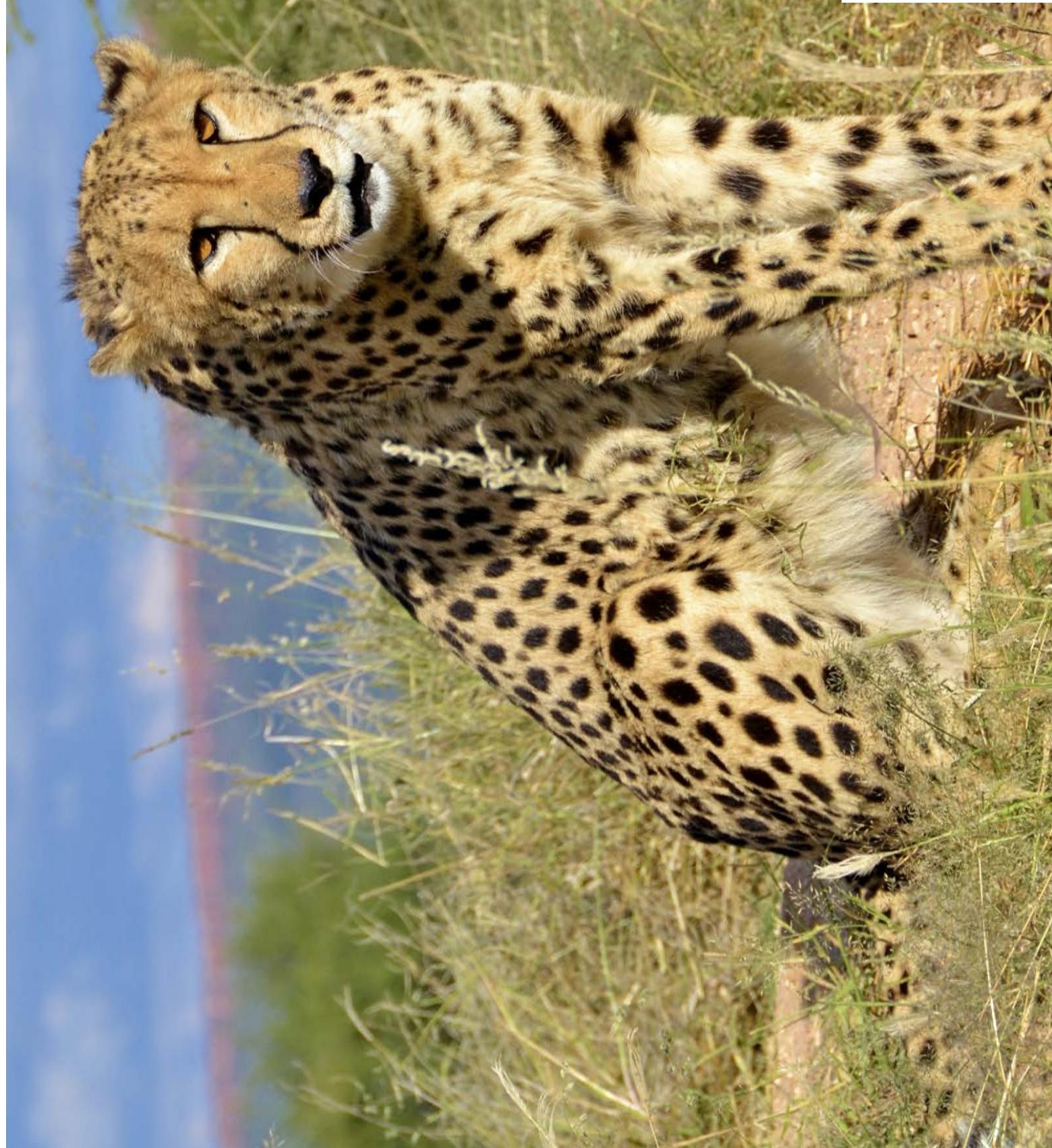
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Shunga





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Your Update for Solo

from Namibia!

Solo is CCF's longest standing resident at nearly 18 years old and is adored by everyone here, her huge beautiful orange eyes are the face of 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 as a one-time only import to the US as a gift to the US from Namibia. Solo stayed here and became good friends with many of CCF's cheetahs. It was decided later this 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! Her old pen mates, Polly and Rohini, have been introduced to three neutered males and we wanted to make sure she was kept out of any young cheetah dramas! Her teeth are now a little worn down, so she gets nice easy pieces to eat that her keepers/handlers usually chop up for her to make it easier. She is also partially blind and deaf, so her new enclosure means she doesn't have to walk far to get her dinner anymore. Although she has a few ailments in her old age, she is as feisty as ever and will always make sure she bounds over to greet all our guests. She is still fiercely independent

but does enjoy a good grooming session from her keepers/handlers during her daily crush cage training. With her old age, it is important that she stays happy and stress free in the crush cage, so we can take regular bloods and monitor her health closely. She is always more than willing to do this training still, especially for treats! Her recent blood work has showed that she is still in very good health for her age and her keepers are convinced she is going to live forever!

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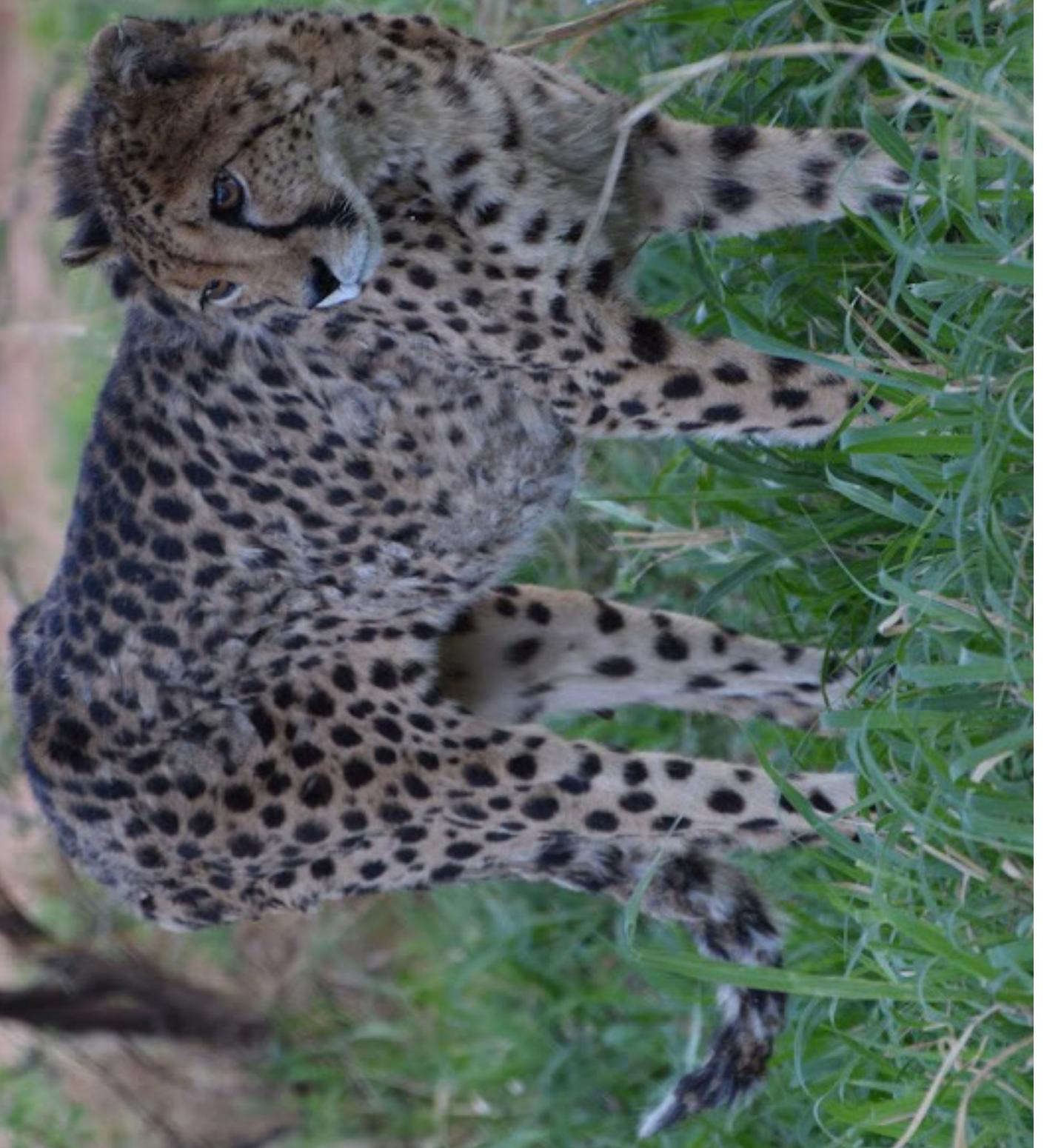
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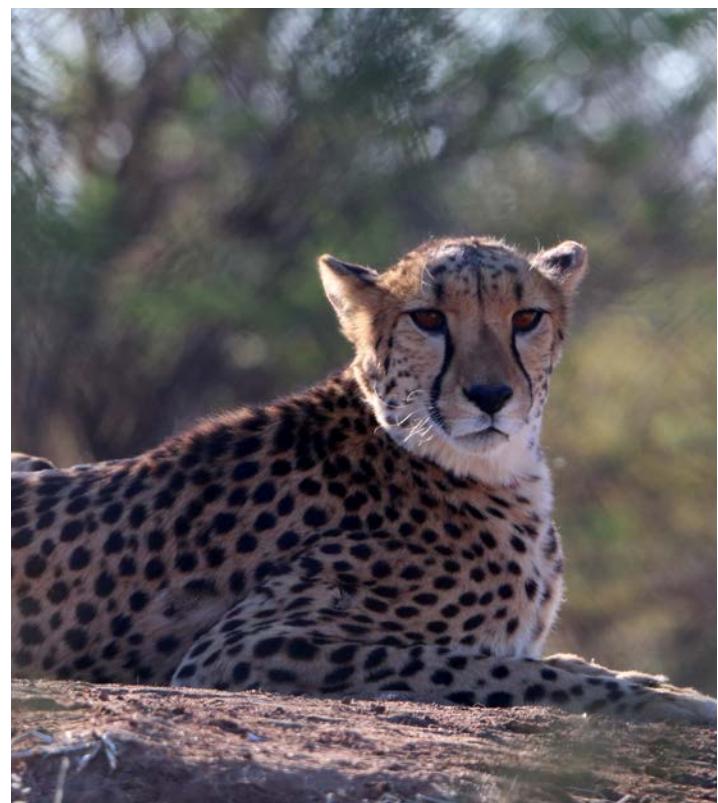
Your Update for Tiger Lily

from Namibia!

Tiger Lily continues to live here at CCF with her three siblings Khayjay, Senay and Peter; 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! Tiger Lily is much more independent than her other siblings and can usually be found investigating everything first. Her favourite person is Dr. Laurie, who bottle raised the four Ambassadors, but she acts like the 'boss'. She likes to chase any vehicle that comes past along the fence line and will always finish eating first and try to steal from her siblings! Even when she gets told off by them she will still try to steal quickly from underneath them when they aren't looking. She is the most playful of all her siblings and is usually the one to instigate a high-speed chase around their enclosure, running circles around her brothers. She is super-fast and always showing off during

the cheetah runs flying around as fast as possible!

Cheetah Keeper Ashley Flraig left near the end of this year for the U.S. and was replaced with Cheetah Keeper Laura Allen from the U.K. The transition went smoothly, and the cheetahs have bonded with her well. Taking on 35 cheetahs to look after is a big task, but she is more than happy for the challenge.



Everyone at CCF (**especially Tiger Lily**) appreciates your continuous support as we continue to fight for the survival of cheetahs in the wild. Thank you!

Happy Holidays! Thank you for sharing our vision:

To see a world in which cheetahs live and flourish in co-existence with people and the environment.





Tiger Lily