

Cheetah cubs tragic loss

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Sad news has come from a national park in Madhya Pradesh, India. Two cheetah cubs have died, and another is very sick. These cubs were born in March to a cheetah mom who came from Namibia. They were the first cheetahs born in India in more than 70 years. The

park officials were watching the mom and her three cubs. But the extreme heat, almost 47 degrees Celsius, made the cubs weak, skinny, and very thirsty. Despite trying to save them, two cubs couldn't survive, and only one is left, receiving special care.

The cheetahs were brought back to India after being extinct in the country since 1952. It was part of a big plan to bring back these animals and have them live here again. But in the last two months, six cheetahs, including the three cubs, have died. People who know about wildlife were happy about bringing back the cheetahs. But they also worried about other animals that could hurt them and if there would be enough food for them to eat. The top court in India asked the government to think about moving the cheetahs to a different place because of the recent deaths. This situation reminds us that it's hard to bring back endangered animals, and we need good plans to help them survive.

Conversation Questions

- What are your thoughts and feelings about the tragic news of the cheetah cubs in the national park?
- How important is it to reintroduce endangered species back into their native habitats?
- What challenges do you think we face when reintroducing animals like cheetahs into a new environment?
- What measures could have been taken to better protect the cheetah cubs from the extreme heat?
- Is it crucial to consider the potential risks from other predators when reintroducing a species? Why?
- How can the government and wildlife experts work together to ensure the successful reintroduction of endangered animals?
- What role do you believe public awareness plays in conservation efforts for endangered species?
- Discuss your ideas on sustainable approaches to protect the natural habitats of endangered animals.

True or False (T / F)

- Two cheetah cubs have died in a national park in Madhya Pradesh, India.
- The cheetah cubs were born in March to a mother cheetah from Namibia.
- These cheetah cubs are the first to be born in India in over 70 years.
- The extreme heat in the park made the cubs strong, healthy, and well-hydrated.
- Despite efforts to save them, all three cubs survived and are in good health.
- Cheetahs were already present in India before being brought back from extinction.
- Wildlife experts were concerned about potential risks from other animals and food availability for the cheetahs.
- The top court in India has suggested moving the cheetahs to another location due to recent deaths.

Synonym Match

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|-------------|---------------------|
| 1. extreme | A. Acinonyx jubatus |
| 2. thirsty | B. intense |
| 3. skinny | C. slender |
| 4. weak | D. tribunal |
| 5. sad | E. dehydrated |
| 6. national | F. unhappy |
| 7. cheetah | G. strategy |
| 8. cubs | H. offspring |
| 9. plan | I. frail |
| 10. court | J. countrywide |

Rank the deadliest animals

Crocodiles - Elephants - Snakes - Dogs - Humans - Hippopotamuses - Mosquitoes - Tsetse flies

Answers:

True or False (T / F)

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. False
7. True
8. True

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1B, 2E, 3C, 4I, 5F, 6J, 7A, 8H, 9G, 10D

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