



Our Mission:

“To promote and fund the conservation of cheetah and other endangered species through captive breeding, research and public awareness.”

The cheetah is the world's fastest land animal and they are dangerously close to extinction. Less than 7000 of the big cats remain in the wild. Dozens of species face extinction across the world, and many more are increasingly vulnerable and threatened.

We have crafted a unique program where our visitors have the opportunity to meet some of our ambassador animals. It is our strong belief that when a person has a close educational experience with an animal, it instils a desire to protect the species and encourages a movement to be more mindful about the exploitation of their environment.



Did you know: The Foundation is responsible for generating funds for:

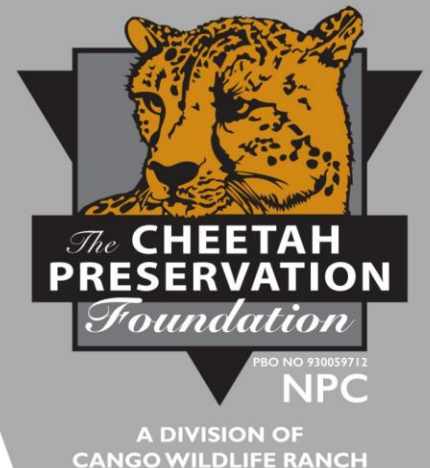
1. Our animal supplement budget which is € 2 450-00 annually
2. Our vet bill which is € 15 500-00 annually
3. Our animal feeding budget annually is close to € 49 000-00

We use:

- 2 Ton Carrots, Apples & Pears annually
- 1 Ton Cucumber, Mielies & Bananas annually

As a proud conservation and education facility we receive no government funding, which is an enormous challenge with the overheads that we face. In addition our mission, our primary focus is to ensure that all our animals receive the highest attainable standards of medical care and premium species-specific diets.

Our standards are exceptionally high and it all comes at a cost, as do the many hours of labour put in by our over 100 dedicated and animal-loving staff. Some months are good for us... but unfortunately some months are not as kind, however, we continue to work hard to provide the best for our animals and our tourists.



Our Achievements:

PAAZA Accreditation

The Congo Wildlife Ranch is one of only a handful in the country to have obtained accreditation from the world leader in the zoological industry. The Pan-African Association of Zoological Gardens and Aquaria (PAAZA) is an internationally recognized organization with a world-renowned accreditation standard.

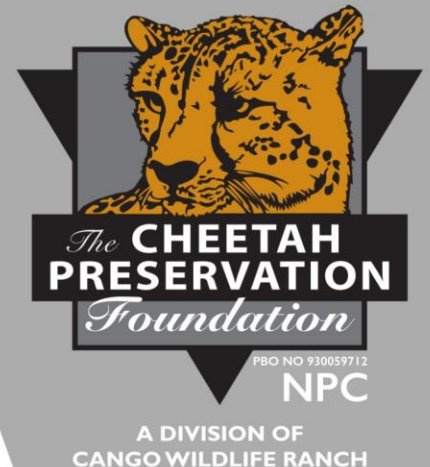
The aims and objectives of the accreditation includes the evaluation of the management and administrative systems of the facility. Further an assessment of the physical aspects of the facility from a visitor perspective as well as the physical aspects from an animal perspective forms an important part of the accreditation. The Ranch was commended for their incredible effort and for the large measure of improvement they achieved in preparation for the accreditation and we are striving to stay at that superior level.

WAZA Membership

The Congo Wildlife Ranch is also an invited member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA). The goal of WAZA is to guide, encourage and support zoos, aquariums and like-minded organisations of the world in animal welfare, environmental education and global conservation.

Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group Member

The Congo Wildlife Ranch is officially the first member of the Madagascar Fauna & Flora Group from Africa!!! MFG, is an established consortium of zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens from all over the world who pool their efforts to conserve endangered species and rainforest habitat in eastern Madagascar.



Annual Donations towards Conservation:

November 2016 the CPF donated to Cape Leopard Trust (R 5 000-000)

September 2016 the CPF donated to Vulpro (R 5 000-00)

November 2016 the CPF donated to EWT – Cheetah Metapopulation Project (R 10 00-00)

December 2016 the CPF donated to MFG (R 34 655-50)

Fundraiser: 36ONE Mountain Bike Challenge to promote NPO

May 2017 the CPF donated to Vulpro (R 2 500-00)

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September 2017 the CPF donated to Vulpro (R 2 500-00) Schools Colouring Competition

January 2017 the CPF donated to MFG (\$1000-000)

January 2018 the CPF donated to MFG (R 23 459-79)

December 2018 the CPF donated to MFG (R 14 453-50)

February 2019 the CPF donated to Vulpro for Flamingos from Kimberly & Karoolus – a tropic bird found in the Karoo (R 5000-00)



Conservation Ethics:

It is important that we explain our purpose as a facility with regards to our conservation ethics and preservation mission.

ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Ensure that all animals in our care receive the highest attainable standards of treatment and safe-guarding

Strive to provide the highest level of training to staff in order to achieve standards of excellence in animal welfare

Work alongside international professionals to research and record procured data and experience in order to become leaders in animal welfare

Create environments that cater for species specific behavioral and physical needs

In doing so we commit to:

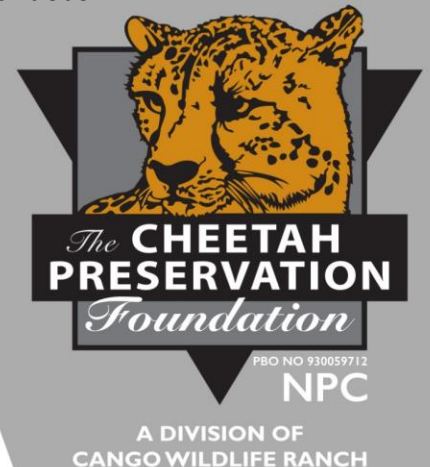
Sustain a culture of awareness highlighting the importance of premium animal welfare standards among all staff and public visiting

Husbandry practices based on a foundation which reflect the high welfare standards of our facility and ultimately contribute to husbandry activities internationally

Have staff implement premium welfare standards which are recognised and comply with standards set out by the World Association of Zoos and Aquaria

Comply with jurisdictional and national codes of practice, regulations and legislation as well as international treaties relating to animal care and welfare

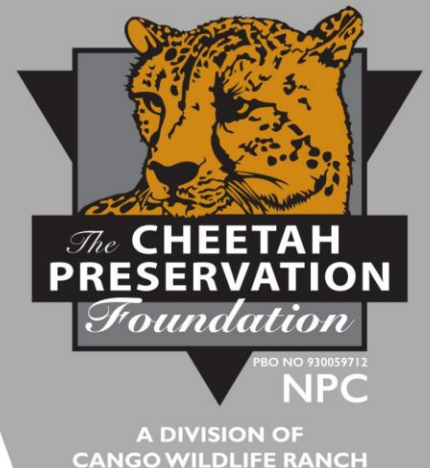
Ensuring that all our animals are treated with the utmost respect at all times whilst additionally providing continuous physical and mental-health simulation to all animals within our care



Cango Wildlife Ranch conservation and breeding programs:

For over 28 years our organisation has worked tirelessly for the conservation of cheetah and other endangered species - we are one of the 5 biggest cheetah centres in the world and have for many years had the highest survival rate of cubs produced globally. In our 28 years of breeding endangered animals, Cango Wildlife Ranch has produced more cheetah cubs than that of the entire United States and we have therefore had a dramatic and vital impact on assisting the conservation gene pool of this species.

Cheetah, as a species, are very specialised hunters who need flat grasslands/savannah's in order to hunt and survive, most of which have been converted into farming areas. We simply cannot release cheetahs into the wild, as there is nowhere safe to release them. People are intruding on their land faster than introductions can take place. However we as a facility focus on breeding to increase the in-situ populace. The purpose for this is important, and is something that the public (in general) are not aware of/don't understand. Should something happen to a particular species in the wild, captive facilities will be able to supply genetically diverse species to rectify and assist the collapsed genetic pool. Just recently this has been done for the Radiated Tortoise species. In other words this species would be extinct if captive facilities had not bred this specific tortoise. This is vital in ensuring an international genetically diverse populace. In the future when release is possible, measures will be taken in order to have animals raised in a wilder state in order to start off the process of re-wilding animals once again.



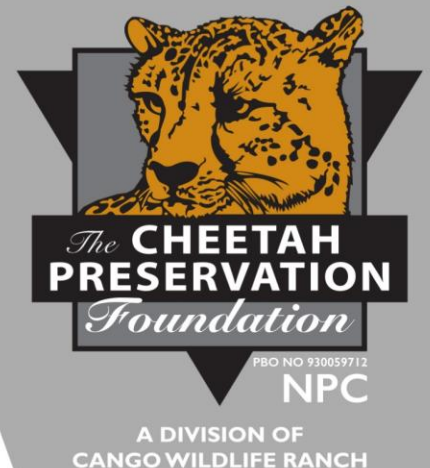
Cango Wildlife Ranch conservation and breeding programs... continue

As none of our cats are intended for release into the wild, the majority are hand-raised by our care givers for a multitude of reasons, and sometimes circumstantial. It can happen that first time mothers (especially in cheetah) neglect the cubs. Additionally, cheetahs in general, are especially vulnerable as babies. We monitor them very closely and if we notice a serious drop in weight, or pick up on any unusual symptoms/general illness then we pull the cubs immediately to encourage survival rates.

Furthermore, by hand-rearing cubs, they grow to be very calm and relaxed animals which helps for medical or husbandry management and additionally encourages a strong relationship between animals and curators which ensures a stress-free animal/environment. These animals generally form part of our Ambassadorial program. Ambassador animals play a major role in assisting to educate the public and highlight the plight of its species by going to schools and other public events alongside our controlled encounter programs. (It is important to note that not all the cubs born at the Cango Wildlife Ranch are hand reared.)

As far as our breeding programs are concerned the health of our animals is our greatest priority and as a result our females are usually only bred every 2nd or 3rd year in order for them to fully regain their strength and ensure quality of life.

Many of our Cheetahs reside on our premises for life; either at the Cango Wildlife Ranch or at our Jill Bryden-Fayers Reserve and a number are moved to alternate facilities if there is a need for them (see below). It is important to note that we only breed with select species where we can increase and contribute positively to the genetic pool of the genus.



Urgent Project – Cheetah Camps:

We need to upgrade our existing camps, the below image represents the new, much needed 31 cheetah camps.

As you already now, the cheetah is the fastest land animal in the world, a marvel of evolution. One thing is for sure, Extinction Is Forever. The cheetah has suffered a dramatic 90 percent decline over the past century, we need to step up and help with the survival of this truly magnificent species, and your support is going to help make this possible.

The total length of the enclosures is 500 meters long and approximately 120 meters at it's widest. The total length of the fence, excluding night quarters is 3434.5 meters x 2.4 meters in high. The fence line for the night quarters is 1050 meters x 2.4 meters high.

Manpower of € 14 500-00 includes the following: The costing is € 490-00 per enclosure, there are 31 enclosures in total. The process includes digging of holes (2620 poles will be planted), putting up line wires, adding diamond mesh, concrete footing of mesh (to prevent cats from digging under fence line).

The estimated amount for the new, much needed cheetah enclosures is approximately € 147 00-00. We have completed the final costing, very thoroughly. A major and vital part of this new project is the preparation of the terrain, as this piece of land was once used for brick ovens; this area still contains a lot of the debris, hence the reason for the unevenness of the land, we will be using a bulldozer to clear and prepare the terrain.

The camps will also be used to house the cubs born here, to be transferred to other facilities / countries, like yourselves.

