



WESTGATE CONSERVANCY - SAMBURU COUNTY JANUARY-MARCH 2024 QUARTERLY REPORT



SUMMARY

The Community Animal Health Initiative has 4 main objectives:

- (i) Managing rabies and canine distemper diseases in domestic carnivore populations through vaccinations and domestic carnivores' population control.
- (ii) Disease surveillance and monitoring (focusing on canine distemper and rabies).
- (iii) Emergency treatments of animals attacked by wild animals.
- (iv) Education and awareness programmes to communities in order to reduce the burden of disease and improve responsible domestic animal ownership and welfare.

This report provides a summary of the efforts and achievements of the Community Animal Health Initiative (CAHI) in Westgate Conservancy, Samburu East, between January to March 2024.

CAHI has attended to **670 animals** in total.
Animals attended to include: 667 dogs, 2 camels and 1 sheep.
Of these cases: 513 were vaccinations, 149 were clinical treatments, 5 were population control procedures and 3 were emergency interventions.

VACCINATIONS: A total of **513 dogs and cats** have been vaccinated. This was during the Westgate Community annual vaccination campaign. The dogs were vaccinated against Rabies and Canine Distemper while the cats were vaccinated against Rabies and Cat Flu.



Vaccination of dogs and cats during 2024 Annual dog and cat vaccination campaign

DOG POPULATION CONTROL: A total of **5 dogs** received population control services. These were emergency surgeries due to complications from local population control methods. Three of these dogs had Transmissible Venereal Tumors.



Dog recovering after a castration surgery

CLINICAL AND PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS: A total of **149 animals** received clinical treatments for any sickness reported as well as preventative treatments. This included deworming and ectoparasite control. Part of the clinical treatment included treatment of **54 dogs that had suspected Canine Distemper**.



Examination of puppies for ectoparasites

EMERGENCY TREATMENTS: A total of **3 domestic animals** received medical interventions. This included 2 camels attacked by a hyena and a sheep with a wound.



Treatment of camels attacked by hyenas

NEXT STEPS

1. The programme will invest more in disease surveillance (Rabies, Canine Distemper, and Transmissible Venereal Tumor) and community awareness
2. The focus will be within Westgate Community for the next three years.

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