



## WESTGATE CONSERVANCY - SAMBURU COUNTY OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023 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 October to December 2023.

CAHI has attended to **90 animals** in total.  
Animals attended include: 73 dogs, 11 cats, 3 camels, 2 donkeys and 1 goat.  
Of these cases: 52 were vaccinations, 31 clinical treatments, 6 emergency interventions and 1 population control procedure.

**VACCINATIONS:** A total of **52 dogs and cats** have been vaccinated. Out of this, **42 (80.7%)** were dogs and **10 (19.3%)** were cats. The dogs were vaccinated against Rabies and Canine Distemper while the cats were vaccinated against Rabies and Cat Flu.



*Vaccination of dogs and cats at Archer's Post town area*

**DOG POPULATION CONTROL:** A total of **1 dog** received population control services. This was an emergency surgery due to complication from local population control methods.



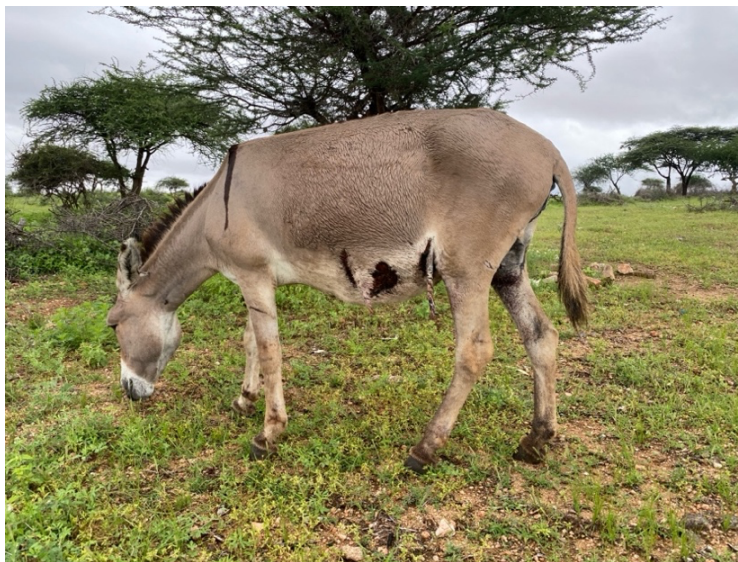
*Dog recovering after a castration surgery*

**CLINICAL AND PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS:** A total of **31 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 **15 dogs that had suspected Canine Distemper**.



*Treatment of puppies for ectoparasite infestation*

**EMERGENCY TREATMENTS:** A total of **6 animals** were also treated as emergency cases. These cases included 1 camel attacked by a lion and 2 donkeys attacked by hyenas.



*Examination of a donkey attacked by a hyena*

#### **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 (between 2021-2024).

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