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LIONS



11 lions from the Koitogor Pride cross the A2 Highway near Chokaa

# PARTNERS REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH 2024



**Narasha and her cubs in Westate's Conservation Area**

## LION NEWS

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LIONS CROSS THE A2 HIGHWAY OFTEN

**Here are some of the lion team's key moments:**

- The **Koitogor Pride (Nanai's legacy)** have **been crossing the A2 Highway frequently** as they venture more and more in to Shaba. See "Other News" for more on this.
- **Narasha's 3 cubs have all survived** and we continue to monitor them in Westgate Conservancy. Naramat's legacy continues through these cubs.
- Together with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), **we have collared 3 lions**. 1 male, Ekile, in Shaba, and 2 females in Buffalo Springs that move between the 3 Reserves. The females are Nkarsis (Kalama Pride) and Mbeneiyu (Koitogor Pride).
- **191 patrols** were covered by our regional lion teams on foot, and by vehicle and motorbike.
- We had **25 lion sightings** between January and March.
- We have **held 20 community meetings** this quarter where 1531 community members were present.
- There have been **11 conflict incidents** that we were made aware of - 9 were lion conflicts.
- We supported the community with transport to KWS Wamba to **file compensation claims for 10 of the conflicts**.
- **26 livestock have been rescued** from imminent predation this quarter.



New students sponsored in 2024 (Ntarakwan's photo is missing)

# JEREMY LUCAS EDUCATION FUND

## 4 NEW STUDENTS JOIN THE PROGRAMME

We're really happy to announce that this year we have **sponsored four new students**. Silvio, Cornelius, Ntarakwan and Gladys are from Westgate, Kalama, Meibae and Nasuulu Conservancies. We will be sponsoring them for 4 years of secondary education.

In addition, we were able to **provide five students with emergency funding** after their previous lines of finance were interrupted due to unforeseen circumstances. These children, who, for a variety of reasons, had stumbled onto harsher times, are now back in school continuing their education thanks to the emergency funds we were able to provide.

Meanwhile, Nicholas Lesootia (pictured here on the right) **graduated from the Wildlife Research Training Institute** and is now our Kura's Pride Officer.



Nicholas graduates



Maintaining the lokeres during the dry season



Two of our new Mama Simba ladies

# MAMA SIMBA

NEW MAMA SIMBA LADIES  
JOIN THE PROGRAMME!

From maintaining their grass enclosures, to attending eco-literacy school, to expanding the programme, our Mama Simba ladies been busy!

Here are some of our Mama Simba highlights for this past quarter:

- **Expanded Mama Simba with 4 new ladies joining** - we now have 21 Mama Simba ladies!
- **Maintained 20 seedlings** of the indigenous toothbrush tree.
- Spent 10 days **maintaining the 2 grass enclosures** (*Lokere*) in Remot and Sasaab. Since the rains, both have had a lot of grass growth!
- Held **8 eco-literacy school sessions**.



Our Mama Simba group!

# KURA'S PRIDE

## IMPROVING THE WELFARE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

This past quarter, we have worked with our partners on a number of activities through our Community Animal Health Initiative. We have:

- **Vaccinated 513 dogs and cats** against Rabies and Distemper in Westgate Conservancy
- **Treated 149 animals** for various illnesses
- **Attended to 3 animal emergencies** where domestic animals had been attacked by wild carnivores
- **Reached 60 community members** through our awareness initiatives
- **Performed 5 population control surgeries** on dogs
- In total **attended to 670 animals** in the quarter

We look forward to our first population control campaign in Archers Post in April. Stay tuned for results from that in our next quarter's report.



Vaccination of cats in Westgate Conservancy



Dr Jess Kurere vaccinates a dog

Team of vets and assistants during vaccination campaign

# OTHER NEWS

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We were delighted to present you our **2023 Annual Report**. Please [click here](#) to review our report. Some of the highlights include:

- Recording the birth of 9 new lion cubs
- Providing flood relief for 60 households in Kalama
- Rescuing 41 livestock from threats by carnivores

We attended a meeting at the Kenya Wildlife Service HQ in Nairobi where, with the Grevy's Zebra Trust, **we presented findings from data collected along the A2 Highway on wildlife mortality**. We look forward to working with KWS and KenHA on mitigation measures that can be implemented to prevent further wildlife mortality and increase safety for road users.

We held **2 Warrior Camps** with 48 Warriors. Additionally, we held 1 Warrior trip to Samburu National Reserve.

We held **2 Lion Kids Camps** with 47 children from Kalama and Meibae Conservancies.



**Warrior Camps**



**Recent Lion Kids Camp**

## **Special Appreciation:**

*Thank you so much to all our partners who enable us to make a conservation impact in Kenya including; Kenya Wildlife Service; WRTI; Samburu and Isiolo County Governments; Samburu, Buffalo Springs and Shaba National Reserves Management; all the Community Conservancies we work in.*

