



## WESTGATE CONSERVANCY - SAMBURU COUNTY JANUARY TO MARCH 2025 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 2025.

CAHI has attended to **126 animals** in total. We have also engaged with **72 people through our community education and awareness** outreach.

Animals attended include: 106 dogs, 2 sheep, 4 camels, 6 goat, 4 cats and 4 donkeys. Of these cases: 80 were clinical treatments, 16 were vaccinations, 16 were emergency interventions and 14 were population control cases.

**EDUCATION AND AWARENESS:** We have provided education and awareness to a total of 72 children from Kiltamany Primary School about our programme and what services we provide to the community.



*Speaking to livestock herders from Naisunyai community at Lion Kids Camp*

**VACCINATIONS:** A total of **16 dogs and cats** have been vaccinated. Majority were vaccinated during our day-to-day rounds. The dogs were vaccinated against Rabies, Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis and Parvovirus while the cats were vaccinated against Rabies.



*Dog owner helping the team during their routine work to vaccinate her dogs*

**CLINICAL AND PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS:** A total of 80 animals received clinical treatments for conditions reported, and preventative care was also administered. This included deworming, injuries from wild carnivores and ectoparasite control. Part of the clinical treatment included treatment of **24 dogs that had suspected Canine Distemper**.



*An old male dog that has received clinical treatment due to his breathing difficulties and poor skin condition.*

**POPULATION CONTROLS:** A total of 14 dogs have been neutered and castrated. Most dogs have been neutered and castrated due to Transmissible Venereal Tumor (TVT).



*A female dog that has been spayed recovers; Dr David Ntinayai performs surgery on a dog*

**EMERGENCY TREATMENT:** A total of **16 domestic animals** received medical interventions after being injured by wild carnivores. These animals included 4 camels, 2 sheep, 6 goats and 4 donkeys.



*A camel injured by a hyaena being is cleaned by the vet; goat injured by a baboon*

#### **NEXT STEPS**

1. The programme will invest more in disease surveillance (Rabies, Canine Distemper, and Transmissible Venereal Tumor) and community awareness

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