

Neiyo from the Kalama Pride with one of her cubs - in Samburu National Reserve

# PARTNERS REPORT

JANUARY-MARCH 2025



Nakokiyo, Najungu and Naraya hunt warthog in Samburu National Reserve

### LION NEWS

#### MONITORING 15 CUBS

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

- The team were busy **monitoring the 15 cubs** that were born in 2024 (most of them in the last quarter). Nanai's Pride that had 7 cubs struggled in the first quarter of the year and unfortunately 1 cub is missing (most likely has died).
- Click on this link to watch some of our lion sightings over the past 3 months: <u>https://</u> youtu.be/s-wTVY4Ghso
- Our team **sighted lions on 35 separate occasions** in the first quarter of 2025.
- We supported the community as they filed and submitted 21 carnivore compensation claims with KWS.

- No cubs were born during the first quarter of 2025, although unfortunately 2 lions were reported to have died in the north.
- **102 patrols were completed** by our team during this first quarter.
- 5 community meetings were held during this first quarter - 93 people attended these meetings.
- **14 community services** were provided during this first quarter from emergency transport to assistance during school events.

# **KURA'S PRIDE**

PROMOTING WELFARE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND MINIMISING DISEASE TRANSMISSION TO ENCOURAGE A HARMONIOUS BALANCE BETWEEN PEOPLE, LIVESTOCK, WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

#### **Our Community Animal Health Initiative**

In the first quarter of the year, the work we conducted with partners in our **Community Animal Health Initiative** has been incredibly impactful. Our highlights for January-March include:

- We welcomed a new vet through VetinWild Dr David Ntinayai - who joined us this quarter and hit the ground running on his arrival day!
- 16 dogs were vaccinated this quarter
- We supported Kalepo Camp with population services and vaccinations on two occasions.
- Attended to 16 animal emergencies where domestic animals had been attacked by wild carnivores.
- Performed **14 population control surgeries** as requested by the communities.
- **80 animals** were treated as part of clinical treatment.

We thank our partners, Samburu County Department of Veterinary Services, VetinWild, Animal Care Centre, Foundation for International Aid to Animals and Action for Cheetahs.





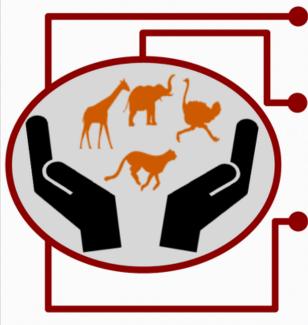
Speaking to Lion Kids Camp children about animal welfare

Dogs recover following surgeries

### LION KIDS CAMPS

#### INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF CONSERVATION LEADERS

This quarter we were able to hold **3 Lion Kids Camps**. A total of 73 children from Learata, Naisunyai and Lempaute in Westgate and Kalama Conservancies attended the Camps. For most of them, this was the first time they saw a lion during the wildlife safari activity. The impact of the Camps was tremendous as shown in some of the results below - results gathered during the pre and post evaluation surveys we conducted. Please let us know if you would like to receive the full impact reports.



### **13% → 91%**

Before the camp, 13% of children considered themselves as responsible for conserving wildlife and other natural resources in their home area. Following the camp, this increased to 91%.

### **13% → 100%**

Before the camp, 13% of children considered themselves as responsible for conserving carnivores. Following the camp, this increased to 100%

### **57% →96%**

Before the camp, 57% of children considered themselves as responsible for protecting their livestock from predation. Following the camp, this increased to 97%



would like to learn more about wildlife and/or conservation following the camp

#### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PROTECT WILDLIFE/ THE ENVIRONMENT IN MY HOME AREA?

Actions listed by >41% more children post-camp:



Not kill/ injure wildlife

Follow grazing plans







Average number of actions listed per child increased

from: 3.9 to 9.5



Report dead/injured

Raise awareness about wildlife/conservation

Herd away from

Locate home away

LIVESTOCK FROM PREDATION?



Put bells on livesto ck

bushy/rocky areas

from bushy/rocky a re as

WHAT MEASURES CAN I TAKE TO PROTECT

Measures listed by >57% more children post-camp:

Stengthen

boma



Average number of measures listed per child increased from: 5.3 to 8.1



Painoti, our Education Assistant from Westgate teaches the children about carnivores and conflict (left), Lion Kids during one of the Camps (right).



# **OTHER NEWS**

Our **2024 Annual Report** is out! Read our report to hear more about our highlights and how our programmes progressed over the year.

We established a **School Uniform Fund** this year and provided 17 students from Westgate Conservancy with full sets of uniforms as they had been turned away from school. They are now back in school and are thriving!

Mama Simba had an active quarter where they spent 15 days on habitat recovery work at the Lokeres (grass enclosures). They also dug waterholes in the dry Ewaso Nyiro - take a look at this <u>video.</u>

We held a **workshop with Kenyan National Geographic Explorers** in January on community-led conservation.

Toby and Letupukwa visited our partners in the U.S. -Houston and Living Desert Zoos. Letupukwa was award Houston Zoo's Wildlife Warrior Award.

We celebrated **Francis's retirement** after 15 years of service with Ewaso Lions. We wish him all the very best!





Students from Lpus Leluai Primary School
proudly wear their new uniforms



#### Special Appreciation:

Thank you so much to all our partners who enable us to make aconservation 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.

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