



WESTGATE CONSERVANCY - SAMBURU COUNTY
OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 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 October and December 2025.

CAHI has attended to **86 animals** in total. We have also engaged with **145 people through our community education and awareness** outreach. We completed a dog and cat population survey which resulted in **1300 dogs** and **378 cats** being counted.

Animals attended for veterinary services include: 73 dogs, 2 sheep, 1 camel, 2 cats, 2 goats, 2 cows and 4 donkeys. Of these cases: 65 were clinical treatments, 11 were emergency interventions and 10 were population control cases.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS: We were able to provide education and awareness to a total of **145** community members through a dog welfare film.

CLINICAL AND PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS: A total of **65 animals** received clinical treatments for cases 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 **5 dogs that had suspected Canine Distemper**.

POPULATION CONTROLS: A total of **10 dogs** have been spayed and castrated. Most of the dogs were neutered during our daily vet rounds routine.



The veterinarian performing surgery of a female dog with transmissible venereal tumor

EMERGENCY TREATMENT: A total of **11 domestic animals** received medical interventions after being injured by wild carnivores. These animals included 1 camel, 2 sheep, 2 goats, 2 cows, and 4 donkeys.



The Veterinarian assessing the level of dehydration of a camel calf attacked by a hyaena

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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