

# WILD CAT

Issue 08



## **Meet our THREE new arrivals!**

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# From the **DIRECTOR**

This edition of the Director's Report is a little different. While we usually focus on the incredible work being done with our animals and there's certainly plenty of exciting updates you'll read about in the pages ahead, this time, I wanted to share something more personal.

A few months ago, I lost my mum after a long and difficult battle with illness. It's been a time of reflection, the kind of moment in life that forces you to pause, take stock, and appreciate what truly matters. And in doing so, I've been reminded of just how important her influence has been on my journey.

Over the past few years, we've achieved things I could have only dreamed of, from successfully breeding endangered clouded leopards, to playing a role in rewilding cheetahs, many firsts in Australian conservation. These accomplishments haven't happened by accident. They've come from years of dedication, passion, and a love of wildlife that was nurtured from a very young age – and at the heart of that was Mum.

At her wake, a family friend shared a story I hadn't heard before. She told me how Mum used to complain about washing my clothes as a kid, because she never knew what she'd find in my pockets, feathers, stones, frogs, even the occasional skink. She said it was like unpacking a lucky dip every laundry day. I laughed when I heard it, but it struck a chord. That curious little boy from Manly Vale with rocks in his pockets grew into someone fortunate enough to dedicate his life to the natural world. And it all started at home, with parents who never once tried to squash that.

So, while this isn't a typical report full of species updates, I hope you'll understand why I've chosen to dedicate this one entirely to Mum. Without her love, patience, and belief in me, I wouldn't be where I am, and this organisation wouldn't be what it is today.

If you're lucky enough to still have your mum around, give her an extra hug next time you see her. Tell her you love her. These moments matter. This one's for you, Mum.

Yours Sincerely,



Ben Britton | Director  
Wild Cat Conservation Centre



## **OUR MISSION**

**To protect and ensure the survival of wild cat species through the provision of education and carrying out of research, and dedication to conservation breeding & rewilding programs.**

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# THREE NEW CHEETAH CUBS HAVE ARRIVED!

We're beyond excited to share some incredible news, three new cheetah cubs have been safely born at the centre!

Arriving on June 1st, these tiny newcomers, two boys and a girl are yet to be named, but one thing's for sure...they've already stolen our hearts. Their birthday will certainly be an easy one to remember, and a special date we'll celebrate for years to come.

This latest birth is a powerful testament to the way we manage our cheetahs and the strength of our conservation programs. Just like Edie, Ezra, and Darcie, these cubs are being raised with the goal of one day joining our unique rewilding program in South Africa, helping to restore cheetah populations in their natural habitat.

For now, the cubs are tucked safely in the den with mum and will remain off-display for the first few weeks of life. Around four weeks of age, they'll begin

to explore the outside world, and by five weeks, visitors may be lucky enough to spot them during a tour.

If you're planning a visit to the centre, early July onwards will be the best time to try and catch your first glimpse of the cubs with mum by their side!

As we continue to share updates on Edie and the others thriving in South Africa, we'll also begin following the journey of these three new cubs through our social media, email newsletters, and EDMs. In the coming months, we'll also begin fundraising to help ensure we have the resources not only to care for the cubs here at the centre, but to support their rewilding journey 12 to 14 months from now.

If you missed seeing our last litter grow up – now's your chance to be part of something special!









# WIN A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE THIS EOFY!

This End of Financial Year your donation could take you behind the scenes for one of the most intimate and unforgettable moments in conservation.

## Go in the draw to meet our brand new cheetah cubs!

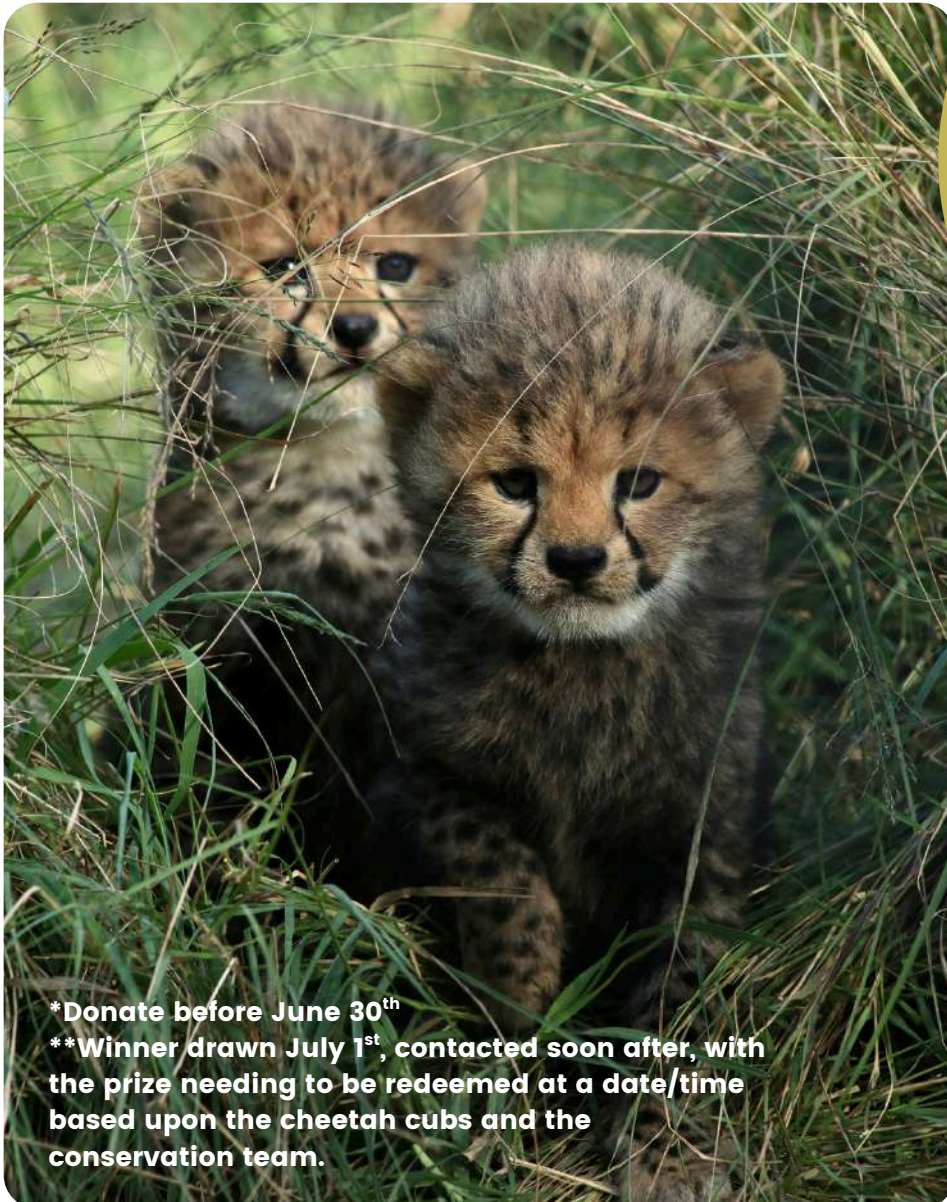
Donate before June 30 and you could join our conservation team and veterinary team for their very first health check! This once-in-a-lifetime experience includes:

- Meeting the cubs at just 6 weeks old
- Going behind the scenes with our expert conservation team for a guided tour of the centre
- Witnessing the cubs' vital first health checks
- Seeing firsthand the impact your support makes possible

**Donate NOW: [wildcatcentre.org.au](http://wildcatcentre.org.au)**

Every \$500 donation = 1 entry  
The more you give, the more chances to win!  
\$500 = 1 entry  
\$1,000 = 2 entries  
\$1,500 = 3 entries  
And so on...

\*Donate before June 30<sup>th</sup>  
\*\*Winner drawn July 1<sup>st</sup>, contacted soon after, with the prize needing to be redeemed at a date/time based upon the cheetah cubs and the conservation team.





# FROM SYDNEY TO THE SAVANNA

We're incredibly proud to be the only organisation in Australia breeding endangered wild cats specifically for rewilding, and our program is truly unmatched.

With the successful return of three cheetahs to Africa, we've reached a powerful milestone in our mission to make a tangible impact on the future of this vulnerable species.

Our trailblazer, Edie, has now been living wild at Mziki Private Game Reserve for over 12 months. We continue to receive regular updates from the conservation team on the ground through photos, videos, and field reports, that show just how well she has adapted to life in the wild. One of our recent hosted safari groups had the unforgettable experience of seeing Edie in her natural habitat. They described it as a highlight of their trip, witnessing a cheetah born in Sydney, now thriving freely in South Africa. It's moments like these that truly bring the vision of rewilding to life.

Following in Edie's pawprints, Darcie and Ezra have also made the journey home, now residing at the JDF Private Reserve, managed by Cango Wildlife Ranch. Both have settled in beautifully, showing all the signs of healthy, confident cats. They're enjoying a diet of local game meats and adapting quickly to

their new environment, never too picky when it comes to food!

With these three cheetahs now living in South Africa, we've proven that it's not only possible to breed and rewild cheetahs from Australia—it's already happening.

And now, with the birth of three new cheetah cubs here at the centre, the dream continues. In just 12 to 14 months, these cubs could join Edie, Darcie, and Ezra, doubling the number of Australian-born cheetahs returned to Africa.

This work is only possible thanks to the support of our incredible community. Your ongoing contributions allow us to raise, care for, and ultimately rewild these incredible animals. With cheetahs remaining the most endangered of the larger cats in Africa—fewer than 7,000 remain in the wild—our work is more urgent than ever.

Together, we're proving what's possible when dedication meets purpose. We're not just talking about conservation, we're doing it, and making a difference where it matters most.

Let's get these next three cubs back to the wild.









# MAKE A WILD CHOICE THIS EOFY

At Wild Cat Conservation Centre, we're proud to be Australia's only organisation actively breeding endangered wild cats and rewilding cheetahs back to Africa. Our work is hands-on, high-impact, and globally recognised.

This End of Financial Year, your business can make a powerful contribution to species survival. Our corporate sponsorship packages offer a range of tailored opportunities to suit your organisation's goals, values, and level of involvement.

**Corporate sponsors receive meaningful benefits, including:**

- Brand alignment with authentic, high-impact conservation
- Opportunities for employee and client engagement at our centre
- Recognition across our platforms and events

**Real conservation.**

**Real impact.**

**Fully tax-deductible.**

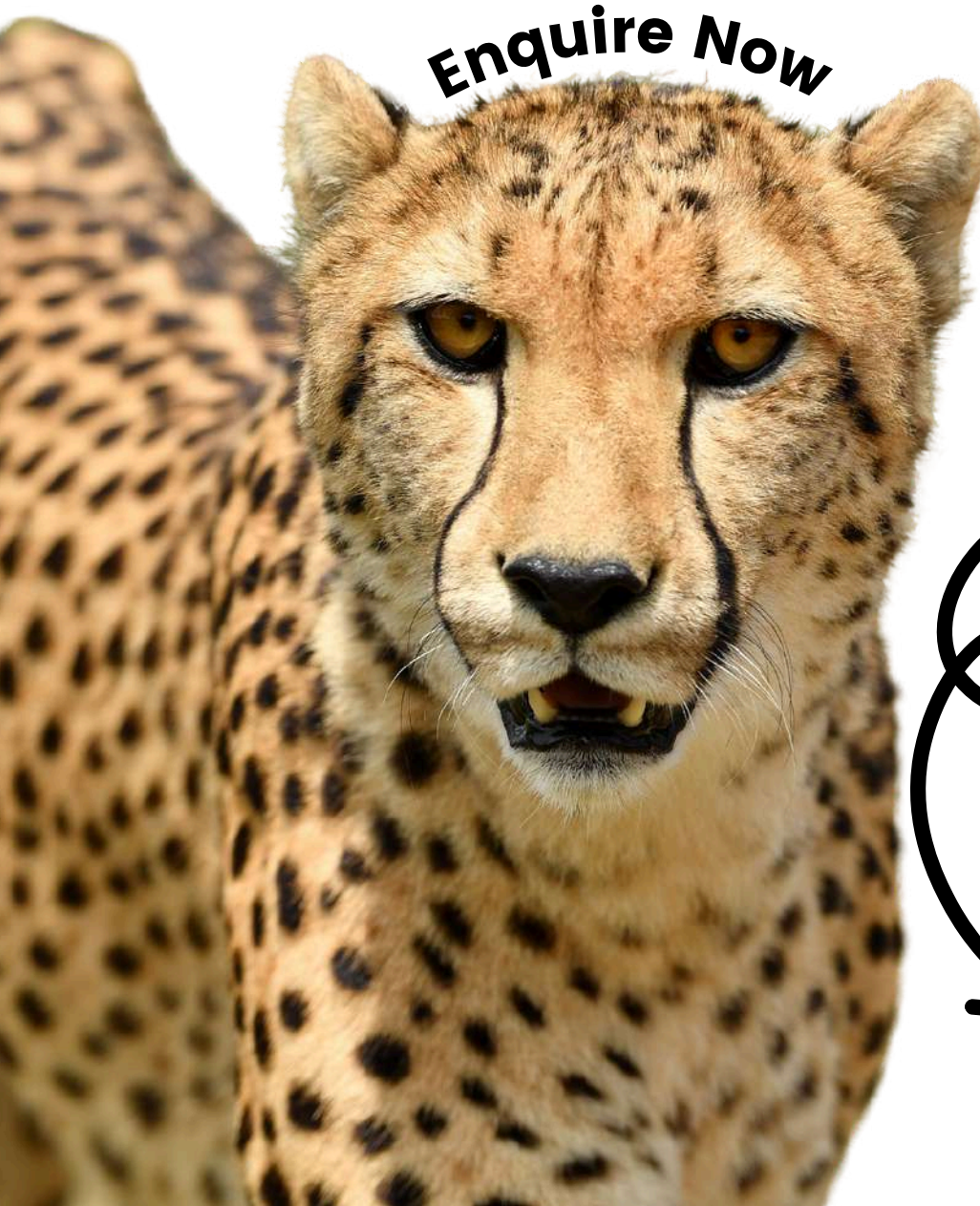
**All sponsorships are fully tax-deductible and go directly towards supporting our conservation programs, including habitat care, animal welfare, and international rewilding partnerships.**

**Enquire Now**

## **Talk about IMPACT reporting!**

Select partners are given the rare chance to join our conservation team in South Africa for the release of cheetahs back to the wild—a life-changing experience and a direct connection to the results of your support!

**Join us in  
SOUTH AFRICA!**





# MIRRI MILESTONE

For those of you who've been following Mirri's journey, whether through our newsletters, Instagram, or Facebook, you'll know just how special this little cat is. As the first clouded leopard ever born in Australia, Mirri holds a very important place in our hearts and our conservation efforts.

We're thrilled to share that Mirri has just reached the six-month mark! Weighing in at just over five kilograms, she's about halfway to her adult size. Her mum Moana sits at around 11kg. Mirri is growing beautifully into a confident, curious, and well-adjusted young leopard.

Over the past couple of months, she's been living exclusively outdoors, which is a key step in her development. She's showing all the right instincts, including an early love for climbing, no surprise for a species built for life in the trees. Importantly, she's housed close to our resident adult clouded leopards, Tai and Cinta, so she can observe their behaviours and vocalisations, learning what it

means to be part of her elusive species.

Looking ahead, plans are underway for Miri to transfer to Europe later this year as part of the EAZA Clouded Leopard EEP (Ex-situ Program), a globally coordinated conservation program that supports the long-term survival of the species. We're proud to be the only organisation in Australia working with clouded leopards, and even prouder that our Director, Ben Britton, sits on the EEP species committee helping guide the conservation of clouded leopards worldwide.

Mirri's journey to Europe is likely to happen in October, so if you've been hoping to visit and see her in person, the next couple of months are your last chance before she embarks on this important international chapter.

We'll continue to provide updates on her progress, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for this truly remarkable young cat.









# BECOME A WILD CAT SPONSOR THIS EOFY!

Wild Cat Conservation Centre is committed to securing a future for the forgotten wild cat species! Our unique centre stands proudly in Wilberforce, Australia, as a pioneering force in understanding and protecting smaller wild cat species.

Our brand-new sponsorship program seeks to connect our community of supporters with the cats under our care, while generously supporting Wild Cat Conservation Centres' efforts to protect and ensure the survival of wild cat species. We do this through the provision of education and carrying out research, and dedication to our conservation breeding programs.

Each of our cats are available to sponsor and every sponsorship package comes with a great sponsorship keepsake pack! Our sponsorship packages make the perfect gift for the cat conservationist in your life, so spoil yourself or a loved one.

With a number of sponsorship packages available, know that every donation you make goes a long way in helping us achieve our mission!

Head to **[wildcatcentre.org.au](http://wildcatcentre.org.au)** today to meet our cats and sponsor your chosen animal!





# MEET OUR CATS!



Head to [wildcatcentre.org.au](http://wildcatcentre.org.au) today to sponsor a cat



# NEW PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

Over the years, we've been asked time and time again whether guests can come and photograph our cats as they roam the savanna. This winter, we're excited to announce a special trial of a new photography tour, offering a rare and intimate experience for a small number of guests to capture our cats in action!

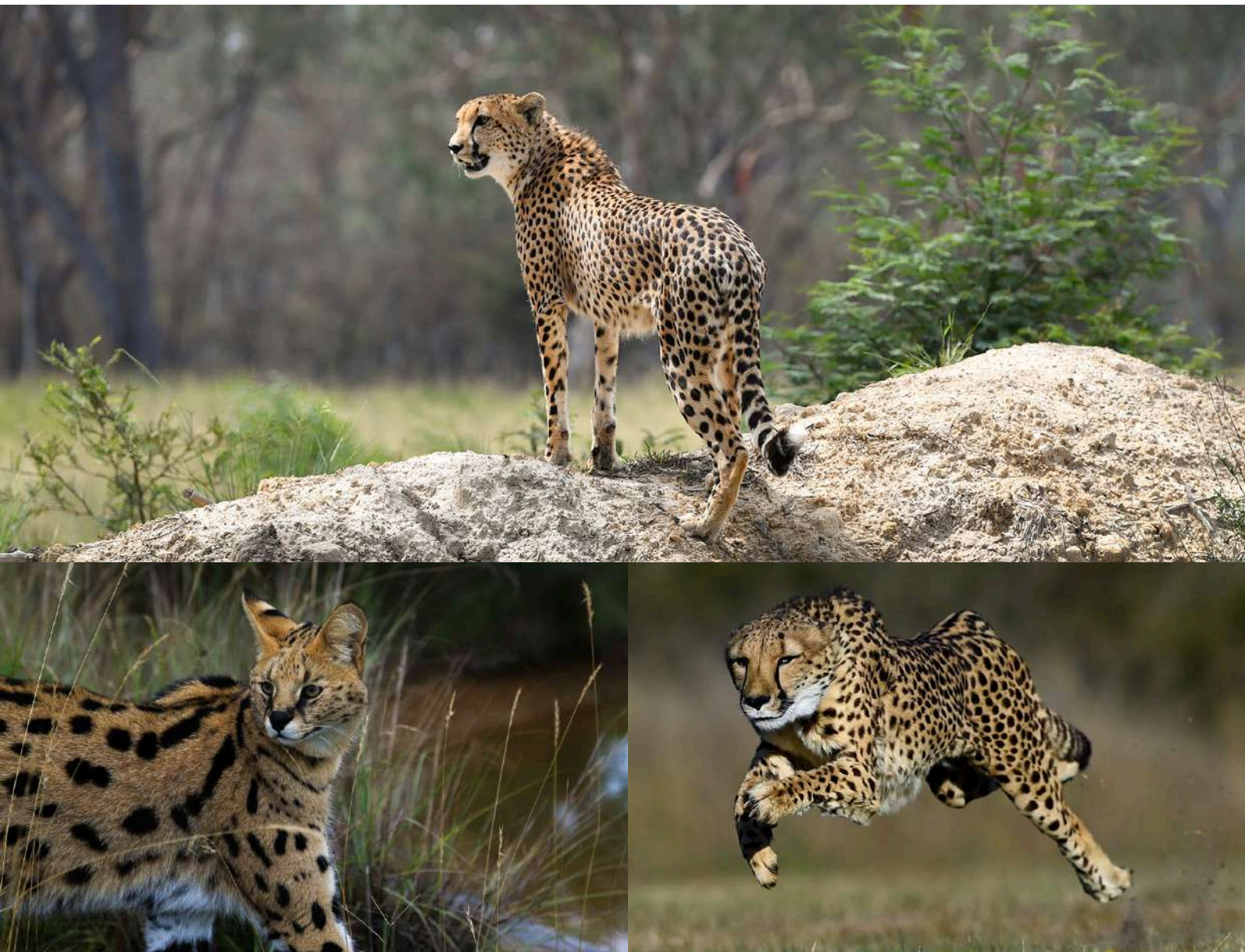
For a limited time only, up to four guests will be invited to join our conservation team on the savannah for a truly unforgettable morning. The experience will begin with the chance to photograph one of our cheetahs sprinting at full speed, reaching up to 70–80km/h, across open terrain. This is a unique opportunity to capture images of a cheetah mid-run in a naturalistic environment, showcasing their extraordinary speed.

Following the cheetah run, guests will then spend time photographing cheetahs and servals as they explore the savannah habitat during their scheduled

free time. The cats will roam freely as they normally do, and our conservation team will guide participants to strategic locations where minimal disturbance allows for respectful wildlife photography.

The session will run from 10:00am through to lunchtime and is designed to ensure the welfare of the cats always remains the top priority. We're trialling this tour to gauge interest and suitability, so spots are extremely limited. Cost is \$495 per person.

If you're a keen photographer or have a group of up to four photography friends who'd love a private experience, this is your chance to capture some truly unique wildlife imagery, right here in Sydney. To express your interest, please email us directly at [info@wildcatcentre.org.au](mailto:info@wildcatcentre.org.au). We'll be in touch with available dates and further details.







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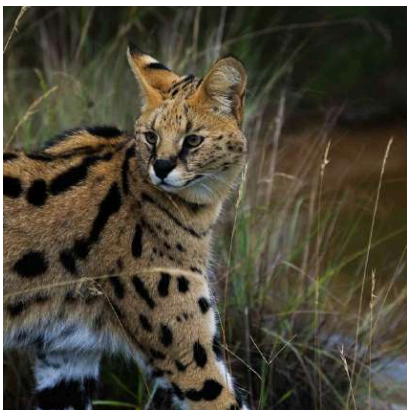
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# HOW YOU CAN HELP!



## DONATE

Our vision is to secure a long-term future for the world's wild cat species, and we can't do it alone. Wild Cat Conservation Centre relies on the generosity of supporters like you and our corporate partners to achieve our conservation goals.

By donating to Wild Cat Conservation Centre, you are helping us protect the forgotten wild cat species.



## VISIT

Join us at the Wild Cat Conservation Centre and experience our wild cats up close!

The funds generated from your visit directly supports our conservation efforts, such as breeding and rewilding programs. Your support allows us to help make a difference to wild cats!