

Project Update: September 2013

We started the telemetry study in late 2012 in La Payunia Provincial Reserve to investigate guanaco survival during the first year of life. We radio ear-tagged 29 newborn guanacos in northern Payunia during last birthing season and we have been monitoring them continuously since that time. When a juvenile dies, we locate the carcass and determine the probable cause of death based upon field necropsy and site examination. Up to now, 18 tagged guanacos survived. Pumas and non-predation factors were mortality causes of the rest of the tagged juveniles.



Attaching ear-tag transmitter to newborn guanaco.
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Capture team tagging a 15 minutes old guanaco. You can see the mother behind, looking at her newborn.
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2-week old tagged guanaco with its mother.
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