

Project Update: December 2010

We have been having some ups and downs lately. With some great news and some sad news combined. We are all excited as our Western Kalahari camp is developing and we have just completed our Livestock Guarding Dog demonstration area for farmers to learn more about this effective technique. We've completed our recent camera trap survey and are looking forward to sharing the results. We've also been busy raising awareness for predator conservation through our Best Livestock Guarding dog competition and workshops in the Western Kalahari Conservation Corridor.

But as is the nature of sad news it can overshadow things and we are disappointed to report that our two cheetah brothers, rehabilitated and released in the north of Botswana in July 2010, have met their end in the form of injury and lions. It's not the end we were hoping for of course. However, we must focus on the positive outcomes, such as the increase in understanding of rehabilitation; the great collaborations that developed during the exercise between government, NGOs and the safari industry and providing freedom to animals whose only other option was a life of captivity.

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