

## **Project Update: October 2008**

During October 2008 our team was invited to give a massive capacity building workshop at the park ranger's school. This school, located in southern Mendoza is in the middle of the Andean cat newly-discovered range and the soon-to-be rangers will be working in the surrounding areas. Overall, 40 students, 5 park rangers and 2 professors attended the course. Our Field surveys were made in an area that is under discussion for being a mapuche's native's reserve.

During posterior field training with another group we had an accident; a park ranger fell in a rocky cliff. The rock outcrops that we have to survey looking for carnivores signs are sometimes tricky. This park ranger was, if we can say, "lucky" because he only broke one tiny bone and not his head. The attitude of the group is resumed by his words when he finally came back from the far away hospital with a very big cast: "good Lord, I thought I was going to miss the goodbye barbecue!"