

Zera amuses visitors by 'slapping' the ground with her feet.

## CHEETAH

ZERA is still dominating the crowds as she displays her slapping talent... This she does by 'slapping' the ground with her front paws at feeding time, probably to make sure that she gets the best portion!

AUTUMN is a proper lady and she never gulps her food down, but prefers to pick at the bone with true gourmet style.

Autumn was a real lady with excellent table manners, until she met the Boys...



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## APPEAL: PLEASE HELP US ACQUIRE 2 NEW MALE CHEETAH

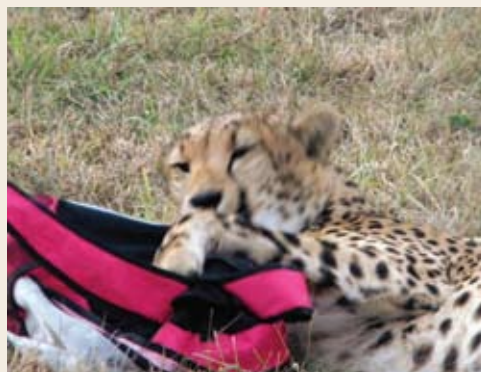
Emdoneni has been offered 2 new male Cheetah for the breeding project, but we are short of funds to purchase the cats. Contact Cecillie if you are able to assist in any way. This is a marvellous opportunity for us all to make a difference!

Then on the 2nd August, Autumn met the boys, Juba and Moya, and her whole life was turned upside down! She was put into the same enclosure with Moya and Juba for breeding purposes and has since had no time for good manners. She now gulps her food down, and has had to learn how to slap the ground, (we know she probably got lessons from Zera).

MOYA has become quite the man - rubbing up AUTUMN in all the right ways by showing her his home while Juba just wants to play. They seem to live by the motto that "sharing is caring".

JUBA found a bag in his pen and we think he knew there were 6 passports and plenty of holiday money in it. Either he really loves PINK or maybe he was going to backpack out of here because Moya had found himself a new friend in Autumn.

*"I have my passport and bag and I'm gonna travel!"*



## RADICAL TEENZ VISIT



We would like to thank the Radical Teenz, a modelling school from Richards Bay, for the fundraising they did for the Emdoneni Cat Project and the donation of Hills pellets (which are good for the cats, helping to keep their coats and bones in good condition).



We also had a visit from Hluhluwe Primary school. The Cheetah were soaking up all the attention!

*Visitors from Hluhluwe Primary School*







**SERVAL**

We welcomed two new Serval to the Cat Project recently - a male and female, which were brought into the project for breeding. The male is tame and will interact with the guests, but although the female is semi tame, she is not comfortable with large crowds.

JANE still loves interaction with the guests but her biggest problem has been the arrival of the new male. He has taken a huge shine to Jane and cannot leave her alone.

MANDLA (Jane's sisiter) also cannot get on with the new arrivals. She has a bad tempered streak, and cannot get on with anybody, so needs to learn to be more sociable.

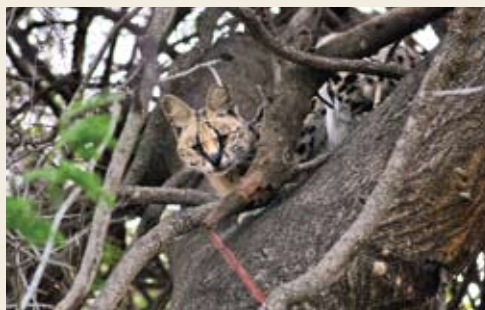
NOAH has been moved to his new pen and has managed to escape once - when he went on a long walk-about, but was back in time for dinner.

SHENDON & LADY - As we all know, Lady likes to sing for her food, and Shendon can't sing at all, so he is trying something new, he rubs his chest up and down the fence while she sings, making them the hottest duo at Emdoneni!

*The one new Serval, who is waiting to be named.*



LORKEN is loving his new home, he has his ball and there are always loads of guest talking to him while they wait for the show to start.



MUHLE & SPOTTY in the highest tree in the pen waiting to catch their food. The problem is that you have to be better than a springbok player trying to throw their food, because every other cat knows it will eventually rain chicken and be easy enough for them to steal. We are still waiting for them to come down and be more sociable.

*SPOTTY catching her food as she still refuses to come out of the tree.*



*Serval grooming each other for the cameras.*



*Just chilling out...*



To all adoptive parents: thank you so much for taking care of the cats and supporting our Project.

Welcome to the following new Adoptive Parents and thank you for having the vision to help conserve our wild cats:

Thomas Constable Mcdowell - Autumn (Cheetah)

Kobus, Fey, Noeleen - Grumpy (African Wild Cat)

Kobus, Fey, Noeleen - Lulu (Caracal)

Laurie & Rene Lammerse - Zera

Otto Bros - Moya (Cheetah)

Cindy Hanssen - Mandla (Serval)

Charly De Munter - Max (Caracal)

VESA (Volunteer Eco Students Abroad) - Autumn (Cheetah)

Neethlingshof Wine Estate - Baby Caracal (to be named)





### CARACAL

LULU is back with Lynxi as she is not pregnant, which is quite sad, as we would love to see baby caracal at Emdoneni once again.

**BAR-ONE & POPEYE** We decided to give Bar-One a mate: POPEYE, but this is not working as Popeye will leave the pen three times in a day to go walkabout. We know all the guests are excited when they see her playing at the main entrance to the lodge, but it is really not helping the breeding programme. So while the new couples pen is being revamped, she has been moved to a more secure place, while Bar One waits patiently for his girl.

LYNXI is still performing for the guests but there is a little bit of competition since Lulu got back with him, as we remove the females from the males when they are pregnant, which is safest for the babies.

The three male Caracal kittens born from Pippa are doing really well, though they are a little overweight. They will need to go on a diet, to be able to jump like their uncle Lynxi. They are five months old now and are growing up



### EMDONENI WINE LIST AWARDED GOLD



Our new restaurant Wine List won a Gold Award at the Diners Club Wine List Awards 2011. The list features The Caracal, a red wine from Neethlingshof Wine Estate, and they have adopted a Caracal kitten to show their support for our Project. Neethlingshof Wine Estate is also involved in conservation of the caracal and have re-introduced them to the estate.

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to be strong and independent and are being prepared to eventually be released back into their natural habitat.

Thanks to all the adoptive parents, we have been able to provide all the cats with new igloos to shelter from the heat and heavy rain.

**MAX** is very excited with his new igloo. and enjoys lying in the 'green' shade that it provides.

**TYSON** is still the man and jumps the highest for all the guests, making sure they get the right photograph. His timing is perfect, but not when it comes to his igloo, as he is a wild cat and prefers the old anthill.

We have received one new female kitten, which will be put into the breeding programme. We have to hand rear this cat, and therefore it makes it difficult to introduce it back into its natural environment. **Neethlingshof Winery** have adopted our caracal kitten, and we are waiting on her new name.

MAX with his new igloo.



### AFRICAN WILDCATS

**GRUMPY** Since the return from her great escape Grumpy has become very affectionate to Michael and cannot leave him alone, much to his discomfort!

**MICHAEL** is finding our first days of spring a bit uncomfortable. Especially when Kaylee and Grumpy keep trying to cuddle up to him...



**KAYLEE AND HOUDINI** performing for the guests, while our Junior Ranger, Seb, explains that cats do not eat leaves.

