



Cats of Emdoneni

cheetah · caracal · serval · african wildcat



Emdoneni Lodge
with cheetah project

Touch the wild where the waterberry grows



ANIMAL CARE & REHABILITATION CENTRE

Emdoneni has successfully managed a Cheetah Project since 1994 and a Serval Project since 1998, with a vision to provide and maintain an environmentally friendly and aesthetic wildlife centre.

The purpose of the Project is to facilitate Environmental Education and Conservation of CHEETAH (currently listed as endangered) and SERVALS (becoming increasingly threatened through habitat loss and hunting), as well as Caracal (African Lynx) and African Wildcats, which are also under threat, albeit to a lesser degree.

The main emphasis of the Project is to release the offspring of animals back into the wild where they belong. We are proud to have released 13 Caracal, 7 African Wildcat, 19 Serval and 1 adult female Cheetah to date (Aug 2017). Two male cheetah cubs are currently in our rewilding program.



ADOPT A CAT PROJECT

Adoption of animals in care centres by individuals or companies raises funds for the well-being of animals in captivity, and is a system implemented worldwide by such organisations.

We offer educational tours daily, with feedings during the afternoon tour and an informative talk about the animals and the project by an experienced guide.

TOUR TIMES

Mornings: 10h30 daily	Afternoons (includes feeding): Summer: 16h30 daily Winter: 16h00 daily (May, June, July, Aug)
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PLEASE NOTE: ON ARRIVAL

Guests need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to commencement of the tour to obtain tickets from reception. All guests will be required to sign an indemnity form at the front gate and/or at reception.

Guests are requested to gather at the waiting area close to the cat enclosure, or at the coffee shop, and not to wander around the lodge area, which is reserved specifically for in-house guests only.

The guide will meet you on time, to accompany you to the cat enclosures. Soft drinks, water, coffee, tea and light snacks can be purchased at reception /waiting area.

Please respect the cats and do not make any loud noises or run around the waiting area, as well as within the camps.

DURING THE TOUR

1. All tours will be limited to a maximum of 65 visitors or to the availability of the guides. The total number of the guests will be split into groups, not to exceed a total of 20 guests per group.
2. All visitors will be allowed to enter the cat enclosures, with a guide, to get up-close to the cats. At present we have hand reared animals in all four species. Unfortunately due to the latest tourism trend no petting of cheetah allowed at this stage.
3. Visitors enter all enclosures at their own risk.
4. Cats are unpredictable - even if tame!
5. Policies for children:
 - 3 years and younger may attend the tour. Regrettably they are not allowed to enter the cat enclosures.
 - 14 years and younger may attend the tour and will be allowed in all enclosures except cheetah enclosures.
 - Children at all times to remain under parental control.
6. Cheetah enclosures policies:
 - No persons under a height of 1.2m.
 - Persons 15 years and older may enter the cheetah enclosures but with no petting.
7. Should any visitor cause a disturbance to the cats or tour, they will be asked by the tour guide to leave the enclosures immediately and to wait at the coffee area.
8. Please follow the guide's instructions at all times.
9. Please stay with the group while attending the show.
10. No running within the camps or outside the fences.
11. No loud noises of any kind. Crying babies to be comforted at the waiting area, please. This is not only a disturbance for other guests but for the cats as well.

The above arrangements are for your own safety as well as for our cats. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Emdoneni is a family run, 3 star, award-winning lodge in Zululand

Emdoneni Lodge offers intimate and comfortable accommodation in the form of chalets and rondavels, on a dinner, bed and breakfast or B&B basis. Rejuvenate your senses with a relaxing treatment in the comfort of your own room or at the Spa.

Activities include visiting the cat centre, guided walks amongst the animals, game drives and a children's program.



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