



THE AFRICAT FOUNDATION

ALL GREAT PROJECTS - NEED GREAT SPONSORSHIPS

HELP SPONSOR VETERINARY FIELD-CLINIC

THE AFRICAT MOBILE VETERINARY FIELD-CLINIC

Understanding Human-Wildlife Conflict and finding solutions:

This 4x4 truck/vehicle will have to be fitted with long-range fuel tanks, water containers, heavy-duty springs and mud terrain tyres, solar panels and extra power-supply for fridges to keep the medication cool.

AfriCats' field projects are expanding to include communal support and the vehicle will be modified to allow basic surgical procedures in the field, for example taking a plastic bag out of the stomach of a cow so that the farmer does not have to travel to the nearest local veterinarian. The time saved on travelling often means the difference between life and death of these animals.

A Mobile Field Clinic

Through our personal experience as farmers and understanding of the livestock farmers' struggle against predators, especially the lion and spotted hyaena, we have identified the need for on-going community support in the form of improved livestock protection as well as health care (e.g. eye infections, injury caused by predators, etc.) and animal husbandry, domestic dog and cat sterilisation and vaccination programmes (large numbers of domestic dogs are infected with Canine Distemper, transmitting to wild carnivore populations, especially the endangered African Wild Dog; domestic cats breed with the African Wild Cat).

Apart from community support, this field clinic will be equipped to deal with emergency wildlife cases such as removing snares, vaccinating certain plains game species against infectious disease (i.e. rabies) as well as assist the research teams with immobilisation, collaring and select relocation of large carnivores.

The vet will have to sleep in the field and the terrain is always very rugged, because this is the work we do in the field.



He will also have to attend to the medical needs of many domesticated animals, since they are an important part of standard farming practices.

At the end of the day, the inevitable fact is that a large number of communal farmers are cut off from general veterinary and other essential health care facilities due to government subsidized clinics which are generally under stocked or understaffed, and the cost of transport with regards to fuel, the cost of vehicles specifically adapted to transport various domestic animals are simply unaffordable.



The aim of communal farming has never been to mass produce to a national market, but merely to support the community around which this farm is based. This means that every kilogram of herd lost due to predation or other infectious disease, is a kilogram of food that will not reach the community, ultimately leading to more serious problems like malnutrition and a possible loss of income for these communities.

A veterinary field clinic will for the most part reduce many of these hindrances which communal farmers are plagued with, in an attempt to make a sustainable living on communal land.

Sponsor the AfriCat Mobile Vet Clinic: Funding in Namibian \$ and US\$

	Namibian \$	US\$
- Toyota Landcruiser (V8) Jackson	550,000.00	39,118
- Custom made canopy with lifted roof	200,000.00	14,225
- 5 x Mud Terrain Tyres	18,266.00	1,299
- Extra Battery	40,000.00	2,845
- Fuel Cost (Sponsor a tank of fuel)	1,566.50	111
- Medical Equipment	250,000.00	17,781
- Sonar Machine	120,000.00	8,535
- Solar panel	2,000.00	142
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Total Funds Needed in N\$	1,181,832.50	
Total Funds Needed in US\$		84,057



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