

Project Update: September 2008

In September 2008 our team made an extensive field trip. One of our stops was the Villavicencio Private Reserve in Mendoza Province. We had a very important and significant assignment: we were going to build the first Permanent Monitoring Unit for Andean Cats in the Southern Andean Steppe.

This Reserve is located in a very relevant place in the Andean Cat distribution, acting as a steppingstone between the Andean populations and those that exist in lower altitudes. Park rangers and authorities of this area have shown special interest in the conservation of native species, and they asked for our help in building the First Monitoring Unit. We put together a Monitoring course that was attended by park rangers from different areas, local stakeholders and authorities that participated in oral presentations and field activities.

This is a very important step in achieving our general goal: the long-term conservation of the Andean cat and its habitat.

