

Project Update: February 2011

15 September 2011 to 28 February 2011

Pups born: 14

Mortalities: 2 (unknown causes- we suspect the female laid on them- it was her first litter)

Placement with local communities and farmers: 12

Health and care

Annual inoculations were administered during January 2011.

All pups received their inoculations before being placed.

Dogs are regularly sprayed for ticks.

Other health related issues:

- Kahlua got injured in a fight with the female Mishke and picked up a serious infection behind his ear- healed completely.
- Mishke got injured in the same fight, left rear leg- healed completely.
- Diego got stung by a scorpion and had to be rushed to the vet. He was completely paralyzed but made a full recovery.

We are making use of Royal Canin dog food for feeding the dogs

Infrastructure and operational issues

Since January 2011 we have two nature conservation students assisting with the daily operations (feeding, cleaning etc) of the dogs.

We have replaced the electrical energizer for fence security.

The water system was improved.

Marketing and PR

The website is up and running. We are currently busy printing brochures and DVDs about the project, and busy with the design of banners for shows, to raise awareness. The project will feature in an upcoming edition of an outdoor magazine and we had a full-length interview on radio on the project as well. The project was extensively promoted at outdoor shows.

Other

Feedback has been good thus far for the dogs placed. As with all newly placed dogs there are some training related problems, but we are making use of local persons who have received dogs previously to assist with training.

It seems as if the one female (Matahari) may be pregnant.



