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Abstract: Thanks for the members to sign the cheetah compact and call to sign for those who didn't already. Some information about precautionary matters like electrical fence, what to do with problem cheetahs and the price for a cheetah trophy.



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Raspeco-Cheetah

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Dear members,

right in the beginning a hearty thank you to nearly one hundred active members who signed the cheetah compact and returned it. After we had translated it into German quite a few more were received at the secretariate. If you haven't signed so far, there is still time to do so and to send it back. If, however, you should know of any reason, for not being able to sign it, please inform the Raspeco-Cheetah committee accordingly. May be there is a way of sorting out that problem.

Enclosed please find more background information concerning the cheetah compact. The most important things are mentioned here:

Precautional matters

Each year more and more farms or camps get gameproof fences without electrical barriers. That means another supermarket for the cheetah, that will force the farmer to buy new game the next year!

Costs for an electrical fence often amount just to a minimal portion of the financial losses the cheetah is doing during only one year. Even if you are the owner of a bigger farm without 220 V there are good systems working with batteries and solar panels. If you should have any problems or need more information, please feel free to contact the following people:

Jochen Hein - Tel.: 06228-1521 Hochfeld. He is using an electrical fence for two years now and his losses in game have been reduced by 90%.

Hardy Koehler from Harko Agencies - Tel.: 061-230563 He is installing "Gallagher" Power Fence Energizers

Wayne Hanssen from Africat - Tel.: 0658-18212 specialist in this field. He is experimenting on his own farm with wild cheetahs, to find out the right distance from the ground to the first wire etc.

"Problem Cheetah"

Dieter Morsbach from the Ministry of Environment, tel.: 061-263131, has agreed to work as a contact person between farmers and professional hunters, for hunters who are looking for a cheetah trophy. If you as a farmer have no hunter, who is willing to take the trophy, please get into contact with Mr. Morsbach. He will then contact one of the professional hunters, so that hunting guests will have a very good chance to get the trophy. And, on the other hand, the farmer gets rid of his "problem cheetah". At the moment, by law, only professional hunters are allowed to hunt on other farms.

Finances

The suggested price for a cheetah trophy should not be less than N\$ 6 000,-, of which N\$ 1 000,- have to be paid to the Namibia Nature Foundation, who has opened a special account for research on cheetahs. Your NAPHA-committee gets a monthly financial statement from them. The remaining N\$ 5 000,- should be equally shared between farmer and professional hunter.

We all should try to do our best, to help the cheetah survive in our country!

Kind regards
Raspeco-Cheetah Committee

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