



Foundation for the Protection of the Arabian Leopard in Yemen

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"Working to ensure a sustainably managed wild population of Arabian Leopards living in harmony with local communities in Yemen"

"Friends of the Arabian Leopard"

Hundreds of members around the world!

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1. Waleed and Murad Capture a Fourth Leopard Photo in Hawf: Eight months into the Mohamed Bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund supported Hawf Leopard Survey, Waleed and Murad have captured the fourth Arabian Leopard photo ever to be taken in Yemen. The image, taken on May 17th represents the third camera trap event of an Arabian Leopard in Hawf and the second of this healthy male animal which they first photographed on February 24th. The fact that this image was taken miles and months away from the first picture indicates that the leopard photographed is a regular visitor to the Protected Area. It is virtually impossible for the Hawf Protected Area to host a permanent, resident population of Arabian Leopards because at only 30,000 hectares it is too small to do so. However, it has become obvious from our research that the territories of at least two individuals include portions of the protected area. Compare the two photos below to see if you can spot (no pun intended) the markings that prove these pictures to be of the same individual.



May 17, 2011



February 24, 2011

2. Foundation Website Launches: Three years of fear and procrastination in the making, the Foundation's website is finally online. Spearheaded by the Dubai Kennels and Cattery, and designed, developed, and sponsored by Bluebeetle Web Design in Dubai, the Foundation website launched to an enthusiastic response on Sunday, May 8th. The launch followed marathon content entering sessions and a final consult with Bluebeetle magician Amir Farhadi at Bluebeetle HQ in Studio City, Dubai. The site is intended as a compendium of information relevant to the Arabian leopard and our program to prevent its extinction in Yemen. Users will immediately recognize that the site is a work in progress, but we will be continually adding to it and editing as necessary. Constructive criticism is welcome as are contributions from our many friends. As a result of the site launch, coupled with the airing of *Saving the Leopard* on Al Jazeera International, our group of friends has quickly expanded and several active volunteers have stepped forth to research content for various sections of the site. It is possible that the site will render the Foundation's newsletter redundant, but for now we will continue to produce our monthly updates. In the mean time, everyone is invited to log on to www.yemenileopard.org regularly and explore. Please send or tweet this link to anyone who you think might be interested. Thank you!



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3. Fourth SIS Walk to Save the Arabian Leopard Held: In spite of the uncertain political climate and skepticism about the situation in Yemen, Sana'a International School continued its 14-year tradition of walking to raise funds for biodiversity conservation. This year's walk was organized by SIS teacher Mr. Joseph Harr and though it featured several significant changes from previous walks, it was a resounding success. Virtually the entire student body participated to raise YR 192,200 and \$650 for the Foundation. Areh Boni raised a whopping \$650 and YR 8,000 to become the champion fund-raiser two years in a row. \$500 of Areh's massive haul was donated by The Silver Filter Company. Arabian leopard conservation in Yemen started at SIS and we are proud that the school administration, staff, and students continue to support this unique conservation effort. Yemen is possibly the only country in the World where the nation's most effective conservation action is implemented in conjunction with a school.



Areh Boni coming down the Home Stretch



"Cool and the Gang"



Who Said Fashion and Leopards don't mix?



Mr. Evans stops to refuel, Noor just stops!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead



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