



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"

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Dear Friends of the Arabian Leopard,

As promised, this is the second and final update to be sent from the States. Although my surgeon recommends that I postpone returning to Yemen for another month, foundation business can't wait and I will soon be well enough to travel. Therefore, September's update will be sent to you from the foundation's headquarters in Sana'a, as usual.

With best wishes and many thanks for your continuing interest and support,

David

1. Mohamed Bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund Grant Disbursed: We are very pleased to confirm that a \$25,000 grant from the Mohamed Bin Zayed Species Conservation fund has been safely deposited in the foundation's bank account. This grant, as per our original application, will be used to underwrite a year-long



leopard survey of the Hawf Protected Area in Al Mahrah. Although we have no new data documenting the presence of Arabian leopards in Hawf, radiocollared Omani leopards have been tracked to within 1 kilometer of the Yemeni border at Hawf. Of further interest is the fact that Dr. Andrew Spalton, Adviser on the Conservation of the Environment to the Diwan of the Royal Court, Oman found evidence of leopards at Hawf in the form of a suspected scrape during a visit in 2006. Our survey will be launched shortly after Eid al Fitr.

2. Foundation's Executive Director Gets New Hips:

A lot of our friends expressed concern and curiosity when I mentioned "health issues" in the July Update. Fortunately, my health is actually very good but it was time to replace arthritic hips with titanium and plastic prostheses. The operations were successful and rehabilitation is moving along swiftly. Therefore, I shall be returning to Sana'a at the end of this month where we will be working on several big projects simultaneously. Among other things, I look forward to training for the capacity building mission to Jebel Samhan Nature Reserve in November which should put these new hips to the test. We are grateful to the Abu Dhabi Chapter of the Emirates Natural History Society for its generous support of this crucial exercise.

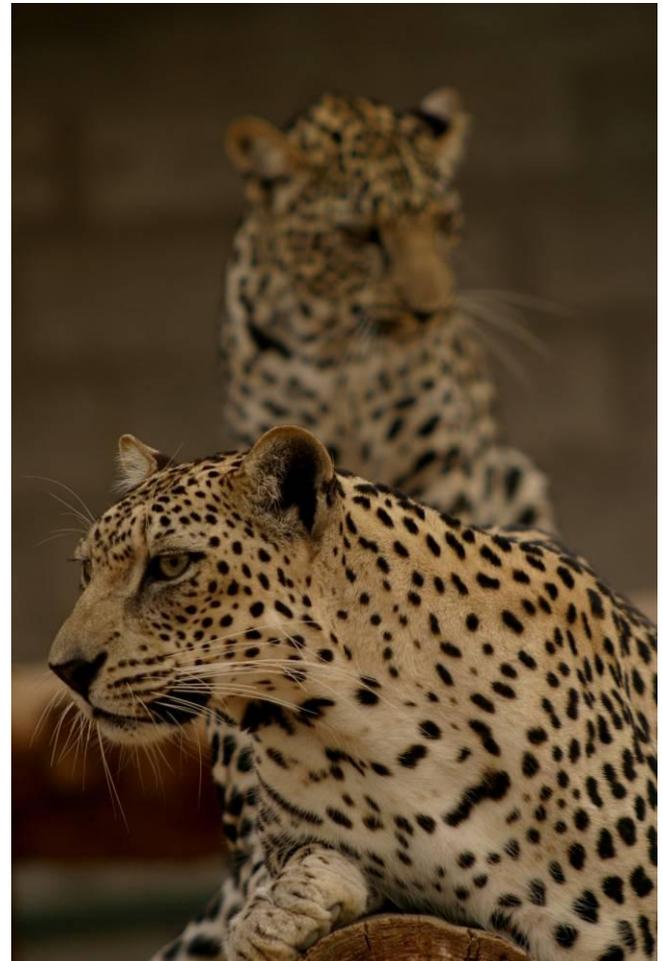


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3. Leopard Gallery: While we have several important initiatives in the works, for at least one we have been sworn to secrecy until the appropriate moment. In the mean time, lest we forget what this is all about, we hope that you enjoy this small selection of Arabian leopard images by Dr. Jane Edmonds Budd at the Breeding Centre for Endangered Arabian Wildlife in Sharjah.



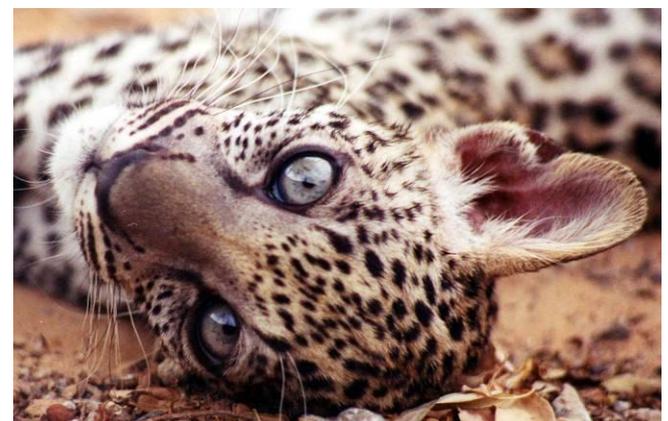
Lena and Cub



Lucy and Cub



Wil



Hana

“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

