

THE WILD CAMEL PROTECTION FOUNDATION

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NEWSLETTER NO.45

Dear Supporter,

I am delighted to confirm that the second captive wild camel breeding centre, named the John Hare Wild Camel Breeding Centre situated in the Buffer Zone of the Great Gobi Area of Special Protection 'A' is now officially open.

John Hare OBE FRGS (1934-2022) established the Wild Camel Protection Foundation in 1997 and we opened the first captive wild camel breeding centre in Mongolia in 2004.

The Royal Geographical Society now have a John Hare Collection. See www.rgs.org/collections

MONGOLIA

John Hare Captive Wild Camel Breeding Centre

In September this year nine (two males and seven females) wild camels were successfully moved from the breeding centre at Zackyn Us in two trucks a distance of 300 kilometres to the new second captive wild camel breeding centre. There were two vets travelling with the wild camels, Jen Quayle funded by Knowsley Safari Park and Dr Pamela Burger an international wild camel expert from the Veterinary University in Vienna on the long journey.

The WCPF scientific team recommended establishing a second captive wild camel breeding centre. This was for bio-security reasons and the importance of establishing two separate captive wild camel populations. A huge thank you to Prague Zoo as the construction of the breeding centre would not have been possible without the financial support. WCPF has a co-operation agreement with Prague Zoo and we work closely with them protecting the wild camels. Prague Zoo works in the Great Gobi Area of Special Protection 'A'. The two captive wild camel breeding centres are in the Buffer Zone of this protected area. And a thank you to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, Cincinnati Zoo and Rosa

Neilsen from Copenhagen Zoo for their fund raising and donations which were used for the costs of the workmen in building of the new breeding centre Enclosure fence and the office and accommodation building there for the staff.

SUPPORT FROM ZOOS

Thank you to the many Zoos in the United Kingdom, Western Europe including Finland and Sweden, and the USA that support our work to protect the wild camels. Your donations made the second captive wild camel breeding centre possible.

And a special thank you to Kolmarden Zoo for contributing funding towards the training of new staff at the second breeding centre.

FUNDING

WCPF now has two captive wild camel breeding centres so double the overheads. Hay is now double \$20,000 each year due to the extra Hay required, and the cost of transport and fuel.

WCPF is looking at possible ways of buying a vehicle, as vehicle hire and travel costs for the 600 kilometre round trip between the two breeding centres will be much more expensive now.

THREAT

The planned opening of the Naran Sevstei Border point on the 1st January 2025. This border point is within the Great Gobi Area of Special Protection 'A' (GGASPA). The GGASPA is 4.6 million hectare and the largest protected area in Mongolia. The GGASPA is part of the Gobi Desert a healthy ecosystem and a key biodiversity site. The plan is to connect this border post on the Chinese/Mongolian border with a road to wider Mongolia, a road which will run along the western edge of the border and most importantly within the GGASPA, 220 kilometres within the protected area.

A border post, here, a road means more people. Easier access by people to the GGASPA, and the two captive wild camel breeding centres. There is no boundary fence. Many more illegal miners entering the GGASPA, looking for gold with the poisoning of water and the loss of waterholes. This loss of critically endangered wildlife and rare plants to illegal hunters and plant gatherers is irreversible. It could mean the loss of designation of the GGASPA as a protected area. The grazing in the Buffer Zone of the GGASPA during the Summer months by the two captive wild camel populations will put these populations at risk.

WCPF is doing everything it can to try and stop the border post opening

Go to the www.wildcamels.com website to see the full article by Dr Anna Jemmett.

CHINA

Dr Yaun Lei has emailed to say the Lop Nur Arjin Shan Wild Camel National Nature Reserve is operating well.

WEBSITE, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK.

Deborah Swain continues to manage the WCPF website brilliantly. Grateful thanks and appreciation to a longtime Supporter who has generously funded her annual costs for many years. Tamsyn Hayward continues to manage the social media very successfully and helps to raise much needed funding each month for the breeding centres. She has developed a brilliant 'two cups of coffee' concept. See it on the wild camel website www.wildcamels.com. Dr. Anna Jemmett works closely with Tamsyn Hayward managing the social media. And Dr Adiya Yadamshuren the WCPF Mongolian WCPF Director works on Mongolian social media to raise awareness in-country of the importance of the wild camel and work being done there by Mongolian staff to manage the captive wild camel breeding centres. Do visit the Website and Facebook as they are updated regularly. Photographs of the recent transfer for a group of wild camels male and female to the new second captive wild camel breeding centres are on the site.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all our supporters world-wide. Your annual subscription is used entirely for funding the overhead for the now two captive wild camel breeding centres.

So please remember to renew your annual Membership and if you haven't then send £25 (or the equivalent in foreign currency) to WCPF. See website www.wildcamels.com using Paypal, or setting up a direct debit. The bank account details are also there. This is a cost effective way to help us with our work to protect the wild camels, and a way to ensure long term sustainability of the captive wild camel breeding centres.

SPONSORSHIPS

If you would like to Sponsor a new born wild camel calf for three year (£500 a year) please contact me direct. There are four/five wild camel calves born each Spring at the Zakhyn Us breeding centre. Hopefully in the Spring of 2026 the first wild camel calves will be born at the John Hare Captive Wild Camel Breeding Centre at Toil bulag. Sponsorship pays for the Mongolian vet visits, vaccinations and medicines. The payment for existing Sponsors is due on the 1st March each year.

LEGACIES

WCPF have received several bequests in Wills, from wild camel supporters. All bequests WCPF received are spent either directly at the wild camel breeding centres in Mongolia or on wild camel research. So, if you are making a Will please remember the Wild Camel Protection Foundation.

DONATIONS

Now in addition to making donation towards our work to protect the wild camels by Paypal it is possible to make a bank transfer direct to the Wild Camel Protection Foundation bank account in sterling, USDollars and Euros. Or you can join our 'two cups of coffee' scheme and donate £20 a month. The Wild Camel Protection Foundation is CAF registered.

GIVE SOMEONE A WCPF MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT.

Members can but a Gift Membership by going to the website www.wildcamels.com or emailing me directly krae77777@aol.com.

Thank you for your continuing support for our work to protect the wild camels.

Very best wishes

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