



Newsletter Wildlife Vets Namibia

Dear clients,

It has been a while since I last sent out a newsletter, but I am happy to announce that we are starting again! In this newsletter I want to reflect on what we did this year. I also want to introduce my (not so new anymore) assistant, Mariska. I hope you enjoy receiving the newsletters, if not please let me know. If there are certain topics you would like me to write about, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Ulf Tubbesing

2017

It is already December and Christmas is in sight! It seems time goes faster and faster every year!

Besides the usual dart- and translocation work, we did some special projects this year. With Super Game Dealers, in partnership with Herholdt Family Trust, we started to export game to the DRC... per ship! This was a first for us, but it was very successful. The animals were relocated into two reserves. And good news... the first calves have been born! We will still transport some animals per cargo plane. I will keep you updated on this adventure in the next newsletter.



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Courses

This year I gave two dart immobilization courses. We did one in the Zambezi region, where we assisted Panthera and Kwando Carnivore Project in the collaring of three free-ranging lions. Two weeks later we gave another course at AfriCat. In both courses the participants learned about the drugs we commonly use, how to monitor an animal and much more. We also practised darting, and immobilized some animals.



In 2018 we will offer more courses, one of them being a **post-mortem course**. Due to a deficiency of experienced wildlife vets in Namibia and the long distances to be travelled to most game ranches with the obvious time delays and financial implications, few farmers have regular post mortems done on game or livestock mortalities. I feel that farmers will benefit greatly from being empowered to do a proper, systematic post mortem examination, collect the appropriate diagnostic samples and then have these submitted to a competent laboratory for analysis. Over and above the obvious benefit to the farmer, who will soon have a much better understanding of the health status of his herd (game and domestic), and will thus be able to take appropriate management steps, we as members of the farming community will all benefit by getting a better understanding of disease processes affecting game in Namibia. With time this knowledge will be of great value in overall herd and disease management. We will thus start offering **one-day courses** where we will teach you **how to conduct a proper post-mortem examination**, including appropriate sample collection etc.

This will be an intensive yet practical hands on course! If you are interested in such a course, please contact me.

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New assistant

Hello!
Some of you might have met me already, but I would like to use this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mariska, and since February of this year I work for Ulf as his assistant. I am from the Netherlands, where I studied to become a veterinary assistant. After that I did a BSc in Wildlife Management, and came to Namibia for the first time. Many trips to this amazing country followed, and during my last internship at a game farm I met Ulf. I took a course on chemical immobilization of wildlife, and became a registered wildlife para-



professional in 2016. I enjoy my job a lot, it is amazing to work with so many different species, and seeing so much of the country. I hope we see each other soon, for questions you can contact me anytime at mariska@wildlifestvetsnamibia.com.

Wildlife Vets Namibia wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful 2018!



'That flying reindeer stuff is just a silly myth.'

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