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In this edition of **The Woodley InSight**, we focus on a few examples of where our products have been used around the world. We are grateful to the organisations and people involved for their great work and for sharing their stories and photos of their experiences.

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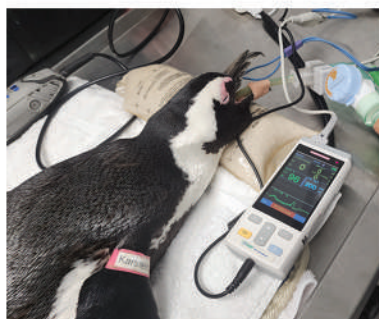
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# Giraffe Conservation Foundation - Wildlife Medicine and Chemical Immobilisation Course in Namibia

GCF is committed to securing a future for all giraffe populations and envision a continent where giraffes can live wild and free within their historical range, protected by the people who share their landscape.

GCF currently supports giraffe conservation initiatives for all four species across 21 African countries, directly impacting over 100 million acres of giraffe habitat.

This work includes the GCF Wildlife Medicine and Chemical Immobilisation Course, an annual, hands-on training programme for African wildlife veterinarians. This intensive, 12-day course takes place in Namibia and brings together early-career vets from across the continent with experienced mentors. Through a dynamic combination of lectures, safety training and practical field exercises, participants build critical skills and confidence while working directly with wildlife.

Stephanie Fennessy, Executive Director at GCF says:

*"For the fourth year we have now hosted a field course for African Wildlife Vets. Working in many African countries we have observed that the role of wildlife vets is becoming more and more important in conservation and while there are many fantastic young African vets around, they have often received very limited training in wildlife immobilisation and handling of dangerous drugs. Historically, experienced vets from South Africa and Namibia would travel to other countries and just take on projects. We are determined to change this and have set out to offer a unique training opportunity for young Africans. Each year, we invite a cohort of carefully selected wildlife practitioners to Namibia - fully funded by GCF."*



Woodley are delighted to be able to help by supplying an epoc Blood Gas Analyser and Test Cards.

*"The participants and mentors alike were very excited to use your epoc machine in the field and analyse the blood of most of the animals we captured: giraffe, zebra and wildebeest. Additionally, some of your recently donated cards are currently used by one of our vet mentors, Dr HO Reuter, for a white rhino study during a dehorning operation and by the University of Namibia Vet School for different purposes."*

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# Rhino and Elephant Long Term Anaesthesia Workshop for Wildlife Veterinarians in South Africa

Woodley's distribution partner in South Africa, Kyron Labs, helped with a Rhino and Elephant long term Anaesthesia Workshop for Wildlife Veterinarians.

Rentia Du Plessis, National Veterinary Sales Manager at Kyron Labs said:

*"First of all, I just want to thank you again for sponsoring epoc cards for this Rhino and Elephant Long-term Anaesthesia workshop for the Wildlife Veterinarians, it was an awesome learning experience for all attending! The blood gas readings were a crucial part of the workshop, to demonstrate the safe Anaesthesia in the Rhino when doing procedures that are long (wound treatments of poached survivors, collecting ovum's for later use in in-vitro fertilisation procedures and to preserve the species DNA pool etc).*

*Unfortunately, South Africa is far from overcoming the poaching problem in South Africa and neighbouring countries, the prediction is that we will lose this species existence in their natural habitat in our lifetime (there might only be the Rhino's left which are in captivity/zoo's). With people and syndicates in some places of the world that poach our Rhino's to obtain rhino horn for high value ornaments we are far from winning this war. The sad reality is that these syndicates are relentless in their message to the poachers on the ground to kill all and any Rhino (with or without horn) in order to increase the value of the Rhino horn ornaments as Rhino's are becoming more extinct – but we will keep on fighting for their survival – and that is only possible with kind people like you and companies like WOODLEY supporting us in our efforts to safe them – THANK YOU!*

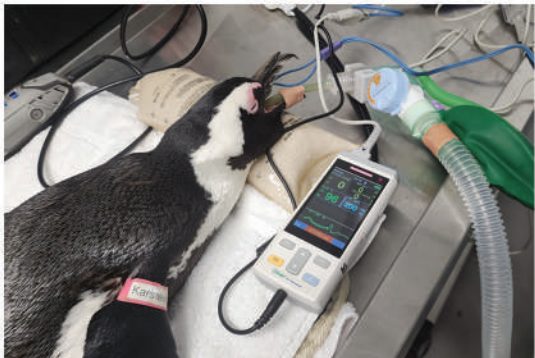
*As always, the epoc's results were spot-on and reliable and gave the lecturers and delegates the peace of mind that they've arrived at an effective and safe protocol when dealing with long-term anaesthesia."*



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## SANCCOB Helping African Penguins



The African Penguin faces extinction in the wild by 2035 if more is not done to curb the current rate of population decline.

SANCCOB is a registered non-profit organisation with the primary objective to reverse the decline of seabird populations through the rescue, rehabilitation and release of ill, injured, abandoned and oiled seabirds – especially endangered species like the African penguin.

Thanks to both SANCCOB for their amazing work and Woodley's distributor in South Africa, Kyron Labs, who supported with an InSight Vet Capnograph Monitor.



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# Nowzad Charity & Veterinary Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan

The Nowzad Charity was founded in 2007 by Pen Farthing, a Former Royal Marine Commando. Kilo Company of 42 Commando Royal Marines arrived in the war-torn town of Now Zad in Helmand Province of Afghanistan in November 2006. Their mission - to provide stability for the local people during a period of ever decreasing security.

The Royal Marines soon realised that it wasn't only the local people that needed their help. Many of the stray dogs that roamed the town of 'Now Zad' now had a guardian for the first time in their lives; in the form of Sergeant Pen Farthing. Upon breaking up an organised dog fight, one of the dogs 'adopted' Pen as his only buddy. Naming the dog 'Nowzad' Pen could not leave his new four-legged friend behind, so he hatched a cunning plan to bring Nowzad the dog from deep in Helmand Province to a new life in the English countryside.

Miraculously, his plan was successful, but Pen was soon inundated with requests from soldiers in the same position as he'd found himself in. Thus, the Nowzad Charity was born.

But operating within Afghanistan has meant Nowzad has faced multiple challenges during the years of conflict, not least the coalition withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021. The team who remained in Kabul after Nowzad's now famous 'Operation Ark' campaign, have not only rebuilt from scratch but are now expanding their work within many communities, including helping to improve the welfare of working animals and the families who rely on them. As the years have advanced so have Nowzad's goals to ensuring their animal welfare work not only benefits the animals but the people too. The charity's rabies prevention work is testimony to that.

In late 2023, the Nowzad charity opened the 'Nowzad Veterinary Hospital' in the centre of Kabul – the first and only of its kind in the whole of Afghanistan – which now treats, neuters and vaccinates many hundreds of animals in need. Nowzad also runs a shelter for recovering animals ready for adoption or release, as well as an Equine Sanctuary, currently home to 15 donkeys and 2 horses rescued from the brick kilns of Kabul.

The equipment so generously donated by Woodley has been invaluable in increasing the diagnostic capabilities at the Hospital, and the whole Nowzad team – in Kabul and the UK – are so very grateful to Woodley for enabling this. Thankyou!

Equipment donated includes:

- InSight V-CHEM® Veterinary Chemistry Analyser
- InSight® Veterinary HCT Meter
- HemoCue® WBC Analyser
- g-Pet PLUS® Veterinary Glucose Meter



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**PEN FARTHING – FOUNDER & CEO OF NOWZAD – RESCUING ONE OF MANY PUPPIES IN KABUL OFTEN TRAPPED IN CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE**



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