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**Subject:** Fwd: Junior, Coco & Kala  
**Date:** 12 November 2018 at 15:17  
**To:**

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**From:** Emoya Big Cat Sanctuary <relax@bushmanshide.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Junior, Coco & Kala  
**Date:** 27 May 2016 at 16:48:57 SAST  
**To:** Tim Phillips <TimPhillips@ad-international.org>  
**Cc:** Jan Creamer <JanCreamer@ad-international.org>

Hi Jan & Tim

We currently have 4 sources of meat / chicken:

1 ourselves (this is a very limited source as we only "cull" antelope when

- it has broken or asymmetrical horns (bulls with broken or asymmetrical horns hurt / kill healthy bulls during fighting)
- an antelope seems to be losing body condition due to ticks

2 Coert (main source)

- Coert does not source the meat from one farmer but from many farmers in a radius of 200km from us
- He culls surplus animals (mostly zebra and wildebeest and the odd giraffe) - he buys the carcasses usually not sold for human consumption (we buy from him)
- The rule is, the carcass must be collected immediately, which Coert does and then transport it to us

3 Donations from local farmers (radius 50km)

- we do not accept any beef carcasses as local farmers usually treat their cattle (injections)
- we except only live horses (which have to be shot because of a broken leg etc) (and if they have not been treated / injected at all)
- we accept carcasses of culled animals
- we accepted the carcass of the giraffe from a neighbour. The cow died giving birth early the morning and we collected the carcass immediately. (this has happened before and we have fed at least 10 giraffe carcasses over the last 3 years.) The giraffe was carrier of Botulism which we would not have known (the farmer would not have known) ... IF the giraffe had broken her leg and had to be culled and she was a carrier of Botulism, we would not have known.

4 Chicken carcasses from chicken farms from the Pretoria area.

I'm doing research on all diseases lions can contract from their prey / food.

Alternative meat source:

Cattle on the hoof (alive) now sells at R30-R40/ kg ... the carcass will slaughter out at R60-R80/kg (carcass may slaughter out 100 -200kg)

Updates checks on lions:

6:30

9:00 (anti biotics)

12:00

16:00 (feed)

17:00-18:00 (Anti biotics)

22:00

Just spoke to the clinic:

1 Coco and Junior are improving steadily

2 I resend the articles to the practice manager and asked her to bring it to Pete's attention (urgent)

3 requested the report (urgent)

We have a list of meat (type), the dates we received it and from where we have fed the 33 (and others) since the 33 arrived. There are a few days we fed "mixed" portions (some got impala others zebra etc).

Will follow up on the articles and report later again.

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On 27 May 2016, at 9:26 AM, Tim Phillips <[TimPhillips@ad-international.org](mailto:TimPhillips@ad-international.org)> wrote:

Dear Minunette and Savannah

Jan and I will arrange a transfer today of \$5,000 to ensure you have funds to deal with this short term but serious emergency. This should enable sourcing meat at short notice and hopefully mean we can get onsite veterinary cover at Emoya today and through the weekend.

Anything not spent on the emergency can go into the construction fund.

Jett was in touch this morning and said Coco and Junior seemed to be pulling by through.

Let us know if you need anything. We would rather take unnecessary steps than miss doing something and spend years thinking "if only we had....."

We are both thinking of you and know you are as shaken and as upset as we are.

Take care

To and Jan

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 May 2016, at 21:18, Jan Creamer <[JanCreamer@ad-international.org](mailto:JanCreamer@ad-international.org)> wrote:

Dear Minunette and Savannah

The meat supplier must be changed. It is no longer an option to keep feeding meat from same supplier. Two animals have died and so we have to make changes. It is entirely possible other animals have simply not been challenged yet, but their lives cannot be put at risk.

We also need ensure we have done everything possible to avoid any further risk, even if it seems changes may not be necessary. Please ask Peter to suggest any potential sources of safe meat.

We need a full time vet on site for at least the next few days. Please get whoever you can with lion experience - Peter will recommend. We need the anti-toxin there, at Emoya. We cannot have animals waiting for vets or travelling 4 hours to get help. We can buy field tents and basic equipment.

I will look into getting a flight back.

We now must have cause of death, we can no longer wait for Peter's report, we will need to say something and we need comment from the veterinarian.

This is devastating. I think we must pull out all of the stops to ensure the lions are safe.

Please keep us informed of every development,

Jan and Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 May 2016, at 20:02, Minunette Heuser <[minunette@bushmanshide.com](mailto:minunette@bushmanshide.com)> wrote:

Junior Time-Line

**MONDAY**

Started anti-biotic treatment (2x/day)

## TUESDAY

Tuesday morning he didn't want his piece of meat with the tablets

## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday afternoon with feeding we noticed he was less mobile than normal

10pm check up

## THURSDAY

5am check up

10am we decided to get a vet

Stuart was not available

Andy could be here mid afternoon

We got a local vet who arrived at 13:00

He consulted telephonically with Peter re immobilisation and treatment

14:25 ... Completed

14:45 ... Driver left with Junior

18:00 ... Arrived at clinic ... Started treatment

**Coco** is steadily improving.

Shortly before Junior arrived, **Kala** passed away.

This is a shock, as Kala ate and drank by herself.

I have given the go ahead for the post mortem, incineration as well as return of ashes.

I have informed Jett & Yani.

I don't know what to say.

