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NEWS FROM THE BUSH...

Dear Owner

We would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief update.

COMPLETED TO DATE:

- **GOLDEN WILDEBEEST HERD INTRODUCED**:
  The herd has adapted very well and we have seen many beautiful normal and golden offspring arriving on the estate. We are waiting with anticipation to see what wonders this new calving season will bring.
- **YELLOW BLESBUCK INTRODUCED**;
  The blesbuck herd has also gone from strength to strength on the estate and it is a pleasure seeing the white and yellow blesbuck multiplying.
- **GOLDEN GEMSBUCK INTRODUCED**:
  We have had an unfortunate tragedy with one of the female gemsbuck cows as she died in 2017, due to a birth complication but all the other cows gave us calves last year and we are expecting the new arrivals any day now.
- **SABLES RELEASED TO SAVE FEED AND IMPROVE VIEWING**:
  What a pleasure to see these 'Royal antelope' grazing between the houses on the estate.
- **3 NEW GOLDEN WILDEBEEST BULLS INTRODUCED**:
  This was done to add new blood and to avoid inbreeding.
- **HIPPO CAMP ENLARGED:**
  To save feed and to give animals more space to roam.
- **BUFFALOS MOVED:**
  The entire herd was moved in September. One cow passed away in the process due to a negative reaction to the medication but other than that the move went very well. Two new young bulls will be introduced into the hippo camp soon.
- **ELAND INTRODUCED:**
  We are extremely excited to say that we have already seen two new members to the eland family! That brings the total to 6.
- **HARTEBEEST INTRODUCED:**
  We brought in four cows to roam with the old lonely bull that was left alone on the estate.
- **'GENESIS' ADDED TO THE SABLE HEARD:**
  He is a Rowland ward bull measuring 44" and is a true beauty.

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PLANS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE:

- Introduction of new black impala- as we sadly lost the ram to a caracal. This will be done as soon as the new season opens.
- Introduction of new white flanked impala- this will be done as soon as the new season opens.
- Game capture to control numbers- once the temperature drops and we know what kind of rain and offspring we have received for the year we can calculate how many animals we have to capture to prevent over grazing.

PLANS GOING FORWARD:

- Adapting to the new changing market- we constantly need to find new ways to ensure that the game stays profitable.
- Improving genetics has never been easier- there has been a big change in game values and the prices are low at the moment which allows us to acquire great genetics at great prices.
- Carefully managing each species to ensure that it reaches optimal viewing numbers.
- 'Lobo' the anti-poaching dog- We are desperately trying to raise more funds to finance a tracking dog that will be brought in from Ireland.
- Fence maintenance- upgrading as proposed in the budget for 2019
- Bush clearing- removing invasive plants.

With all the new introductions we hope that you will have endless hours of quality sightings this festive season!

Regards

Pieter Engelbrecht