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small wild cats connectivity, Uruguay. Photo: Nadia Bou

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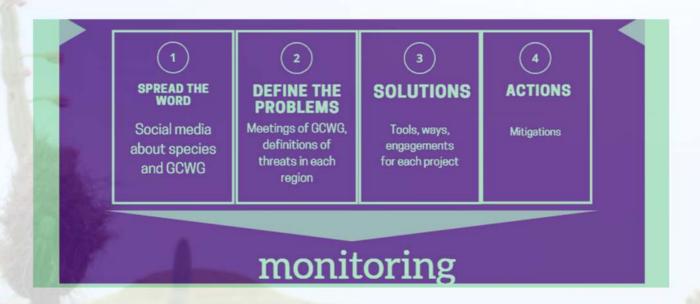
PEOPLE BEHIND THE GCWG



GCWG is a network of conservationists, researchers and enthusiasts. We aim to help the survival of Geoffroy's cat wild populations and other sympatric small wild cats, their natural habitats across Geoffroy's cat entire distribution range.

We have more than 40 members spread across the six countries where this species lives.

OUR STRATEGY



People need to know the species, its biology and threats to conservation to support our efforts. We will use social media to raise public awareness and, at the same time, carry out environmental education campaigns in local communities.

We are now collectively identifying the local factors that threaten the wildcat, in order to prioritize actions. Each member's project has its own objectives and aims to answer different questions related to the species. However, all of the projects in our working group involve the conservation of the species among its objectives, and the GCWG will build on these pre-existing projects. We are supporting conservation actions such as:

- Awareness programs with children and using social media to reduce future threats;
- · Surveys and monitoring of wildcat populations in different regions of their distribution;
- Alignment and application of government policies (local, regional and national);
- Partnerships and financing for existing rescue, rehabilitation and release centers;
- Actions to reduce pedestrian accidents (speed reducer, fences, outdoors, etc.).
- Reduction of conflicts
- Finally, when necessary, we will support research aimed at improving our understanding of the
 ecological needs of this wild cat.

WHERE ARE WE?

We are a network of local conservation projects in six different countries from South America. You can point to QR Code and see our Story Map showing where are the local projets, about them and the members of each projects and their contact.





In the next pages, you will see some of our achievements in 2024! Enjoy!





Check the number of our conservation actions across an action area of 1,266,020ha!

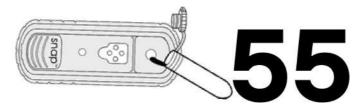
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CATS 142

TESTED CATS



NEUTERING

DOGS



NEUTERING CATS





METRICS GCWG Geoffroy's Cat Working Group

ROAD SIGNS (N° SITES)



21

SITES WHERE ROAD STICKERS ARE DELIVERED



25

UNDERPASSES REPAIR, BUILDING OR PLANNED



6

REPAIR AND BUILD
CHICKEN COOP



17

RESCUED SMALL WILD CATS



REPAIR ENCLOSURE (EX-SITU OR REAB. CENTERS)



PARTNERSHIP SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS



EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS PRODUCED





EVENTS

N° PEOPLE



47



3200

COMMUNITIES (LOCALITIES)



36

PARTHNERSHIPS WITH INDIGENOUS AND/OR RURAL SUSTAINABLE ASSOCIATIONS

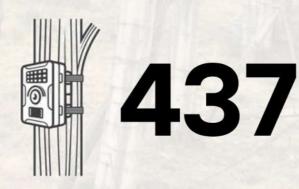




MONITORING AREAS
WITH CAMERA TRAPS



MONITORING SITES (NUMBER OF CAMERAS)
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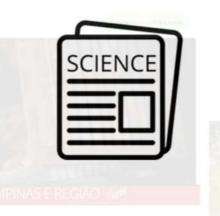
INTERVIEWS TO LOCAL PEOPLE



PUBLICATIONS IN TELEVISIONS, NEWS, ETC

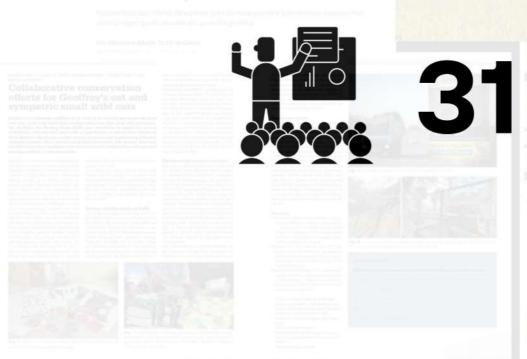


Small wildcats pose SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND THESIS



Plano avança na conservação de estados no Pampa

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In areas where our projects are implemented, cats and dogs are often found in habitats of wild cats. This creates a significant risk of disease transmission between domestic and wild animals.



To take action in mitigating zoonotic risks, more than 646 domestic dogs and 142 cats were vaccinated against rabies, distemper, and other transmissible diseases, in addition to being dewormed.





In 2024, we achieved an important milestone by launching the first vaccination and deworming campaign for domestic dogs and cats in the Chiquitano Dry Forest, Bolivia.





Programa de Investigación Félidos Bolivia

Santa Cruz, Bolivia





The "Felinos de Tierras Secas" team brought the community together with two impactful vaccination events near the Nacuñan MaB Reserve in Mendoza, Argentina. Also, they hosted workshops on responsible pet ownership and zoonosis prevention, inspiring local residents and schoolchildren to take an active role in protecting both their pets and small wild cats.



Domestic Cats



As part of our ongoing efforts, we are also testing domestic and wild cats for **FIV and FeLV to better** identify and manage possible threats to the populations of various small cat species.

Programa de investigación félidos -









These diseases are silent threats to small cats populations.

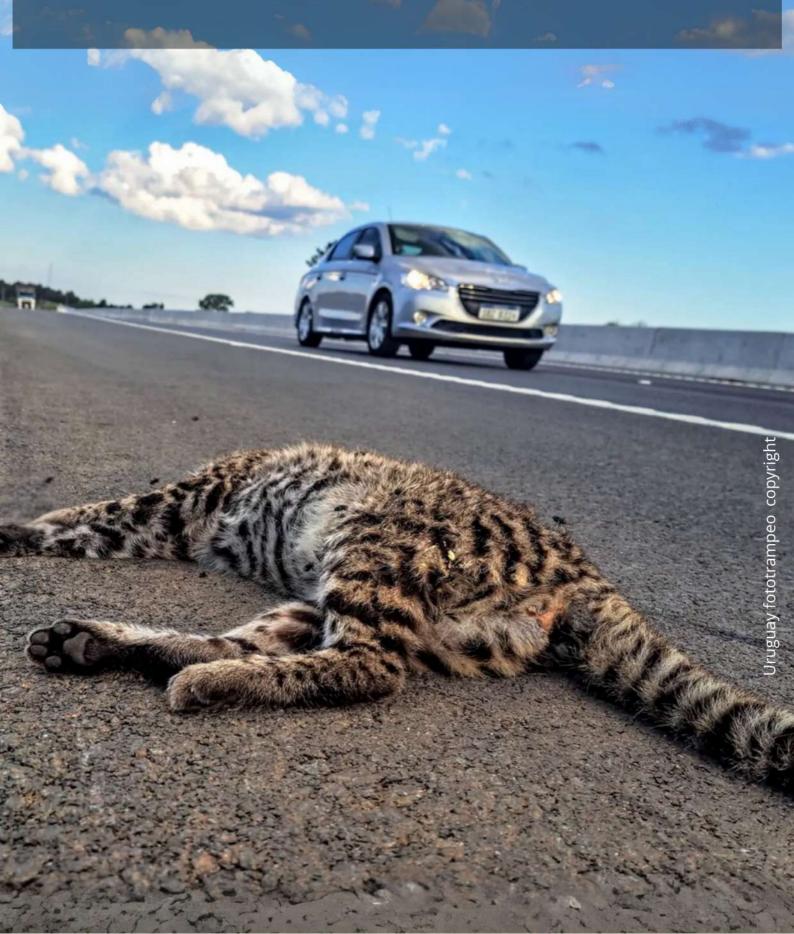




In Argentina, our friends from "Felinos de Tierras secas" put extra effort to capture free-living domestic cats near natural protected areas and they vaccinated and neutering them.



GLOBAL INICIATIVE OF ACTIONS TO MITIGATE ROADKILLS



In June 2023, the GCWG officially launched the Global Initiative of Actions to Mitigate Roadkills (GIAMR) in collaboration with the amazing initiative #lentoporlafauna from ConGarra. These enormous initiatives are now being carried out in six countries: Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, and Chile. We seek to protect small cats and prevent roadkill through joint, planned activities!





Outreach and education are part of the GIAMR. We delivered engaging talks to local communities, schools, and drivers, emphasizing the importance of protecting wildlife on roads.

We also strategically place signs along roadways, they serve as important reminders to drivers to slow down and keep an eye out for animals crossing the road. This simple but effective approach helps to lower the likelihood of accidents with wild animals and save lives.





In each Country we have different kind of signs, however all of them have the same objective.







We actively monitor roads to document incidents involving Geoffroy's cats and other wildlife affected by road accidents. This documentation helps us measure the impact of roads on these species and guides our conservation strategies.









Additionally, we share impactful images on social media to raise awareness and inspire action to "Slow down for wildlife"

To amplify our message, we also distributed stickers for vehicles, turning them into mobile alerts reminding drivers on the road to "slow down for animals."

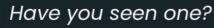








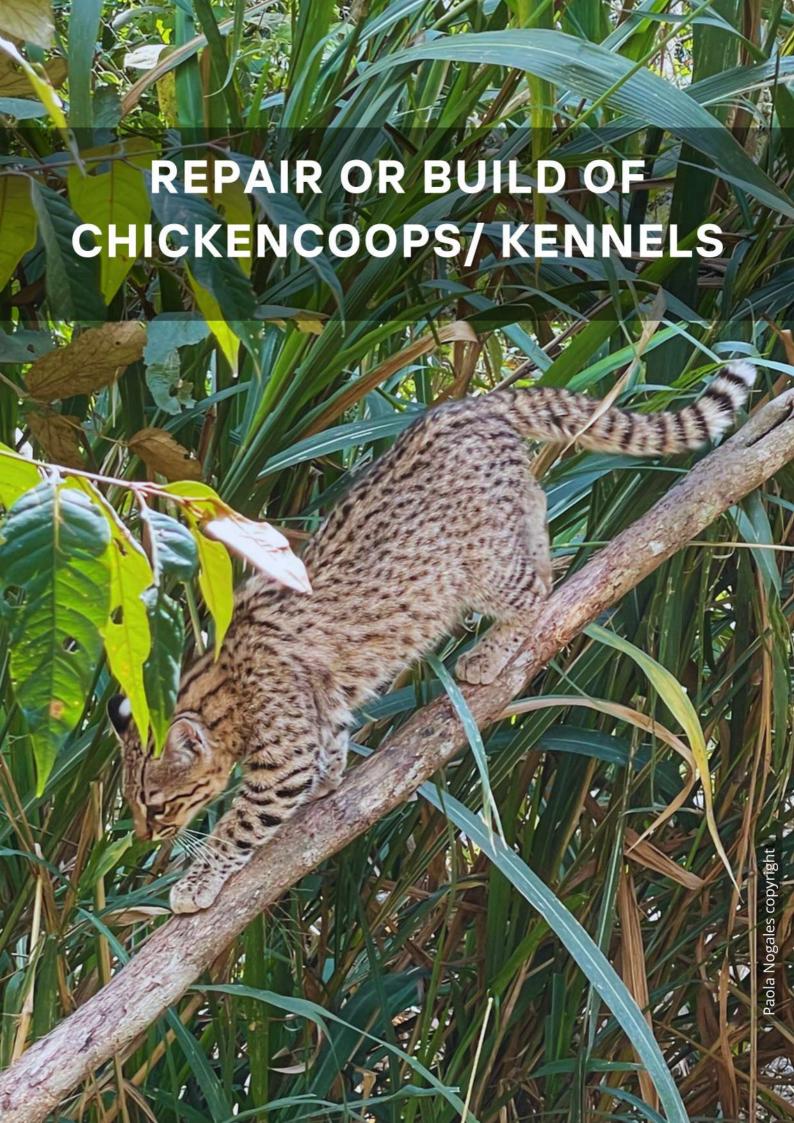




Post it on Instagram! and tag us @geoffroycat.gcwg, and also @Congarra7

Don't have one on your car yet?

What are you waiting for? Get in contact with us and we will see how we can make you part of the campaign.





This smart
Geoffroy's cat
took
advantage of
the wire
mesh in the
chicken coop
to hunt
chickens.

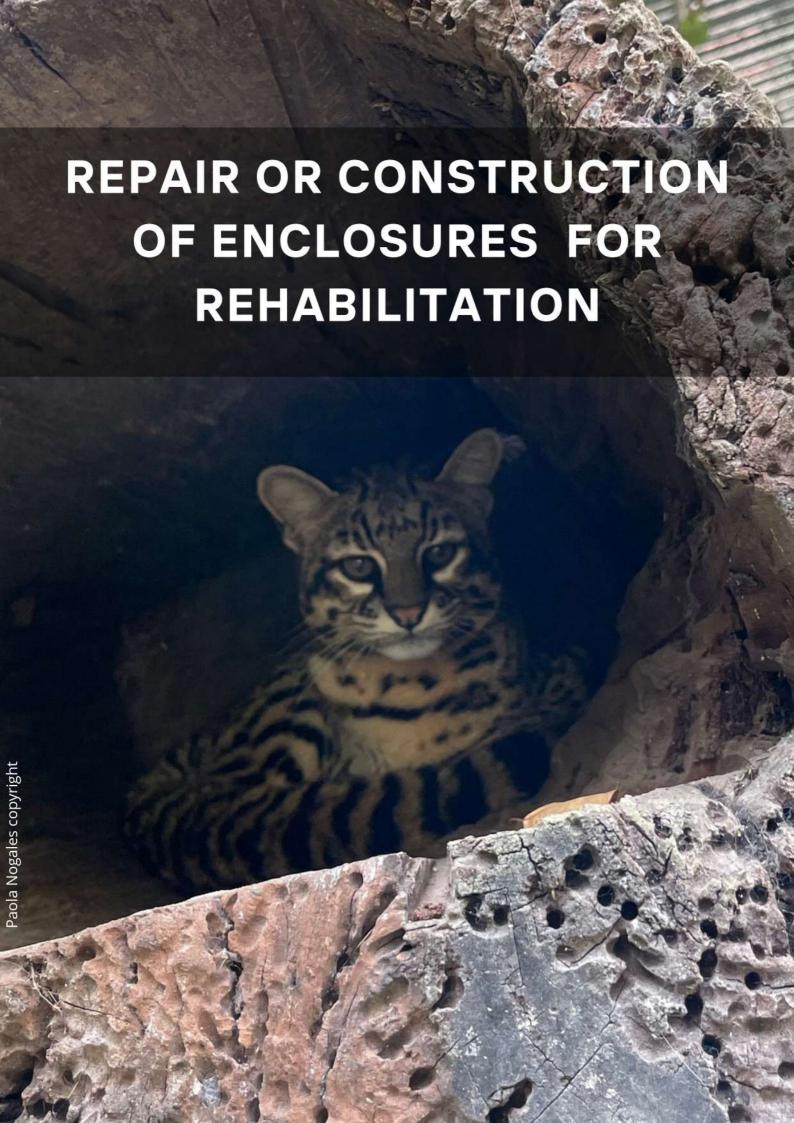
To prevent further chicken losses and promote coexistence, the **Conservación Felinos Uruguay project** reinforced the chicken coop with wire mesh featuring smaller netting. This improvement ensures the cat can no longer get into the chicken coop.



Chicken coop before the reinforcement

Chicken coop after the reinforcement



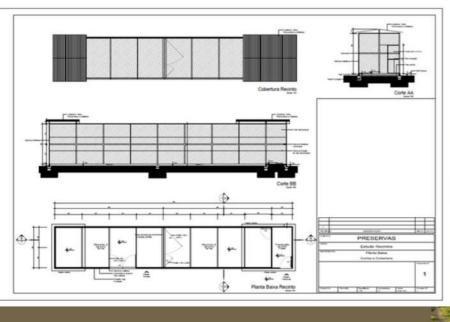






Felinos do Pampa

In Brazil, in 2024, new enclosures were built to rehabilitate small cats.



UFRGS/Preservas, Porto Alegre, Brazil









Conservación felinos Uruguay

In Uruguay, talks and workshops were held with six schools, along with large outreach events, to raise awareness about the importance of Geoffroy's cats.

CREATIVE



Patagonia Cats Project

Iln the southern distribution of Geoffroy's cat, our friends at the Patagonia Cats Project are working to spread awareness about wild cats. Their efforts aim to highlight the conservation needs of small cats and other carnivores in Patagonia.







Exhibitions to create Awareness

















Workshops for kids and adults in four indigenous communities in the Chiquitano Dry Forest, Bolivia



Programa de investigación félidos - Bolivia

Programa de Investigación Félidos Bolivia. Ñuflo de Chavez, Bolivia













In 2024, Southern Brazil was severely affected by floods, people lost their houses, and wild animals were affected by this natural disaster!



GCWG with Felinos do pampa, and an amazing group of volunteers and heroes, taked action and saved animals, domestic and wild.

animals were rescued in Rio Grande

do Sul, and many with the support of

GCWG.



GCWG provided medications, surgical materials, and animal restraint materials, as well as we are donating the construction of a new enclosure for rehabilitation.





On the other side, In la Rioja Argentina, this small Geoffroy's cat was rescued by "Fundación Rescate de Autoctonos" in collaboration with "Gatos Bravos" from an illegal sale.

After showing that it doesn't have human imprinting,





A few months later the cat was rehabilitated by the MVZ. Luque from "Fundación rescate de Autoctonos", and released in a protected area.



"She taught us a lot and we will miss her for that, but she is where she should be and where she should never have left." -MVZ. Luque



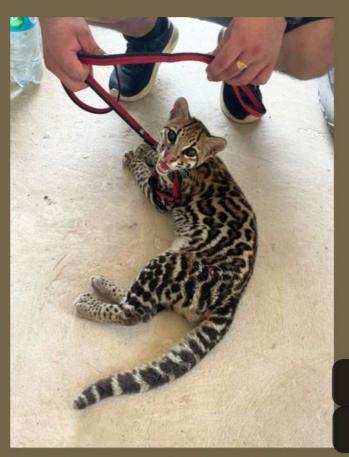
In June, Uruguay Foto Trampeo was contacted by a person who had two cubs of Geoffroy's cats at his home.

He explained that following a flood, he saw a "raft" carrying three felines. Sadly, one had already passed away, and the other two were in imminent danger.

Acting quickly, he rescued the cats. A few days later, he realized that these were not ordinary domestic cats but wild Geoffroy's cats.

He immediately reached out to Uruguay Foto Trampeo for assistance. In coordination with the Ministry of the Environment, the kittens were transferred to the "Estación de Cría de Fauna Autóctona", where they are now undergoing rehabilitation.





In Bolivia, our partners at Senda Verde rescued three ocelots in 2024, victims of wildlife trafficking and human cruelty.

These ocelots had been taken from their natural.

Senda Verde Coroico, Bolivia







This ocelot was taken to a rural school by children and treated like a toy, highlighting the urgent need for awareness programs about small wild cats and the illegal pet trade in more places in Bolivia.









Conservación felinos Uruguay, is monitoring species in the protected area of Santa Lucía Wetlands and a private establishment.

In Santa Lucia, the only wild cat present is the geoffroy's cat, while in the private establishment that is the typical Uruguayan country side, and the geoffroy's cat coexist with the pampas cat.







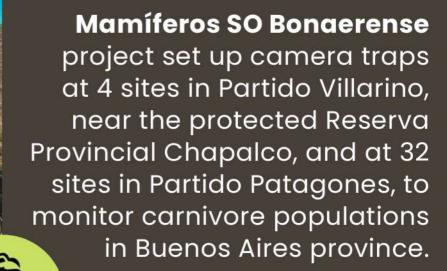
Area is a private initiative located in the central-eastern region of Entre Ríos Province, Argentina. It safeguards well-preserved remnants of native forests in an area heavily impacted by habitat fragmentation, making it a critical refuge for local biodiversity, especially our cat Leopardus geoffroyi.



Through camera traps, the team monitors
the individuals living in the reserve, yielding incredible findings year after year. Notably, in 2024, they recorded melanistic Geoffroy's cat!



organisation, are working with camera trap in several localities and use the material to promote love and care for wildlife in general and felids in particular.



This extensive monitoring effort is crucial for understanding the dynamics of local wildlife and informing conservation strategies.



Camera trap monitoring is conducted annually across various locations where our partners are based.





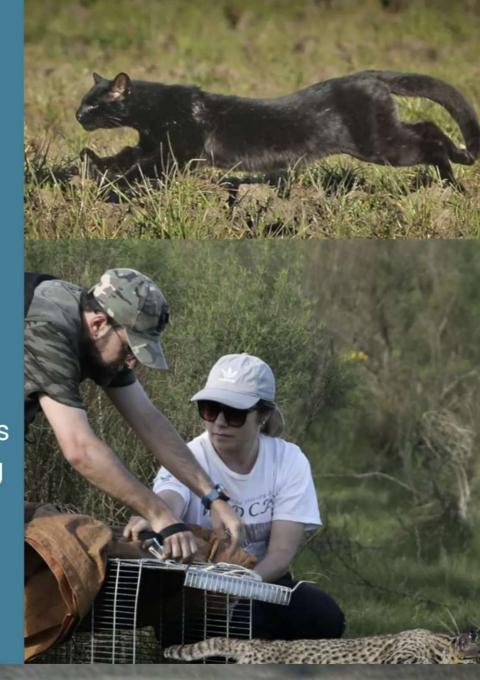


Patagonia Cats Project





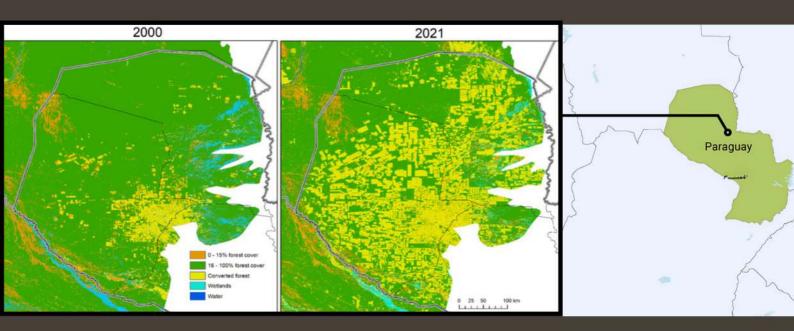
Felinos do Pampa
Project, works in the
south of Brazil,
monitoring Geoffroy's
cat population using
telemetry and
camera-traps.



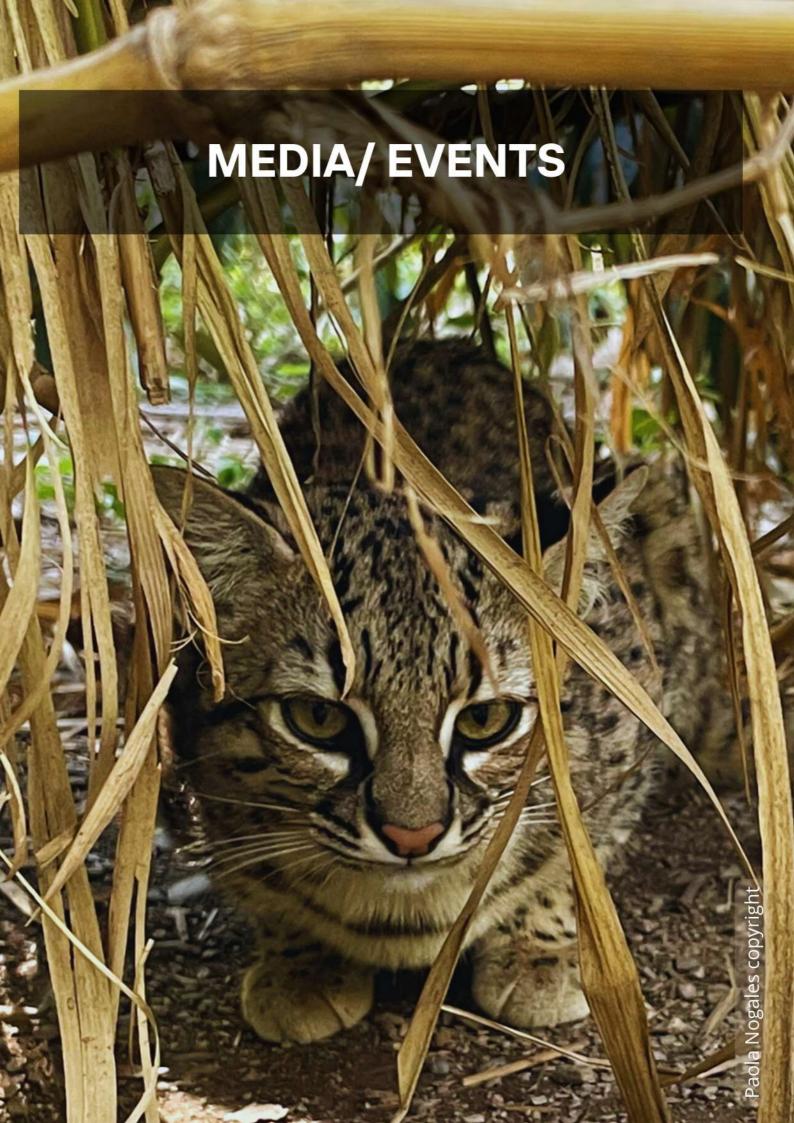




Marianella Velilla and the team from **Asociación Guyra Paraguay** are assessing the impact of deforestation on the medium and large mammal community in the Paraguayan Chaco over the years, including Geoffroy's cat. In addition to their research, they are implementing conservation measures to protect this elusive feline in this rapidly changing and unique landscape.







Gato híbrido?

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Conheça o gato que virou notícia no G1

Felinos do Pampa

participated in different national TV programs, from distintc channels in Brazil spreading about conservation of small wild cats.









Ecologia

Mamíferos Bonaerenses
was featured on the TV
program "Hola Peahen",
Estela Luengos talked
about the campaign
"Lento por la Fauna", and
also gave important
information about
encounters with
carnivores and their
behaviour toward
humans.



Also they were featured on the radio program "Al Viento," where they talked about their actions to reduce roadkill and highlighted the activities they carry out in rural schools to raise awareness about Geoffroy's cat.

7 MEMBERS OF GCWG FROM ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY TOGETHER



JULIAN SABATINI, NADIA BOU, SOLEDAD ALBANESE, THAMARA FARIÑAS, ESTELA LUENGOS, JAVIER PEREIRA AND DIEGO PROCOPIO.



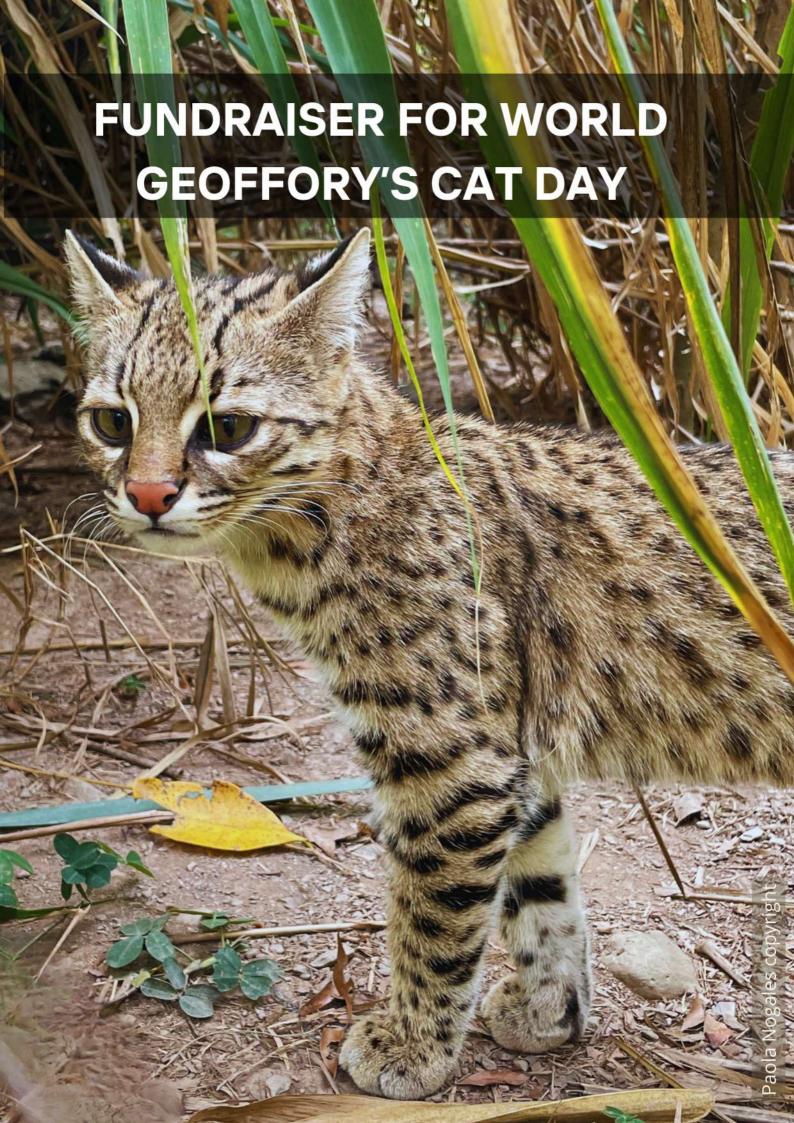
During the Jornadas Argentinas de Mamtozoología (JAM) in San Luis, Argentina, GCWG members had a special moment to connect and share experiences. For some, it was the first time they met in person, which made the meeting even more meaningful.



JIM SANDERSON, EDUARDO EIZIRIK, FLÁVIA TIRELLI, FERNANDA TRINDADE



The visit of Dr. Jim Sanderson and the meeting with some Brazilian members of the GCWG provided an excellent opportunity to discuss research findings, which are directly contributing to the development and refinement of our conservation action strategies.



Help us celebrate world **Geoffroy's cat**day! ****

This year, show your love for these incredible small wild cats by grabbing our official annual t-shirt! every purchase helps support vital conservation efforts for Geoffroy's cats and other endangered felines.





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JANUARY WORLD GEOFFROY'S CAT DAY







bigcatrescue Or. Flávia-Tirelli and her team are doing amazing work saving small wild cats in Brazil. 🌑 Read her bio 🔗 of how she got started in conservation work and watch her interview with Dr Jim Sanderson and Carole. https://bigcatrescue.org/dr-flavia-tirelli/ [link in profile] #BigCatRescue #BigCats #Brazil #Conservation #Wildlife #PampasCat #Margay #Ocelot #SaveThePlanet #SavingWildlife #SavingBigCats #Interview #Conservationist #SavingCats #CaroleBaskin @flatirelli Editado - 43 sem Ver tradução

Auxiliam na definição do monomic revision of the pampas cat Leope aplex (Carnivora: Felidae): an integrative small

Flávia Tirelli, the coordinator of the Geoffroy's Cat Working Group (GCWG), recently gave interviews and provided extensive material about the GCWG to secure funding from donors through BCR. Thanks to their shared efforts, videos and interviews were featured on BCR's social media, successfully raising support for the GCWG! Together, we're making strides for conservation and the protection of Geoffroy's cats across South America!



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bigcatrescue Or. Flávia P. Tirelli: Conservation Hero~Brazil

Through her tireless efforts and unwavering dedication, Flávia P. Tirelli has become a true champion for the wild felids of the Pampas. Her journey, from a curious child captivated by her grandparents' stories to a leading conservationist and researcher, is a testament to the power of passion and perseverance in the face of adversity. As she continues to fight for the survival of these magnificent creatures, Flávia inspires us all to become wildlife warriors in our own right.

Read Flavia's bio at https://bigcatrescue.org/dr-flavia-tirelli/

Find out more about our Insitu work at https://bigcatrescue.org/insitu/

You can donate towards this project for our 2024 Give Day at BigCatRescue.org/GiveDay

#BigCatRescue#BigCats #Conservation #Wildlife #WildlifeConservation #SavingBigCats #SavingWildlife #SaveThePlanet #ReelsVideo #ReelsFB #Videos #FBReels #CaroleBaskin #GeoffroysCatsWorkingGroup @FlaTerilli @geoffroyscats @smallwildcats











Curtido por felinos.tierras.secas e outras 127 pessoas 16 de abril de 2024



Adicione um comentário...

THANK YOU SUPPORTERS!

In just one year, we've achieved so much! None of this would have been possible without the passion and dedication of our team, as well as the unwavering support of those who believe in our mission. Each project not only brings these incredible initiatives to life but also secures its own funding from organizations worldwide to make it all happen.

Under the umbrella of the GCWG, we've created a collective fund that serves multiple purposes: we provide seed funding for innovative conservation ideas, collaborate to apply for large-scale grants, and act as a safety net for emergencies.

We are deeply grateful for every donation and any initiative that helps us raise funds. Together, we can continue driving meaningful conservation efforts forward.











