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👉 Splish, splash and off they go..



October has been a busy month for us with regard to marine admissions. After arranging for an off-shore release for the sub-antarctic seal, the release was delayed due to Sanpark's boat needing repairs, and so we opted for a release in a quiet spot at Robberg Peninsular. Assisted by volunteers from the Orca Foundation and a team from Cape Nature, we stumbled down the steep path to the west side, and when he smelled the sea air, he hardly paused before heading straight for the waves.



Another successful release occurred in October when Cape Nature took the endangered Clawless otter back to Great Brak River for release. Initially it was thought that her injuries would present too much of an obstacle for her to survive in the wild, but after 2 months of rehabilitation, and general reconditioning, she was given a clean bill of health, and returned to where she belongs.

👉 And then there were two

A large turtle beached in Groenvlei near Sedgefield. She was heavily encrusted with barnacles and her scutes were oozing with turtle puss. Sanparks staff went to her aid, removed her from the beach and transported her to Knysna where they were met by Orca Foundation volunteers who willingly pitched in to help and arranged transport to Tenikwa. After not holding much hope out for her, we contacted Ushaka Marine World in Durban for assistance with her treatment. Strangely enough, a few days later, Sanparks brought us another distressed



turtle, this time from Natures Valley. The story ends well with both turtles recovering. The first turtle's barnacles were removed and her wounds treated. Once they were able to swim and dive deep in our penguin pool, they were ready for release. Again we were assisted by Orca Foundation to release the turtles, back to Nature's Valley and the first turtle was released off-shore in the deeper current.



👉 Serval Post

In true form, ScratchMe Cat Posts from Cape Town designed yet another a playstation for Tenikwa, this time for our young servals. Adapted for the tougher rougher play of the wild cats, the post has climbing and sitting stations and tuff toys like quad bike tyres. Immediately it was in the camp, curiosity got the better of the servals and they gave it a thorough testing out. Thank you so much for making the post for our Servals. Cat kisses to ScratchMe from Walker, Chanel, Dante, Loki, Mola and the Tenikwa Team.



👉 Rehab infrastructure



A new addition to our rehab facility is a pooled area for swimming birds and mammals. It will also serve as a backup pool for penguins recovering from oilings.

👉 Enrichment on Crazy Cat Day

At Tenikwa we are always looking at different enrichment ideas for our cats. Enrichment is used to explore areas of their enclosure, to encourage natural behaviour and to add novelty and an element of surprise in their day. This picture was taken of Dumisani with Zeus and Gabriel enjoying the Enrichment session on the Crazee Cat Day program. Here Dumisani encourages the young cheetahs to chase a lure. Also want to say thanks to Romano and Cathy for their kind donation towards the rehabilitation centre costs and for sending us the fantastic photos they took during the Crazee Cat Day.



👉 Alpaca's

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