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The story of a successful wildlife conservation project is to be told in London on the 8th October at Framstore, 19-23 Wells Street, London. W1T 3PQ AfriCat - a conservation and education charity based in Namibia - is running the event to be hosted by Lorraine Kelly -

"As someone who has visited Okonjima, the home of the AfriCat Foundation in Namibia - Lorraine is great ambassador for the charity" said David Farquharson Chair of AfriCat UK

"After the shooting of Cecil the lion near a National Park in Zimbabwe there is great interest in knowing what can be done to ensure that conflict between animals and humans can be managed and especially to ensure that the large carnivores (such as lions, leopards, cheetah, hyena and the endangered Cape Hunting Dogs) can be allowed to roam free and not be killed. This is the work that AfriCat undertakes".

The evening will consist of stories about the challenges that AfriCat has faced trying to keep carnivores free, personal accounts from Lorraine Kelly about her visits to the AfriCat Foundation headquarters at Okonjima in Namibia, short films by Chris Packham, another AfriCat patron and frequent visitor to Namibia.

AfriCat was founded in 1991 on Okonjima Farm in central Namibia whose mission was to contribute to the long term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores.

AfriCat was created as a result of information gained on Okonjima when it was still a cattle farm, losing calves to leopards and the desire and urgent need of sharing this information with fellow ...farmers.

The consequent contact with numerous farmers and AfriCat's exposure led to the rescue of many trapped large carnivores. Since 1993 over 1080 of these predators were rescued by AfriCat and 85% of them were released back into the wild.

At the AfriCat Story on the 8th October people will find out how AfriCat has been transformed into a leading environmental education, carnivore research and human/wildlife conflict mitigation agency and what their plans are for the future.

Details:

The AfriCat Story: conservation in action

Thursday 8th October

Framstore, 19-23 Wells Street, London. W1T 3PQ AfriCat

Doors Open 6.30

Tickets £10 plus admin fee

Book on-line at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-africat-story-conservation-in-action-tickets-17980792033>

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