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## **Cheetah Diaries, The (Series 2)**

13 x 30'

**EPISODIC BREAKDOWN** 

## 1. New Beginnings

In this Episode we meet the latest new arrivals at Cheetah Outreach - three young cubs Felix, Garfield and Heathcliff. All three will be hand raised by Beryl and trained to become Cheetah Ambassadors, like the famous Shadow. A rare visitor from North America, Brandy the Mountain Lion, is put through her paces. She is the most powerful cat at Cheetah outreach and Dawn tells us more about her particular prowess. Later we meet little orphan Jackal. Brought to Cheetah Outreach this little Jackal narrowly escaped death and now there is another challenge. Liesl needs to find him a a new home.

#### 2. The Drill

The three cubs Felix, Garfield and Heathcliff are fed chicken drumsticks for the first time, but how will they cope. And Beryl encourages the cubs to run and get some exercise by using a special toy. We meet Sebastian the lonely meerkat, looking for love, but in all the wrong places. He has become rather fond of the humans in his life, but founder Annie is planning on finding him a meerkat mate. Liesl bids farewell to Little Jackson, the orphan jackal, as she has found him a new home. And tragedy strikes when veteran Cheetah Ambassador Shadow is rushed to hospital with what turns out to be a severe leg fracture. At thirteen years of age, will the old boy pull through?

## 3. Something Old Something New

In this episode Beryl travels to De Wildt to collect three young cubs, who will join Felix, Heathcliff and Garfield at the cubhouse. While she is there, she visits Whiskey, who is one of the first cubs she raised at Cheetah Outreach - and with whom Beryl has a special bond. We check in on cheetah ambassador Shadow's recovery after his leg pinning operation. Dawn has been nursing him day and night, but Shadow has still not left the comfort of the classroom to return to his enclosure. And Lonely Sebastian finally gets a meerkat mate, but will they make a happy couple?

#### 4. The Unknown

In this episode the three new cubs arrive from De Wildt, but they have trouble settling in at the cubhouse, while Felix, Heathcliff and Garfield welcome Beryl home. There's a big race challenge from the cheetahs at Cincinnati Zoo. Cheetah Outreach has to settle for juvenile male cat called Peter, after their star running cats refuse to take to the unfamiliar track. Will they hold onto their 11

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year world record when it comes to race day? We check in on Shadow's recovery and it looks like the old cheetah is healing well. And the Anatolians are having breeding trouble as Wardance is scared off but a new young dominant male dog.

## 5. Friends or Foes?

In this episode we see if Top Dog Wardance can win over the lovely Melda, a breeding female. Back at the cubhouse sparks fly as new cubs Isis, Kamikaze and Jasmine meet the bigger boys Felix, Garfield and Heathcilff. Something is freaking out Baggins the serval. Liesl brings in some of his favourite things to soothe him.

## 6. Oil and Water

This time on the Cheetah Diaries Malaika the Caracal gets a hard time from her roommates the jackals and it look like they will need to have separate enclosures sooner rather than later. Down at the Springfield Wine Farm we meet a special little springbok, that has formed and unusual bond with Anatolian Guard Dog, Felix. Back at the cubhouse, Beryl is still struggling to mix the older and younger cubs; will she have more success this time?

## 7. The Last Lap

In this episode there are fears for an ambassador cat, as 8 year old Savannah is rushed to hospital. Felix, Heathcliff and Chobe get a new perspective on life, through the car window, when Beryl takes them for ride around the vineyards. After petering Malaika the Caracul, the Jackals get a new home and Annie pays them a visit.

## 8. Graduation

This time on the Cheetah Diaries it's a big day for the cubs as they visit Cheetah Outreach for the first time. They have no trouble settling in and before long they are ready for their first encounter with the public. After a walk around the centre, Debbie and Mike have to resort to some unusual measures to persuade a reluctant Malaika to go home. At the cubhouse Beryl's struggle to win over Isis, Kamikaze and Jasmine continues.

## 9. Guardians

In this episode young cub Isis has a case of the sniffles and loses her appetite. The Guarding Dog Project gets two more recruits and we travel to cheetah country with Annie and Cyril where the two young Anatolian pups are placed on farms. Shadow is taken to the vet for check up on his broken leg. But what will the x-rays reveal? And it's all fun and games for the cubs at Cheetah Outreach for the three older cubs, until young Felix injures his leg.

## 10. North West

This time on the Cheetah Diaries Liesl discovers the cheetah ambassador Sha has a lump in her neck and she is taken to the vet. Cubs Chobe and Heathcliff have their first run, but injured Felix has to sit this one out. Annie visits Peter on his farm in the North West Province to check in on

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Miyaki, one of her most successful Anatolian guardians. And Dawn spends some quality time with her favourite cheetah, Shadow.

## 11. We Love Cheetahs!

In this episode we follow up on Sha. Last time she had a lump removed and this week. The lab results are in and we find out if her lump was cause for concern. Cubs Chobe and Heathcliff encounter some feisty creatures on walk around Spier. Kamikaze and Isis move to Cheetah Outreach, but Jasmine's future as an ambassador cat hangs in the balance. And 100 school kids visit Cheetah Outreach. They have come to see Shadow...but he has been rushed to hospital. Is it time to say goodbye?

#### 12. Farewell

In this episode we mourn the passing of cheetah legend Shadow. After a tough battle dawn says goodbye and his friends gather to bid him a fond farewell. Cubs Isis and Kamikaze form an unusual bond with handler Mike, while Jasmine is given another chance to integrate when she is placed with older cubs Felix, Heathcliff and Chobe. And Brandy the mountain lion leaves Cheetah Outreach.

## 13. Phoenix Rising

In the final episode of the series we say goodbye to another old friend as Beryl leaves Cheetah Outreach. We check in on meerkat couple Sebastian and Minkie to see if they have made it. Liesl reflects on her complex relationship with Baggins the serval. And Annie reflects on the year that has passed and welcomes new ambassador Phoenix to the team.

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