

off the fence.

Orphans Of The Wild

13 x 30'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Painted Pups

In this first episode, we meet Marlice's family – husband Rudie, and son Zacheo. A new orphaned baby baboon with a foot injury arrives at Naankuse and Marlice treats her in the clinic. Back at home the two five month old leopard cubs are causing havoc in the house.

2. Baby Baboons

One of the baby baboons wakes up with Marlice, Rudie and Zacheo – in their bed! Here he gets his first bottle of the day. Marlice and Jo take him and the other babies for their daily walk. During the walk they get exercise, climb trees, play with each other and forage for food – just like they would in the wild.

3. Signs in the Sand

When they lose the UHF signal from a collared leopard they had released in the desert, Marlice and Kiewiet, Naankuse's expert tracker, must look for the animal on foot.

4. Cat Trouble

Marlice's day starts with the big and juvenile baboon troops, but a change in events take her to a neighbouring farm to rescue a trapped leopard.

5. The Big Relocate

Two male leopards and three lions have to swap enclosures – a dangerous exercise.

6. Big Cats and Baby Baboons

Umbili and Shakira, the two leopard cubs, have been moved out of Marlice's house and into their own enclosure and it's time for the baby baboons to be introduced to the juvenile troop.

7. New Born

A year has gone by since our last episode and a lot has changed at Naankuse. We meet Nicklai, Rudie and Marlice's five month old son. Zacheo now goes to school in Windhoek by bus. Umbili and Shakira have grown quite a bit and were moved to a bigger enclosure, Marlice still feeds them daily before checking up on the wild dogs.

8. New Beginnings and Sad Endings

After almost two days of tracking a suspected poacher is apprehended on a neighbouring farm, but matters turn for the worst when a snared cheetah is found dead.

9. Operation Wild Dog

A wild dog with a snakebite wound and a caracal with a broken leg need attention before Marlice checks in on two cheetahs that will soon be released back into the wild.

10. Cheetah Rescue

Three of the baby baboons are castrated, as Marlice doesn't want them to breed in captivity; and the next day she leaves for the northern part of Namibia to fetch two semi-tame cheetahs whose owner can't look after them any longer.

11. Tooth Trouble and Game Count

Marlice and Rudie take a cheetah with a serious tooth condition to the vet and after the good rains that they have had it is time to do an aerial game count.

12. Preparing for the Big Release

For their biggest release operation yet, Marlice and Rudie, with the help of others dart, collar and load seven cheetahs and one leopard – all in one day.

13. The Big Release

In their biggest operation of this kind yet Rudie and Marlice release seven cheetahs and a leopard in two separate areas of Namibia.