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## Cheetah Diaries, The (Series 3)

13 x 30'

### EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

#### 1. Episode 001

In this episode, Chobe has to say goodbye to his brothers who are leaving Cheetah Outreach to become overseas ambassadors. Meanwhile, there is a huge cheetah litter of nine new cubs, a challenge for the carers. The Anatolian project is doing well but how are they going to carry on with success if the dogs are not producing more puppies? And finally, how will grumpy Baggins react to the arrival of a new girlfriend?

#### 2. Episode 002

This time in the Cheetah diaries, Chobe, who seemed to be in the running to be the next top cat, contracts a mystery illness. Meanwhile, the cheetah cubs have to be kept in isolation, missing out on some crucial training. Still no puppies from the old Anatolian ladies so Annie and Lesta decide to introduce to Wardance a younger model, will she interest him? Finally, Baggins' first reaction to his new girlfriend is not very promising but who knows?

#### 3. Episode 003

In this episode, handler Emily has got problems with fussy eaters, but she finally gets the call from the lab! Will she be able to free the young cubs from isolation? Ambassador Joseph is the star for a magazine cover, but will his partner, the ballerina, be able to perform next to a big cat? And also, Baggins is introduced face to face with his new girlfriend... It is all a bit heated...

#### 4. Episode 004

This time, the younger cheetah cubs are finally playing outside and Emily already feels that some of them seem more suited than others to become cheetah ambassadors. Exciting times at Cheetah Outreach with the arrival of two very cute bat-eared foxes; what are their names going to be? Meanwhile, trainers are having difficulties with cheetah ambassadors: Phoenix is not very calm with choir boys and Chobe's diagnosis is worrying the whole team. Finally, happy Lesta announces that Mercedes is about to give birth!

#### 5. Episode 005

In this episode, Emily seems to have issues with the nine little monsters who are fighting with each other and destroying their toys. Mercedes has given birth to 14 puppies! Will they all make it with the help of Lesta and Jessica? Chobe's surgery to remove his tumour is well under way; will the potential future cheetah ambassador survive this operation? And finally, love is in the air for the bat-eared foxes Brad and Janet...

## **6. Episode 006**

This time on the Cheetah Diaries, Baggins finds it very hard to resist Legacy who seems to be on heat. Meanwhile, Chobe's health scare seems to be over and he is slowly getting back into training; but it is now Emily who has to deal with two sick cheetah cubs. This could be disastrous if the disease spreads to the nine. And finally Nikki figures out what Brad's mysterious holes were for!...

## **7. Episode 007**

This time on the cheetah diaries, Emily takes the cubs on their first trip away from the cubhouse, a walk in the vineyards. She is eager to find out how if all her training has paid off and if the cubs are able to cope in an unfamiliar situation. Bat-Eared foxes, Brad and Janet, become parents for the first time, but the happy event is cloaked in tragedy. Janet was found eating one of her newborn young and the remaining pups are taken from her care to ensure their safety. Now in the care of veterinarian, Maria, the pups face a gruelling struggle for survival. Meanwhile the Anatolian puppies, just days old, leave mom for the first time to have their dewclaws removed. It may seem harsh, but this is an important procedure for future working dogs. Sebastian, the meerkat, has a personality change as he turns on his handlers. What could be behind the meerkat's sudden change in behaviour?

## **8. Episode 008**

This time on the Cheetah Diaries, the four remaining bat-eared fox pups face a struggle for survival. Cheetah Outreach founder Annie, stops by to observe their progress. These are unusual conditions; the pups would normally have been left with their mother for at least three days. However, the team had no option, but to remove them from her care after she was found eating one of her young. Annie is hopeful they they will make it through the first, crucial 24 hours. The Anatolian puppies are growing up. In order to prepare them for their future life as guard dogs for livestock they are introduced to the resident sheep for the first time. For now the sheep are bigger than the pups and there is a fair share of bullying from the woolly rascals. Three of the cheetah cubs are off to the vet, including the most timid of the lot, Pego. Handler Emily is hoping that she will cope with the unfamiliar situation. And finally ambassador cheetah, Joseph threatens to ruin a young man's special moment as he plays an important role in an engagement.

## **9. Episode 009**

It's an emotional day at the cubhouse, the cubs will soon be leaving to become ambassadors around the world and handler Emily is finding it hard to let go. Recently Sebastian has been behaving badly and has started biting his handlers. Today Sebastian and girlfriend Minkie are taken to the vet by handler Jessica to be re-tested for rabies. Foxglove, the only female bat eared fox pup started out as the biggest of the bunch. But now she is not developing at the same pace as her brothers, leaving vet and carer, Maria concerned. Cheetah Outreach's fierce leader, Annie

goes undercover in popular tourist spot, Greenmarket Square in Cape Town, where she busts an animal skin trader in possession of an illegal cheetah hide.

## **10. Episode 010**

This time on the Cheetah Diaries, the six female cubs meet their future handler Tim, who will care for them at their new home - Bush Gardens in Tampa Bay, Florida. Time gets to know the girls and sees them in action as they have their first encounter with the public. Handler Emily, has however, received terrible news, one of her favourites Muckle, who left just few weeks ago, has passed away. Emily is struck with grief and reflects on his life and what a fantastic ambassador cheetah he would have been. Meanwhile, Maria rushes an ailing Foxglove to the vet. The young female bad eared fox pup is not recovering from her infection. Hopefully a new course of medication will help her pull through. At Cheetah Outreach, a surprise arrival could be on the way for servals Legacy and Baggins. And back at Eikendal the Anatolian puppies set off to take their place as guardians on the farm where they will form part of an important non-lethal predator control project, which is helping to save the wild cheetah,

## **11. Episode 011**

It's a flying start for the six female cheetah cubs, as they leave with new handler Tim to be ambassador cheetahs at Bush Gardens in Tampa Bay, Florida. After months caring for the cubs, the Cheetah Outreach team says a tearful goodbye. Maria comforts bat-eared fox pup, Foxglove, as she fights for her life. The serval family welcomes two new arrivals. Handler Liesl is over the moon and checks in regularly to make sure young mother Legacy is taking care of her new brood. Annie and Cyril are on the road in the Northern Cape, on the border between South Africa and Botswana. They check in on Anatolian Guard dog Neake, injured after coming into conflict with a troop of baboons that got between him and his livestock herd.

## **12. Episode 012**

This time on the Cheetah Diaries we join an excited Emily as she travels to collect four new cheetah ambassador hopefuls. We witness the end of an era as Angel and Melda retire from the Anatolian breeding dog programme. They have been adopted by Gerard and will live out their retirement on a farm. Handler Lesta is tearful as she says goodbye. The bat eared fox pups are reunited with their parents Brad and Janet for the first time after they were removed when Janet was found eating one of her new-born young. Maria and the team watch on in anticipation to see how they the reunion goes. And concerned handler Liesl adds in an extra meal for new serval mum Legacy to keep her strength up as she cares for her two young kittens.

## **13. Episode 013**

This time on the Cheetah Diaries, big change is afoot. Cheetah Outreach has been given a big opportunity, but it will mean leaving their current home for a new location. The team reflect on what the move will mean for them. Emily is back to sleepless nights, bottle feeds and caring for four month old cheetah cubs. The President of India pays a special visit to Cheetah Outreach. The president is invited in to the classroom for lesson cheetah and gets an opportunity to meet top cat Joseph face to face. Meanwhile, in an undiplomatic encounter the fighting bat-eared foxes Brad and

