



## Sixth Update – 27 August 2008

### The Tuli Twelve

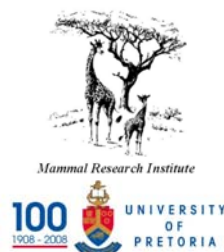
Just over two months back our wild dog pack consisted of 14 dogs; that number now stands at 26! The pups are doing well and still at the den but we expect them to start moving around in about three weeks time. In order to prevent any potential disturbance to the pack during the denning period, no game drive vehicles were allowed into the den area for the first six weeks. We only permit a single vehicle at the den at any time and guests have been treated to great sightings. The pups have also had some less welcome visitors including two pythons, a Mozambique spitting cobra, baboons, monitor lizard, and plenty of elephants. A single lioness has also been in the area and the dogs barked their disapproval when they encountered her at Pete's Pond, less than 1 km from the den. It is a little difficult to give interesting reports during this period as the dogs don't do too much; they go out hunting in the early mornings and late afternoons, then return to the den to feed the pups and any dogs that were on the baby-sitting duties. I am sure their will be more exciting things to report on as soon as they start moving about again. Below are a few photographs of the pups – they are getting bigger by the day!

### Background to NTGR Wild Dog Project

A pack of 18 wild dogs was reintroduced to the Northern Tuli Game Reserve in November 2007. Initially held in an enclosure, the pack was released on 5 April 2008. The project aims to establish a viable pack of this endangered species within the Limpopo Valley region of eastern Botswana. A research programme has been established in addition to a community outreach initiative, educating local communities about wild dogs, predators and conservation in general.



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Until next time,  
All the best

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Craig Jackson

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