

African Painted Dogs

The African Painted Dog (*Lycaon pictus*) is one of Africa's most misunderstood predators.



These evolutionarily distinct canids separated from other dog species more than 10 million years ago and were once widespread across sub-Saharan Africa in 39 countries.

Their coats of white, black and tan form coat patterns that are individual to each animal – no two coat patterns are the same.

They are intensely social carnivores and travel in packs of up to 30 animals with the dominant male and female breeding.

All pack members contribute to the care of the pups and when the pack goes hunting, the pups eat first. The pack also cares for old and sick pack members.

While there are benefits to their social behaviour, there are also drawbacks. All too often a member may contract a disease which can wipe out a whole pack.

They hunt a variety of prey species from small animals such as Duiker to medium-sized animals including antelope and sometimes Wildebeest.

Conservation of the African Painted Dog

Threats

There is no record in myth, legend or fact of an African Painted Dog attacking or killing a human being. Sadly, man is not so indiscriminate.

From a population of more than 300,000 only a century ago, the African Painted Dog now numbers only about 2,500 in the wild and has viable populations in only six main countries. They are now internationally classified as an endangered species.

African Painted Dogs are killed by farmers who perceive them as a threat to livestock. They are killed on roads, caught in traps and snares and die from introduced domestic dog diseases.



Painted Dog Conservation Inc

Painted Dog Conservation Inc (PDCInc) was established in 2003 and works with in-situ projects in the African Painted Dog's range states to conserve the species.

PDCInc provides support to projects in Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



The not-for-profit organisation's achievements to date include:

- contributing to the construction of the largest rehabilitation complex in Africa
- purchasing equipment for anti-poaching units
- contributing to a world first translocation of captive dogs into a national park and between range states
- assisting with the darting and collaring of a yearling male in Namibia for research
- supporting an anti-poaching team, vaccination program for domestic dogs and purchasing telemetry and research equipment for the Zambian project.

Through further funding of research, education, rehabilitation and anti-poaching projects in the African Painted Dog's range states, PDCInc hopes to see the continued survival of this amazing carnivore.

PDCInc relies on the generous support of its members, donors and through fundraising and merchandise. Membership is open to anyone and donations made within Australia are tax-deductible.

Become a Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Please indicate your preference for:

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Please note the newsletter is available in full colour only via email.

The objects of the association are:

To advance conservation for the public benefit of the African Painted Hunting Dog (also referred to as a Wild Dog), *Lycaon pictus*, through education, promoting and disseminating research into conservation and seeking to achieve their sustainable management.

Signature: _____

Parent or guardian to sign if under 18 yrs

Date: _____

Signing this form indicates your agreement to the objects.

Membership rates are \$AUD25 per 12 month period.
2 and 3 year options are available.

Payment method:

Cheque Cash Credit Card

Electronic Transfer Money Order

Cheques/money orders payable to Painted Dog Conservation Inc

Electronic transfer details:

Name: Painted Dog Conservation Inc.

Bank: Westpac Branch: Balcatta

BSB: 036 072 Account: 183 517

Credit Card Type: Visa / Mastercard

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Name on Card: _____

Amount: \$AUD25.00 \$AUD50.00 \$AUD75.00

Signature: _____

PDCInc Mission

To develop PDCInc into an increasingly effective organisation in:

- Provision of resources and facilities to support research into *Lycaon pictus*, aka African Wild Dog
- Conservation of *Lycaon pictus*, with particular emphasis on threat prevention
- Education of the wider community on dogs and related wildlife issues
- Treatment and care of sick or injured dogs and the rehabilitation of such dogs back into their natural environment
- Increasing in the range states the population of *Lycaon pictus*

PDCInc greatly appreciates the support and contributions of our partners who are committed to the conservation of Painted Dogs:

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