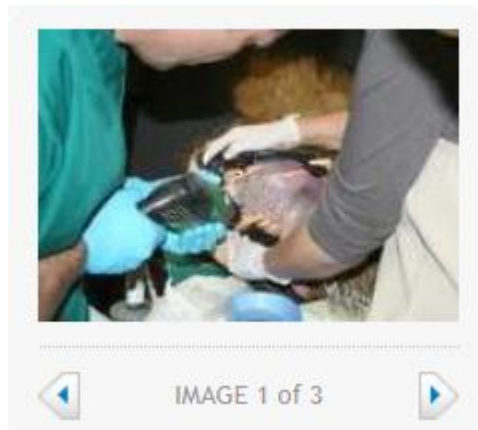


Lory Park zoo's big cats get dental treatment

Chaos and Shazeem need medical attention

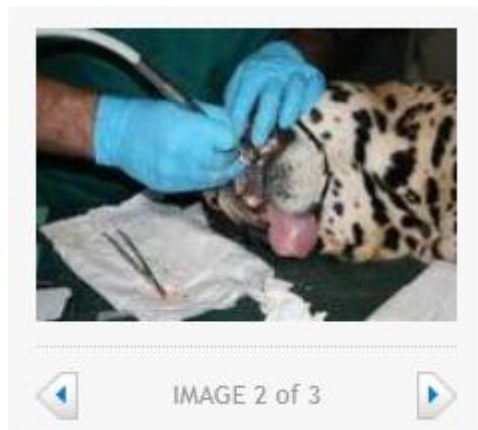
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THE massive pearly whites of two of Lory Park Zoo's resident hand-reared felines were tended to by veterinarians Dr Gerhard Steenkamp and Dr Peter Caldwell from Old Chapel Veterinary Clinic.



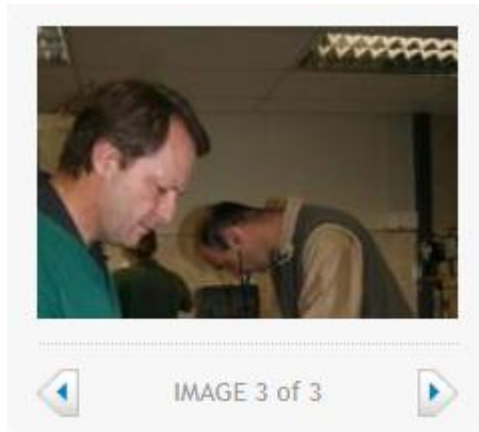
Chaos the lion and Shazeem the leopard were in need of root canal operations.

"Chaos had root canal treatments in both his maxillary canines as he'd broken one off and a hole was developing in the second," said owner of Lory Park Zoo Eddy van Eck. "It was quite a big procedure and took around two and a half hours as first the holes need to be cleaned out then filled, and the filling set."



Shazeem had to have root canal treatment on all four canines. "It was also a good time for Dr Caldwell check Shazeem's health and blood was taken to run tests that will reveal how well his organs are functioning," said van Eck.

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Once awake, both cats were grumpy but within a day were back to their old charismatic selves and recovering well.

Details: www.lorypark.co.za

Did you know:

- Lory Park Zoo and Owl Sanctuary is based in Midrand and celebrated it's 10th birthday this year.
- The zoo's aim is to help create a greater awareness of conservation among youth so Lory Park focuses on conservation education and creating awareness about days like International Vulture Day (first Saturday of September each year).
- Lory Park Zoo has had success with the breeding of highly endangered cats including South American ocelot and Siberian tigers.
- The zoo takes in confiscated and neglected animals and creates a safe haven for them.