

## Environmental Education Programme

## **Memorandum**

## Carnivore

- 1. Carnivores are animals whose food and energy requirements derive mainly from <u>ANIMAL TISSUE</u> or <u>MEAT</u>, whether through hunting or scavenging.
- 2. <u>INSECTIVORE</u> is the term we use for an animal that feeds mainly on insects.
- 3. African Wild Cats are found in a wide variety of habitats, from deserts and scrub grassland to dry and mixed forest, being only absent from <a href="RAINFORESTS">RAINFORESTS</a> and true <a href="DESERTS">DESERTS</a>.
- 4. Although domestic cats and African Wild Cats are <u>GENETICALLY</u> distinct, they can still <u>INTERBREED</u>, and therefore there is a need to control feral cats in and around rural and protected areas.
- 5. Leopards are the <u>APEX</u> predator in the western cape, they are solitary animals and are nocturnal which means that they are more active <u>AT</u> NIGHT.

## 6. True or False

- a. We can identify specific leopard individuals by matching the rosette pattern on their fur. TRUE
- b. The tail of an Aardvark can be up to 30cm long. FALSE, the tongue can be up to 30cm long, the tail is much longer.
- c. Aardwolves are very dependent on water. FALSE aardwolves are <a href="INDEPENDANT">INDEPENDANT</a> of water and get the moisture they need from the termites they eat.
- d. Carnivores only eat meat. False, they eat mostly meat but also other animal tissue and plants.
- e. Bat-eared foxes, like bats, use echolocation to hunt. FALSE, Bateared foxes use their large bat-like ears to listen for insects to hunt.

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