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Anti-Poaching Unit
Meet Diego, Scarf and Otis
Ol Pejeta Conservancy is the largest black rhino sanctuary in East and Central Africa and home to the last two female northern white rhinos. Set over 90,000 acres, it’s K9 unit was one of the first private conservancy dog units in Kenya. They currently have a team of seven dogs, who support armed rangers.

The dog team includes bloodhounds and Dutch Malinois breeds who are highly trained and reinforces anti-poaching efforts by protecting wildlife, safeguarding the local community and assisting the work of the Kenyan Police Reserve and other conservancies.

The Ol Pejeta anti-poaching dogs are each trained in different specialities – from tracking the scent of a poacher, to detecting ammunition and attacking and detaining potential suspects.

Helping Rhinos are proud to support Ol Pejeta Conservancy and you are able to sponsor three dogs through our adoptions programme to help train and care for these incredible canines.

For more information, go to: https://www.helpingrhinos.org/adopt-a-dog/
Meet Diego, he is one of the anti-poaching dog patrol unit dogs and he lives at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya.

He is 7 years old and was born in August 2013 in Cape Town in South Africa. He is a Belgian Malinois and is the longest serving dog in the patrol unit.

Diego is a ‘prime attack dog’ which means he is ideally suited to bringing down a suspected poacher and retaining them until the human anti-poaching team have arrived.

He is an awesome dog who has a wonderful relationship with his handler and loves nothing more than a good groom.
Meet Scarf who is a female Bloodhound who part of the anti-poaching patrol unit at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya.

She was born in October 2016 and arrived at Ol Pejeta Conservancy in December 2016.

As a Bloodhound she is ideally suited to following the scent of poachers and is an amazing ‘tracker dog’. She can run for a very long time in pursuit of a scent left by a poacher.

She is a wonderful dog who loves playing with her handlers.
Meet Otis the anti poaching dog patrol unit’s male Bloodhound.

Otis was born in the Masai Mara in Kenya in November 2016 and he arrived at Ol Pejeta Conservancy on 1st January 2017.

Like Scarf he is a bloodhound and is an awesome ‘tracker dog’. He is able to follow the scent of poachers from just a footprint of a poacher and follow that scent until the poacher is found or the scent disappears.

Otis is a very fit dog who can run for miles and miles. He loves playing with his handlers who has a very close relationship with.
Meet the K9 Handlers

The K9 Anti-poaching unit is not only about the amazing dogs but also their fantastic handlers.

All of the dogs have a wonderful relationship with their handlers who work as a team to protect rhinos and all the animals in the Conservancy.

The handlers and the dogs work together on a daily basis to not only patrol the reserve but also training together to improve their skills.

The K9 handlers are:

- John Tekeles
- David Gathirwa Njoki
- Joel Kiplagat Murei
- James Macharia Mukundi
- Kinkiyian Lelejook