

Supplemental Information 2 - Classification used to determine degree of habituation of translocated cheetahs.

Degree of habituation	Specific behavioural response
Wild	<p>Subject does not tolerate human presence in any context;</p> <p>Subject exhibits typical natural avoidance behaviour and flight response – no direct observation possible;</p> <p>Subject exhibits strong signs of stress/discomfort when confined – hissing, spitting, stomping, attempt to escape.</p>
Semi-habituated	<p>Except for feeding context, subject always avoids human presence;</p> <p>Subject exhibits expected flight response after food is obtained and seeks cover;</p> <p>Subject exhibits obvious signs of stress/discomfort when confined – hissing, spitting, stomping.</p>
Habituated	<p>Subject tolerates human presence beyond feeding events;</p> <p>Subject does not exhibit typical flight or avoidance behaviour when approached;</p> <p>No direct/physical contact possible (contrary to tame);</p> <p>Subject exhibits reduced signs of stress/discomfort when confined (e.g. only mild irritation).</p>
