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END OF SEASON- NEW BEGINNINGS!

Hello all,

2017 was an extremely tough year to operate in Zimbabwe. Despite this we have had an incredible hunting season with excellent trophies being taken, new friends made and overall very happy and satisfied clients.

The lion age restriction over the last few years has certainly paid dividends. Alan did both our lion hunts this year and he shot two monster lions that were both aged at over 7 years old. The one lion won Alan the prestigious “Best Dangerous Game animal shot in Zimbabwe for the year”. The truth is his second lion was equally as good. Al has had an excellent season with great trophies including a 45” buffalo, which was the widest buffalo shot for the year.







The buffalo hunting in Dande this year was different from other years, in that normally early season is tough and as the bush thins out it get easier. This was not the case this year with great buffalo coming early season, which was a pleasant surprise. Mid-season saw the PHs having to work a little harder but having great success and late season as predicted was very good again!



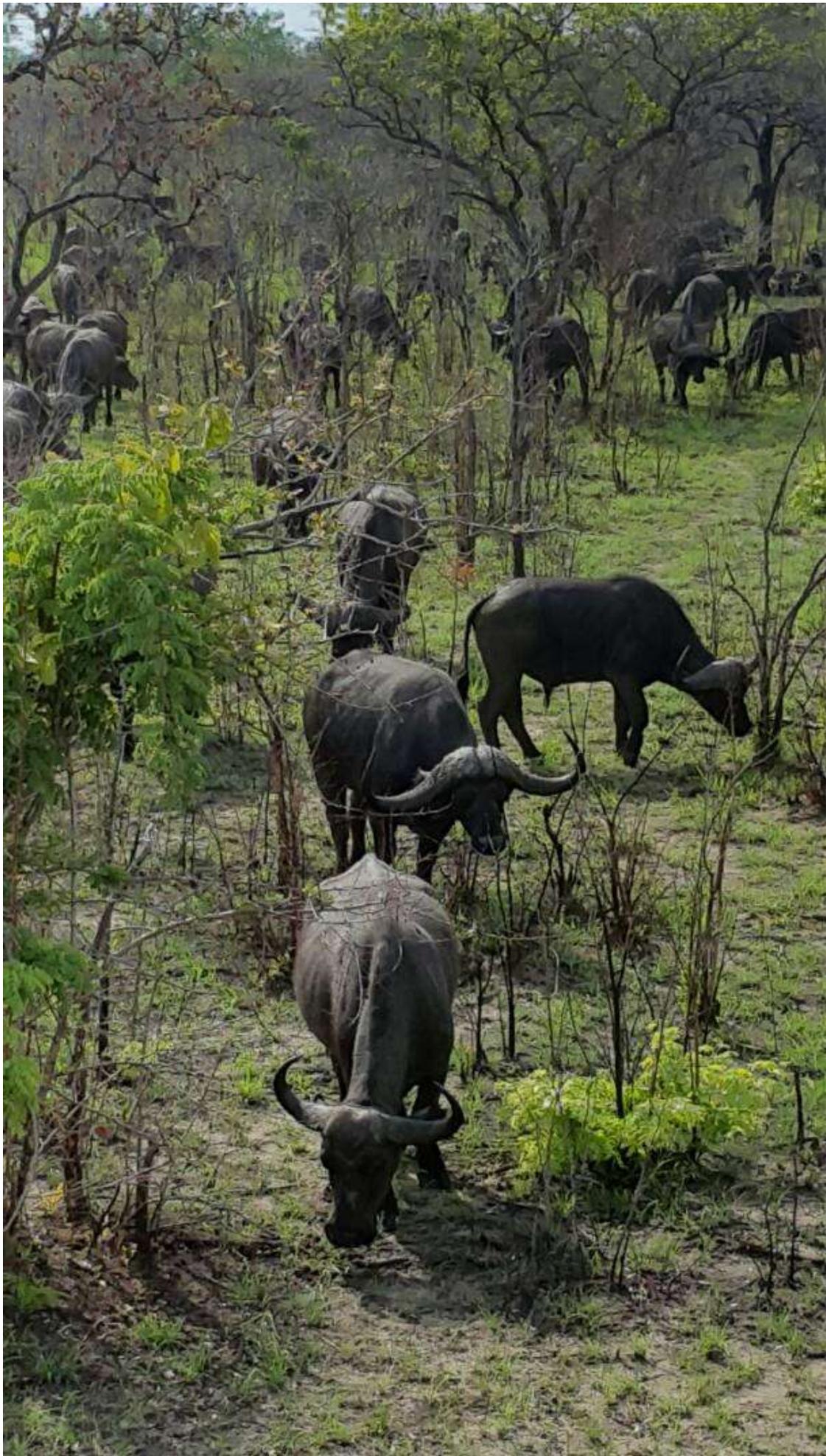






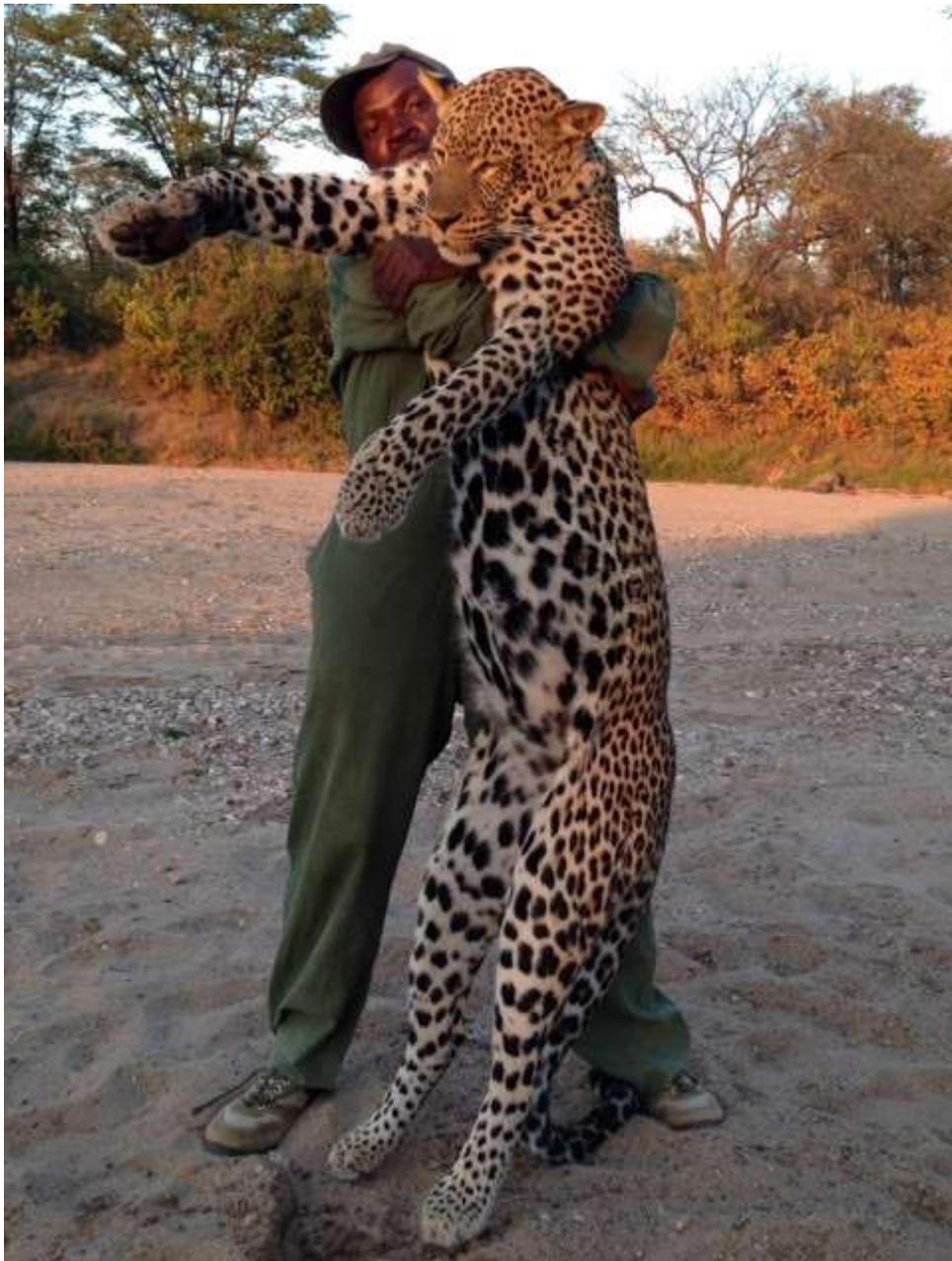


In our last hunt of the season our clients shot two great old dugga boys in 7 days. Credit to Collen and Ross, the below bull was seen and rightfully turned down. These are the kind of bulls that we encourage to grow and spread their genes far and wide. With this policy we are seeing some great old bulls coming through now.



Dande yet again proved to be the best leopard area in the Valley with almost perfect success rate. Out of 12 leopard in total we had two failures. One in Dande and one in Hammond in the Save Valley. Out of all the cats shot in Dande 90% were shot in broad daylight and within the first half of the safari!!!









We took a different approach to our elephant hunting. Tuskless remained the same with a 100% success rate while the elephant bulls we sold in two different packages. The first package was non trophy bulls. On these hunts we sold non trophy bulls being elder bulls with broken tusks or inferior tusks. While these still came off our quota these hunts were quite a bit cheaper than regular trophy hunts. Understandably these hunts appealed to many USA clients as with the

ban on exporting ivory these hunts made sense. The clients could still experience the ultimate elephant hunt at affordable prices.



We did sell a few trophy ele bull hunts and we had wonderful hunts in the Dande. From an experience point of view hunting elephant bulls in the Valley is as good as it gets. While trophy size cannot be compared to the North Western regions the experience is second to none





I did do my customary double ele bull hunt out of Kazuma. Normally on the 15 day hunt we would look at 300 bulls. However with the heavy rains early season and the fact that all the surrounding areas had had poor ele hunting we were not expecting to see so many bulls. This is exactly what happened but despite this we still shot two magnificent bulls of 60 and 55Lbs. To top off this hunt we shot a truly ancient old dugga boy!! Kazuma is hands down the best elephant bull hunting in the country and I still have 1 tag left for next year!





This year saw us again in a fly camp in Charara for a few hunts. Charara boasts the best hippo on land and big croc hunting in Southern Africa. Again this year it did not disappoint us with some monster crocs and hippos being taken. Charara also boasts some of the biggest bushbuck I have ever seen and good numbers of buffalo and tuskless. Next year will see us hunting on a much more permanent basis there. Anyone wanting a more wild experience and a chance of monster croc and dry land hippo combined on a buff hunt, then Charara would be ideal!!













The plains game in the Dande continues to improve. The reason is undoubtedly the effects that DAPU have been having over the years. Below are pics of some plains game including a 62" Kudu that won York the second best plains game animal shot in Zimbabwe this year. The sable have come along nicely and we limited the tags this year and as a result next year looks like it will be excellent for the sable hunters. I was extremely happy with the number of hyenas shot this year, as they are very detrimental to the plains game.









ROAN

The Dande East has a very good population of Roan. The Roan antelope I considered Royal game in Zimbabwe and no quota has been issued as a result. The only way to get a quota is with special dispensation from the Director of Parks following an intense study by the chief ecologist.

We are excited to announce that we have 1 Roan tag to be hunted in the East. This will be the first Roan hunted legally in Zimbabwe. Not only will the potential client shoot a wonderful Roan but he will also be happy to know that 100% of the proceeds from this hunt goes towards installing a much needed water project that will hugely benefit all game animals in this wonderful piece of the Zambezi Valley! The Roan hunt will be combined with a buffalo or a sable. Please email us for details!

ZAMBIA

We only sent 1 client to Zambia and Mike had the most outstanding hunt in the upper Lupande. This area really has unbelievable buffalo and leopard and complimented with huge numbers of plains game meaning that you are sure to have an amazing hunt!









Politically we have also had a very eventful year. As I mentioned, it has been an extremely hard year to operate in and morale was getting low. Then right at the end of the season Zimbabwe experienced a “bloodless coup” resulting in Mugabe resignation. Having participated in the March, which ultimately was the start of the Coup I can tell you, I have never felt so patriotic. Regardless of creed, colour, age or financial status we all had one agenda! It is an absolute credit to all Zimbabweans that there was no violence and no looting and proves what we all knew that Zimbabwe is a peace loving country.

The new President has taken some very decisive and progressive decisions which has filled us all with hope for the future. He has also written a letter direct to President Trump asking him to reconsider the elephant ban, which we hope will say Trump into making the right decision.

A lot of the credit to our continued successes in the field can be contributed to the success of DAPU. This year we have made several arrests including two well know ivory poachers that were slapped with effective 9-year jail terms. They have also picked up numerous snares. Once again we are heavily indebted to all the very generous donations from you all. DAPU was in fact even mentioned on Fox news the other night so word is getting out!!!!



<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/12/04/elephants-in-africa-need-to-be-protected-and-believe-it-or-not-hunting-does-this-better-than-ban.html>

Once again Peter Stewart has kindly offered us an amazing painting of a dugga boy to auction off with part proceeds to go towards DAPU. The bids close on the 20th December 2017 and as we stand highest bid is us\$4000. This is truly a masterpiece and with payment through conservation force it will be tax deductible in the USA.



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Painting Auction: DAPU is proud to regularly receive donations from well known artists of original canvases. These will be auctioned off with all or part of the proceeds going towards ongoing DAPU expenses.

Horn of the Hunter by Peter Stewart - 20x24 " oil on canvas

About the Artist: Peter Stewart is a young contemporary painter who has developed a reputation for his highly representational wildlife art. Growing up in South Africa, he became interested in wildlife and the African bush from an early age. Peter has always had a passion for wildlife and the African bush and has spent many months traveling and experiencing the continent. His training has introduced him to many artistic influences including Kim Donaldson (personal friend and mentor), Paul Bosman, Dino Paravano, Shirley Greese and David Shepherd. He has a deep respect for the knowledge and sensitivities of the past and has spent time visiting museums as well as establishing relationships with contemporary realist painters in the USA. Peter has been able to sift through the vast amount of information, be selective, and utilize what's necessary to achieve an impact that speaks about a personal experience with his subjects. His paintings emote, and convey a care and sensitivity that is only achieved from knowing the subject matter intimately. Utilizing subtle value and temperature shifts, fine draughtsmanship, and pure intuition, Peter weaves a world of breathable air and tactile forms.



Current Bid: USD 2 000
Closing Date: 20 December 2017
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