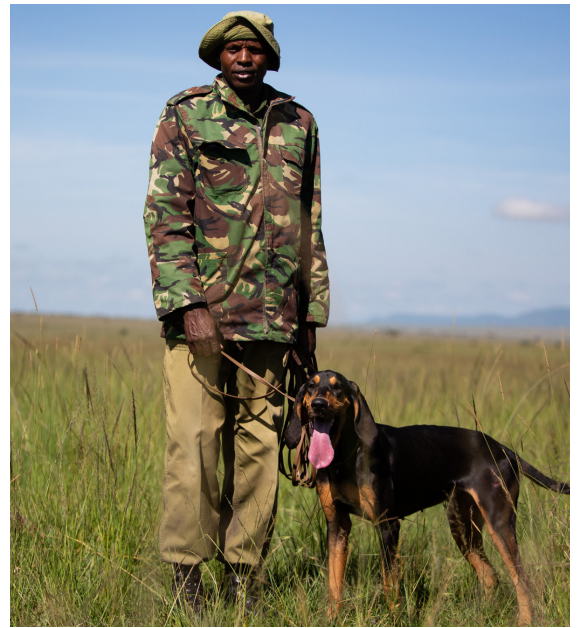


Conservation Guest Experience

MARA CONSERVANCY CANINE PATROL TRAINING

FORMING A CORE PART OF THE MARA CONSERVANCY'S ANTI-POACHING STRATEGY, ITS CANINE UNIT PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE IN REDUCING POACHING AND IMPROVING SECURITY.



Angama Mara's guests now have the rare opportunity to learn what invaluable work these dogs and their handlers are doing to protect the Mara Triangle's wildlife, by joining the unit for a training experience. This entails joining the dogs and handlers out into the bush and trying to outwit them by hiding illicit items in hard-to-find places. During the session, guests will be able to observe and actively participate in the exercises by trying their hand at outsmarting some of Africa's most determined canines, while asking questions and hearing some of the harrowing tales from the field.

Two breeds are used in the Mara – labradors as sniffers and bloodhounds as trackers. Since the introduction of the canine unit in 2009, there has been a higher success rate in arrests by the Mara Conservancy, making poaching a less viable source of income for local communities and improving security in the region.

The duration of the training is one hour, and the fee will take the form of a donation to the Mara Conservancy of \$250 for a group of six guests or less, and \$50 per additional person up to a limit of 12 participants in total. As this is an active anti-poaching unit, and the dogs' first and foremost duty is anti-poaching, this experience cannot be pre-booked as schedules are subject to change according to the canine unit's duties and emergency deployments.

Guests interested in participating in the Mara Conservancy canine patrol training experience should advise their Camp Manager who will make the arrangements.