

dogs got amongst the wild dogs and cleared them pretty well out. Some may think now that the tame dogs got wild. This would be an error. They were a species of wild animal, never were tame and I fancy could never be tamed".

Such an authentic record now makes other records, which have been questionable until now, such as Collins' (1907) reference to the eleven Wild dogs which were killed during a hunt at "Bains Vley" in the Bloemfontein district in June 1862, much more acceptable.

Although it is pleasing to have once more "discovered" the Wild dog and to know that it did in fact once inhabit the plains of the Orange Free State, it is saddening to, at the same time, have to report that presently the Wild dog is one of three mammals in South Africa which is in danger of extinction. Accordingly it has been listed in the *South African Red Data Book* as ENDANGERED. Stable populations occur only in the Kruger National Park, eastern Transvaal and in adjacent private reserves (Smithers 1986).



Wild dog playing.

(from: H. & J. van Lawick-Goodall 1970)

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