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Out of Africa Wildlife Park, Camp Verde AZ

## Dog helps raise Antelope



Kianga, a baby male Sable Antelope born at Out of Africa on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> is being raised in part by English Mastiff, Boma. Boma comes with plenty of experience in this department, since she has previously helped raise three baby tigers at the park. Boma, and the rest of the Out of Africa Park proudly welcome Kianga, which means sunshine in Swahili.

*Sable Antelope live in the wooded savannas in south-eastern Africa, regarded by many as the most magnificent antelope in Africa. While various subspecies of the Sable Antelope are endangered (The Giant Sable of North Western Angola and Kenyan Coastal Sable), Sable antelope thrive at Out of Africa Wildlife Park currently numbering eight. They are right at home in their spacious African-like preserves.*

While mother Swazi gave birth to Kianga with no complications, she rejected little Kianga...leaving him for us to rear. Kianga wasn't able to stand in the first two hours following his birth, which is likely why mom rejected her baby. In the wild, any offspring that have slow development will likely be abandoned by the mother because of the perceived weakness. Weakness on the African plains means easy kill for a predator, even though a mother will conceal its offspring for the first three weeks of its life.

We are hand raising Kianga and will return him back to the herd as soon as it's practical. Of course Boma is always on hand to assist. We are so pleased to see Kianga developing nicely. He is walking better and better each day, even feeling his oats with some wild displays of leaping.

Currently, our nurturing consists of feeding baby Kianga kid milk replacement formula via bottle. He is up to 12 ounces every three to four hours, and when he's hungry he will certainly let you know! His ravenous appetite is a good sign that he is growing and gaining his strength very quickly. With a cuteness factor off the charts, you'll definitely want to catch Kianga in his adorable youth. Visitors can view Boma and Kianga daily at the park.

Out of Africa Wildlife Park in Camp Verde, AZ is just 90 minutes north from most of the Phoenix area, and less than 30 minutes south of Sedona. Known for the feel of Africa in the heart of Arizona, Out of Africa Wildlife Park rests on 104 acres of Arizona splendor. Known for the one-of-a-kind experience and animal encounter, it is bar none the leader in hands-on interaction, education and entertainment.

Out of Africa is a great place to escape into the African Bush on your guided Safari tour, or thrill to tigers romping with caretakers in an aquatic presentation like none other. Shows and safaris throughout the day provides for a full day's adventure for the entire family. Food and gift shop. No hidden fees.

Open from 9:30am – 5:00pm daily, plan for a full day's adventure. Family fun you don't want to miss.

Out of Africa Wildlife Park is located at:

3505 Camp Verde Bridgeport Highway (SR-260), Camp Verde, AZ 86322

From Interstate 17 (I-17), take exit 287. Go west 3 miles to Cherry Creek Rd. Turn south (left) at the Cherry Creek Rd. light, then right on N. Commonwealth to the park entrance.

For show times, safaris and more, call (928) 567-2840, or visit the website at [www.outofafricapark.com](http://www.outofafricapark.com)