FPP 2015 picture list - press selection

5. FPP_05_DAmicis_Bruno_Der_Fennek_Kleiner_Geist_der_Duenen

A camera-trap setup reveals a fennec digging for beetles between the roots of a Retam broom shrub. Fennecs often and quickly dig in the soft sand to search for rodents and invertebrates or to find cover.

10. FPP_10_DAmicis_Bruno_Der_Fennek_Kleiner_Geist_der_Duenen

A fennec is displayed in the market (souk), of a Tunisian town. Fit for a life in the silence and solitude of the desert, this individual, caught when already an adult, showed clear signs of distress and aggression in the chaos of the town. It died a few days after this picture was taken.

11. FPP_11_DAmicis_Bruno_Der_Fennek_Kleiner_Geist_der_Duenen

"Sultan", a famous captive fennec that is displayed tied on a rope in front of a tourist shop, is the main attraction in the souk of Douz, a desert town in Tunisia. By the display of such a charismatic animal, tourists are often lured to buy things or pay for pictures. On inquiry, although Sultan has been caught as a pup in the wild, the owners of the shop reassure the foreigners stating that the animal is "domestic".