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THE BIG CAT TIMES

GILLIGAN & FRIENDS Rescued



6 Wild Cats Come to Big Cat Rescue

MOST DARING RESCUE EVER - SIX WILD CATS NOW CALL BIG CAT RESCUE HOME

A breeder who owned nine exotic cats rented property from his son-in-law in the small town of Atchison, Kansas. When the man separated from his wife, he stopped paying rent and rarely came around to feed or provide water for the cats. Some cats died during the following months. Worried for the safety of the remaining animals the son-in-law reported the abandoned cats to authorities. The Atchison County Sheriff's Office seized one tiger, two cougars, three bobcats, two lynx, a serval and two skunks under the state's Dangerous Regulated Animals Act and the animal cruelty code. They then contacted the Humane Society of the United States and the Kansas City Zoo for assistance with caring for and placing the animals in reputable facilities. Big Cat Rescue stepped in to provide homes for six of the cats including the two Canada lynx, three bobcats, and one serval. The rest of the cats and the skunks were sent to other accredited sanctuaries.

Big Cat Rescuers Jamie Veronica, Gale Ingham, Barbara Frank and veterinarian Dr. Boorstein made the non-stop 22-hour road trip to Kansas City, Missouri. After a good night's sleep, they joined nearly a dozen Humane Society staff, a half dozen deputies and four staff from the Kansas City Zoo. Every one worked together in team effort to remove all of the animals from the property swiftly and safely.

During the rescue operation the owner of the cats arrived. He was very angry his cats were being seized and screamed at the deputies. The deputies told him to leave the scene and he did. He continued to yell at the deputies even as he drove away. Approximately an hour later the man returned and was quite belligerent. In order to diffuse the situation, he was subdued and handcuffed. Deputies found a meth pipe in the man's pocket and a rifle in the back of his car. He was arrested and taken to jail where he eventually agreed to surrender the cats.

Meanwhile rescuers moved from one cat to the next, capturing, examining, and loading each into transport crates. After nearly four and a half hours all of the cats were loaded up into transport trailers and the various groups parted ways. Big Cat Rescuers then began the long trip back to the sanctuary where they were greeted by a dozen volunteers, interns, and staff members as well as the media.



Loading up the Kansas cats into the newly outfitted Big Cat Rescue trailer complete with air conditioning, temperature sensors, and video cameras linked to monitors in the truck.

Each cat was unloaded and released into their new enclosures. The Canada lynx were the first to explore their new

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surroundings. The rest of the cats waited for the cloak of darkness. After just a few days all of the cats settled into their new home and seemed to be quite pleased with their accommodations.

The four year old female serval, was bottle raised from a kitten. She did not have a name. The other cats had names of characters from the popular 60's television show Gilligan's Island, so in keeping with the theme she was named Ginger. Ginger was kept in a cage about 9' x 12'.



*Big Cat Rescue
Ginger*

On one side of her two cougars were housed and on the other was an empty cage. That empty cage housed another serval who died a few months before the rescue.

Sadly, that serval had become wedged in between the door panels of the cage and died. The dead serval was left in the cage for weeks before it was removed and dumped in an open pit just a few feet from Ginger's cage. Despite living next door to two large intimidating cats, witnessing the death of her serval neighbor, and living in



*Kansas - Ginger's cage and
trash pit filled with dead animals*

complete filth, Ginger was surprisingly calm during her capture and exam. Since her arrival she has really opened up and is quite the chatty kitty! She prances around her enclosure, rolls in the tall grasses, and eagerly awaits dinner each evening.

Mary Ann, a four year old female bobcat, was kept in a cage about 5' x 10'. Feces and meat scraps had piled up for months. She had a small plastic dog house as shelter from the rain and snow. Inside it was filled with small animal carcasses. Mary Ann was the second cat at the Kansas property to be captured.



*Kansas - Mary Ann's
cramped cage*

After being netted and examined in her enclosure Mary Ann managed to wiggle free from the net before she could be transferred to



*Big Cat Rescue
Mary Ann*

the transport crate. Big Cat Rescuers gave her space, turned the crate towards her and she leaped inside. The very next day after her arrival Mary Ann warmed up to her keepers chirping and bouncing happily to the side of the enclosure to greet her visitors.

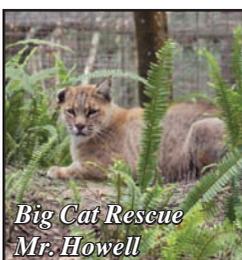
Mr. Howell, a five year old male bobcat, was kept with a female bobcat named Lovey. He is declawed on all four paws and his left ear is folded over most likely the result of a past injury. He and Lovey shared a cramped cage and a single dog house to escape the weather. Mr. Howell was intact and Lovey was not spayed. So the two of them were separated upon their arrival at Big Cat Rescue until Lovey could be spayed. Mr. Howell has a strange coat pattern and coloring,



*Kansas - Mr. Howell
peaks out of dog house,
Lovey hides behind him*

so strange it is believed that he may be some sort of bobcat wildcat hybrid. He loves his large rock cave and spends most of his time on top of this mountain observing his surroundings. He also loves spice bag enrichment! Big Cat Rescuers were in awe to see his reaction to the first enrichment he has probably ever received. Mr. Howell rolled around on the ground, rubbing his face on the bag, and pawing at the fun new toy.

Lovey a five year old female bobcat was housed with Mr. Howell. She is also declawed on all four paws. Shortly after her arrival Lovey was spayed and during her vet visit a rotten upper canine was extracted. She is currently recovering in our Cat Hospital, after which she will be reunited with Mr. Howell. Lovey is the shyest of the Kansas cats. She spent her first several days hiding in her large cave den and slinking around at night.



*Big Cat Rescue
Mr. Howell*



Lovey in transport

Gilligan is a male Canada lynx and his

age is unknown. He was purchased along with Skipper at an auction. Gilligan had the tiniest cage measuring 5' x 7'. It was also the dirtiest. The mud floor was not mud, but feces covered with a sprinkling of straw. It appeared as though Gilligan had tried to keep much of his waste confined to one area on top of his plastic dog house. He had perched atop the house day after day to defecate. The large pile of feces cascaded out of the side of his cage. The dog house was too small for Gilligan to fit in leaving him no where to escape the rain and snow. He was forced to sleep in the open surrounded by filth. Because Gilligan's cage was so small there was



Kansas - Gilligan's tiny & dirty cage



*Kansas -
Examining
Gilligan*

not enough room for Big Cat Rescuers to enter it with nets and a crate. With no other options he was sedated, examined, and

loaded into a crate. Gilligan seems absolutely blissful in his new enclosure. In his first days he constantly sniffed all around soaking in the fresh air.

Skipper, a male Canada lynx, is also of unknown age. He had the largest cage measuring about 5' x 30'. He had a small plastic dog house and a plastic shelf. A large rabbit carcass lay rotting in the corner of his cage and the entire cage was just as dirty as the others, feces lying everywhere and urine soaked straw. Skipper was the first of the Kansas cats to begin exploring his new home at Big Cat Rescue. He cautiously stepped into his enclosure as he looked back over his shoulder at his rescuers. Skipper along with his fellow refugees have settled in to their new digs.



*Big Cat Rescue
Skipper*



*Big Cat Rescue
Gilligan*

FEDERAL BILL TO BAN BREEDING AND POSSESSION OF BIG CATS REINTRODUCED - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Many of our readers will recall that in March 2012 Big Cat Rescue and other animal welfare groups introduced the federal Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act in the House of Representatives. Even though this was introduced late in the two year session and by September the election distracted legislators, thanks to the thousands of calls and emails from so many of you to your Representatives asking them to co-sponsor the bill, we ended the session with 60 co-sponsors!

Now we are in a new two year session and are getting an early start this time, with the bill renumbered as HR 1998 having been reintroduced on a bi-partisan basis on May 15, 2013 by Rep. Buck McKeon (R-CA) and Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA).

WE NEED YOUR HELP to build co-sponsor momentum again. The most effective thing you can do is both call and email your Representative. For our "tips" sheet about calling your Representative, or other questions about the bill, please email Howard.Baskin@BigCatRescue.org. To read more about the bill and send an email just go to www.BigCatBan.com. The site will let you easily locate your Representative by your zip code. To maximize the effectiveness of your email, please take just a moment to alter the subject line and a portion of the email template you will see at the website.

Regulation of how big cats are treated simply cannot work. Despite the regulations that are supposed to insure humane treatment, big cats are being mistreated daily and rescue after rescue from absolutely horrible conditions cannot solve the problem. The only solution is to stop the rampant breeding and private possession. If you have time to do only ONE THING this year for big cats, please make it calling and emailing your Representative and asking them to co-sponsor HR 1998!

ROCK TO THE RESCUE

A ROARING time was enjoyed by all as Big Cat Rescue volunteers teamed up with Ms. Hannah Shaw, Director of “Rock to the Rescue” for an exciting Big Cat fundraising/public awareness event that took place as part of the Sunshine Music Festival held at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa, FL. “Rock to the Rescue” is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded by classic rock band Styx, whose mission is to build strong, healthy communities through the support of grassroots organizations across the country.



Big Cat Rescue volunteers helped set a new “Rock to the Rescue” fundraising record of \$11,000.00+, with 25% (\$2700.00+) donated in support of the magnificent creatures that call the sanctuary home, and the remaining 75% donated in support of the victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy.

Rock to the Rescue is a project founded on the principle that our communities are stronger when we work together in mutual aid. Having played over 1500 shows in the last 14 years, Styx has been strongly connected with communities across the country. At each tour date, Rock to the Rescue partners with a local group to give back to the community through outreach, fundraising, and volunteer support. What makes Rock to the Rescue so unique is that they work on a grassroots level with small groups, giving real support to real individuals who are creating positive changes in their communities. Rock to the Rescue is building initiatives in the areas of music education, animal welfare, and health and well-being.

For additional information, visit: <http://rocktotherescue.net/>

FWC ADAPTS TO CHANGING TECHNOLOGY

Changes in technology like the now pervasive use of social networking on the Internet are drastically changing how people communicate and how they expect to receive information. One challenge for regulators is how to adapt their rules to these dramatic changes.

An important and incredibly satisfying portion of what we do, here at Big Cat Rescue, is taking in orphaned and/or injured native bobcats and nursing them back to health, teaching them to hunt, and returning them to the wild. A rule about not exhibiting rehab animals that was established way before the Internet existed prohibited publishing photos or videos of the rehab animals. The unintended consequence was that, as people increasingly rely on visual presentation as the way they want to receive information (versus reading the written word), not being able to show our rehab work visually was increasingly limiting the ability of ourselves and other rehabbers to educate the public about the importance of rehab work in preserving Florida’s wildlife and the need for us to live in harmony with our wild neighbors, particularly as we continue to impact their habitat and have more contact with them.

Late last year we began an active dialog with staff and counsel at the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) about the impact this was having with the generous

pro bono help of two passionately cat loving attorneys, David Ganje and Eric Husby. The dialog with FWC staff and counsel was a mixture of brainstorming together on both the legal and practical aspects of the issue, including how to balance the concerns on which the rule was originally based against the benefits of creating more public interest and knowledge about rehab work that is now made possible by the widespread use of images and video on social networking platforms. Particularly in the last few months FWC moved on this issue with speed that is difficult to accomplish in the administrative world of a government agency and came up with a solution that we feel addresses both the concerns and the needs in a fabulous way. They established a separate permit that rehabbers can apply for that grants permission to display images and video of rehab animals. To protect the animals, the permit is conditional on taking photographs and video in a manner that does not create harm or stress to the animal or in any way impedes the rehabilitation of the animal.

Big Cat Rescue is pleased to be the first recipient of this permit and would like to enthusiastically thank FWC for what we feel was a classic example of how a government agency and a stakeholder can work together to address and adapt to issues created by a world where technology changes so rapidly and in ways that rules or procedures established in a prior era could not have predicted.

BOBCAT DUO RELEASED TOGETHER



We are so pleased to share with you that Gator and Copter, two male Florida bobcats, have been released back into the wild. The bobcat duo came to Big Cat Rescue in the summer of last year, both orphaned, riddled with parasites, and emaciated. After several months of rehabilitation and bonding the two were transported to a release site encompassing 5,000 acres of natural habitat. Big Cat Rescuers set the wooden crates side by side and on the count of 3 opened the doors releasing the duo. Gator immediately burst from the crate and bounded across a large field before taking cover in the forest where he waited for Copter.

Copter on the other hand was much more timid and took nearly 45 minutes to get up the courage to leave the dark confines of the crate. Although very interested in the surroundings just past the opening of the crate, Copter was reluctant to take that first step out into the light. His crate was moved closer to the forest and near a large pile of dead branches. He finally bolted towards freedom and took cover in the thicket.



We hope that Gator and Copter will stay together for a little while until they have both settled into their new home. These animals belong in the wild and setting them free is one of the most satisfying perks of a Big Cat Rescuer!

Above: President Jamie Veronica and Volunteer Veterinarian Dr. Boorstein release Gator & Copter as interns & staff observe; Gator & Copter when they first arrived at Big Cat Rescue; Gator & Copter in the rehab enclosure, running towards freedom; Big Cat Rescuers after the release.



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SOLAR PROJECT COMPLETE, DONORS VISIT

Last issue we reported on the completion of our second solar panel project to reduce our electricity cost and be more "green." At that time the project was not fully funded. Since then, long time supporter The Little Family Foundation



came through with the remaining funds needed and all three major donors to this project have visited and seen it. Pictured here are Arthur Little and Jann Leeming from The Little Family Foundation with Zabú the white tiger who appears to be shouting her thanks for their support, Shelly Aubuchon, Stephen Miccio and Lena Spencer from TECO doing their final inspection, and Rita Lowman, EVP from C1 Bank presenting their donation



TIGER SPONSORSHIP KIT



Basic \$25 Sponsorship Kit includes: 8x10 photo, 4-page color fact sheet, list of each tiger with a black & white photo and personal story of each, and a registration card to choose a specific tiger to be featured on your official sponsorship certificate

Additional levels of sponsorship packets are available in the following increments and include the listed benefits:
 \$50 - 1 Tour Pass, Bumper Sticker
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 \$5,000 - 12" Ceramic Plaque, 18x24" Donor Sign, 20 Tour Passes, 2 Founder Tours for 10, 2 Keeper Tour Passes

Other species available for sponsorship are Lion, Black Leopard, Golden Leopard, Cougar, Bobcat, Siberian Lynx, Caracal, Ocelot, Sand Cat, Geoffroy Cat, Leopard Cat, and Jungle Cat.

Sponsorship levels recognized with signage are as follows:



\$50
4x4 Ceramic Plaque



6x12 Engraved Plaque



\$1,000
6x6 Ceramic Plaque



9x12 Engraved Plaque



\$2,500
8x8 Ceramic Plaque



\$5,000
12x12 Ceramic Plaque



12x12 Photo Sign



18x24 Photo Sign

KIDS 4 KATS

Bailey Desjardins, a 5th grader in Pinellas County, wanted to help Big Cat Rescue as part of a school project. We sent her the specs for platforms that our cats love to lounge on, and Bailey and her parents made a great platform for one of our bobcats to enjoy!



Big Cat Rescue was pleased to get a visit and a donation from Nicole Martinez, age 10, from Frederick, Maryland. Nicole's loves big cats and Big Cat Rescue's YouTube videos. For the last year and a half, Nicole had been saving her allowance and selling lemonade to donate towards the care of her favorite cats, Nico and Canyon. Nicole's generous donation totaled \$114.05! Grrr-eat job, Nicole! We hope you continue to love and help animals!

Blake Kirby, a 4th grader at Cypress Woods Elementary in Pinellas County, was intrigued by big cat enrichment, and decided to do a spice drive for Big Cat Rescue as part of his community service learning project. Blake collected spices from family, friends, and neighbors. Thanks so much, Blake! The cats will really enjoy your great contribution!



Wild Child Shares Birthday Wishes with the Big Cats! Jasper Perez, of Baltimore, turned 7 years old last month. In lieu of gifts, she asked friends and family to donate to Big Cat Rescue. She raised \$555.29 for the cats. Way to go, Jasper! The cats appreciate your generous donation and hope you had a grrrr-eat birthday!



FATAL ATTRACTIONS TIGER TERROR

Animal Planet's Fatal Attractions is a show that focuses on human obsessions with wild animals that can become dangerous and sometimes fatal. Check out Episode 6 of Season 3, **Tiger Terror**, to see Big Cat Rescue President explain the dangers of handling big cats such as tigers.



Preview link:

<http://tinyurl.com/prsd5q4>

Episode Synopsis: A showbiz couple toured the world with their performing tigers, leading an intoxicating life of stardom, money and power, which was cut brutally short when their co-performer was killed by their prized white tiger. And that's not the end of their story...



TIGERS FOR TIGERS

NATIONAL
TIGERS FOR TIGERS
COALITION



Tigers For Tigers Coalition (T4TCoalition.org) was founded in 1997 as a way of harnessing the team spirit of colleges with tiger mascots to

protect tigers. It has grown over the years and has been inclusive of any tiger mascot school who wanted to participate. This year they held their first National Summit at Clemson University and asked a number of tiger experts, including Big Cat Rescue CEO and Founder Carole Baskin, to come talk to the students about the real steps they can take, right now, to protect tigers. Are you a student or alumni of a tiger mascot school?



Join the club:

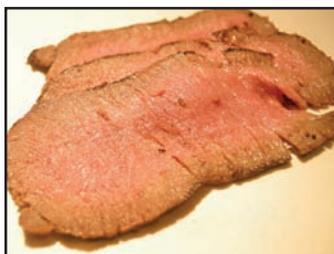
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LION ON THE MENU

Sadly, lion has been added to the menu of yet another restaurant in our own backyard, but it doesn't stop there. Lion meat is popping up on menus across the country. The meat served is served as a novelty item for publicity. Many of those who have consumed it state that it is not even very good. Describing the dish as overly chewy with a pork like flavor. So why then is lion meat becoming more and more popular? Because it is controversial.



issue with the commercial sale of exotic meats, lion and otherwise, is that the source of the animals, even if legal, much less the conditions under which they are slaughtered, is not monitored. Despite claims to the contrary, lion meat production and sale largely



falls through the regulatory cracks with neither the FDA and nor USDA taking full responsibility for the process from start to finish.

Unfortunately the media has driven the sale of this meat by playing up the controversy focusing more on asking consumers if they would or would not eat lion meat instead of investigating the real question, "Where is this meat coming from?" The lion meat trade is a shady, under-regulated business that places both people and animals at risk.

Lion meat sold as a by-product of the trade in lions raised for public display or "hobby" may not be raised with adequate attention to required antibiotic or other drug withdrawal times. The FDA does not regularly or pro actively conduct residue testing in exotic meat. In addition, there are no regulations that prevent feeding lions "specified risk material" (SRM) — brains, eyes, spinal cord and other organs — that are prohibited in feed for other animals raised for human consumption due to the risk of transmissible



The African lion is not an endangered species, so it is perfectly legal to raise and butcher lions in this country and sell their meat for food. Exactly where the lion meat that does get sold here comes from is a bit of a mystery, though. One big

spongiform encephalopathy caused by "prions" — abnormal proteins that eat holes in the brains of infected humans and animals.

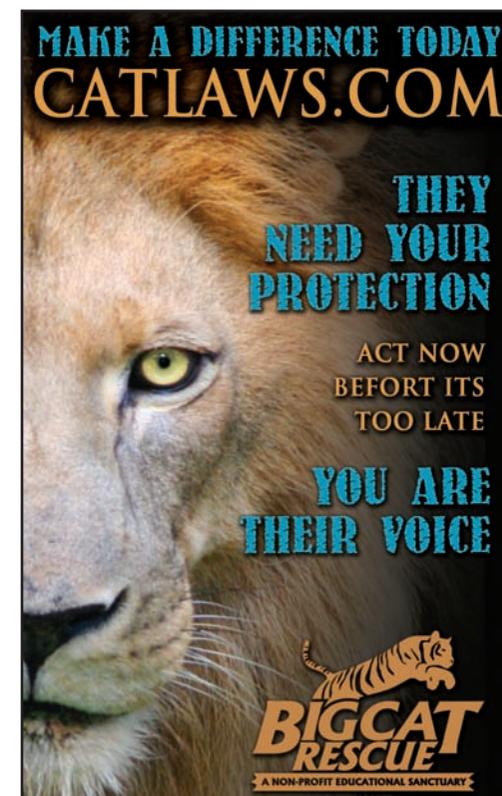
Once animals are skinned and slaughtered it is difficult, if not impossible, to identify the species or origin of the meat. At least one lion meat distributor has had a history of problems, including poor sanitation and selling meat from tigers and labeled as "lion meat." According to documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, Czimer's Game and Seafood in Homer Glen, IL was convicted in 2003



of selling meat from federally protected tigers and leopards. The owner admitted to purchasing the carcasses of 16 tigers, 4 lions and 2 mountain lions. They were skinned and sold as "lion meat" for a profit of more than \$38,000. Another plant, Eickman's Processing in Seward, IL, slaughtered as many as 20 lions between Dec. 6, 2009 and Jan. 2, 2010. Neither the USDA or the FDA were aware of the origin of the lions processed. Neither agency ever sent inspectors to the lion suppliers' facilities nor, astoundingly, even asked who the original suppliers were.

Lions are not covered under the federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. This law requires that animals be rendered unconscious or insensible to pain prior to slaughter. Past investigations into the private ownership of exotic animals, roadside zoos and traveling shows have revealed appalling conditions under which captive exotic animals, including lions, are commonly kept. Many states have no laws governing the care and treatment of captive exotic animals.

Consumers, restaurant owners and policy-makers are all equally responsible for putting a stop to this risky business by refusing to buy or sell lion meat and by pushing for and passing stronger regulations and prohibitions on the possession, slaughter and sale of lions in the United States.



PAINTING WITH A TWIST

Marvin and Leslie Gay opened the very first franchise of a wonderfully fun new concept. People who have never painted in their lives gather at their two area locations each week and create masterpieces by following the step by step instructions of their charming and entertaining teachers. For a fund raiser for Big Cat Rescue they chose to paint a cougar. 76 people attended, some from their "regulars" and some of our supporters, including a group of "Skipaholics" in their Big Cat Rescue tees! Champagne was served and provided liquid courage for the more timid participants. The end result was pretty amazing as you can see in the photo, and the evening raised \$1690, enough to feed a tiger for 2 months! Thanks to all who attended and to Leslie and Marvin for their wonderful support!



TEXAS RESIDENT ROUND UP TO PROTECT BIG CATS

Are you a Texas resident? If so, please ask your Representative to support a ban on the private possession and exploitation of big cats. You can do this quickly and easily using our automated service at the link below. This one small action could be the most important thing you do all year and may put an end to the needless abuse of big cats in your state.



Take action now: <http://tinyurl.com/o3gp6f7>

The form will not accept a NON-Texas address. Above: Tiger carted around in a chainlink cage attached to a trailer that is driven town to town. This big cat is exploited on a daily basis. You can put an end to this abuse by speaking out for the big cats today.

THE BIG CAT TRADING POST - GIFT GUIDE

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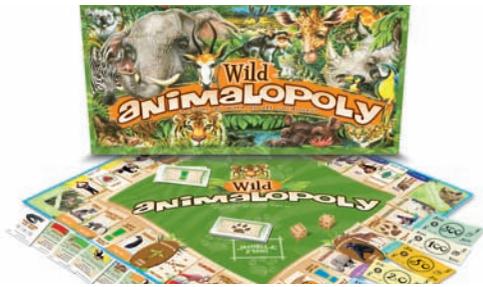
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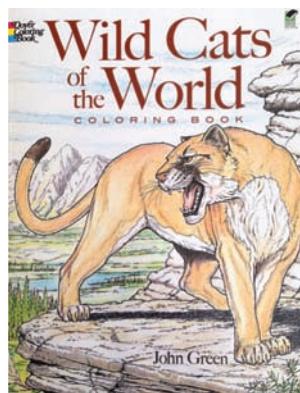
10" Baby Lion **\$15.84**



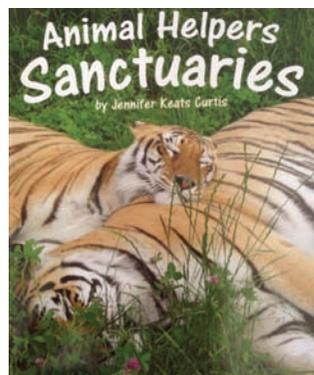
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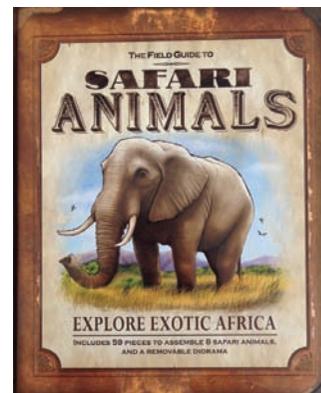
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PROJECT CATER-WALL

Big Cat Rescue needs a perimeter wall to surround the sanctuary and protect the cats. The total perimeter is 7,200 feet. We have completed 2/3 of the project, but need your help to finish 2,300 feet. You can help by sponsoring one linear foot of construction. The cost per linear foot is \$100. In honor of your gift you will receive a Big Cat Screensaver, 2-for-1 Tour Pass, and name recognition on sign.



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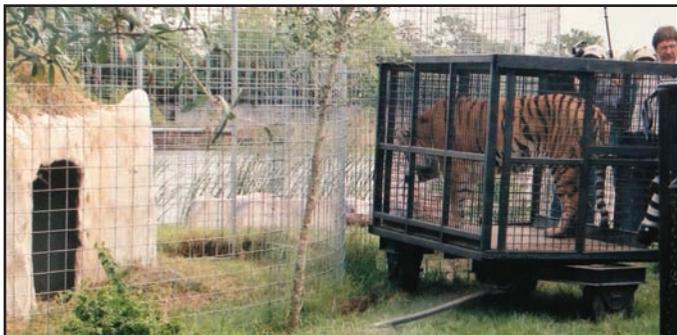
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A PLACE TO ROAM FREE FOR WORLD'S OLDEST CAPTIVE TIGER

- By Carole Baskin

At 24 years old, Flavio is the world's oldest tiger. He retired from the circus to Big Cat Rescue on New Year's Day 2002. Since the circus tigers were all fully clawed, they have had to be kept in roofed cages here to prevent escape, which limits the amount of open space they have been able to enjoy.



Six months ago we began our first attempt at creating a huge, open air space encompassing 2.5 acres, that had walls high enough to contain even the most agile of the big cats. This new design is a \$200,000 endeavor but we felt it was worthwhile because all of our big cats can be rotated through the enclosure spending 2 weeks at a time on vacation in the space.



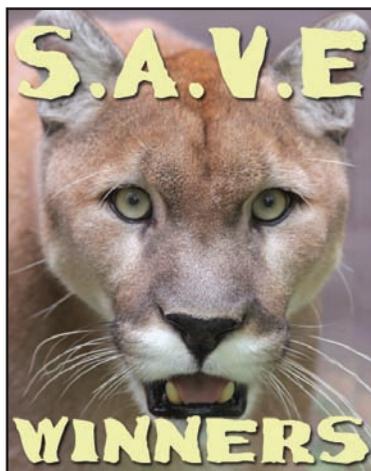
So far, thanks to some amazing donors, we have raised \$76,311 and have the north wall completed. We have the bottom two rows of caging material raised around the rest of the acreage, but still need to add the two toughest, top rows. To do so requires a lift truck and we have been trying to buy, rather than rent, because there are so many ways we can use a lift truck at the sanctuary.



Every day I look at the progress and am both thrilled and sad. Every day I look at Flavio, in the twilight of his time here on the planet and ask if he can just hang on until it is done. I can't write this without crying, because I don't think he has months to wait. We all desperately want Flavio to know what it is like to have an unobscured view of the sky. Before his time is up he should know what it is like to walk as far as he can without hitting a wall. He should be able to wade out into the pond and send waterbirds flying, like his wild cousins do. He should be able to climb the sloping ramps to the platforms and look as far as his old eyes can see without seeing a cage wall.

VOLUNTEERS AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION

Congratulations to the following Big Cat Rescuers who have been recognized this year for their outstanding commitment to the mission of Big Cat Rescue. In honor of this commitment they were each presented with an award called the S.A.V.E. and allotted \$500 to spend on their favorite feline friends.



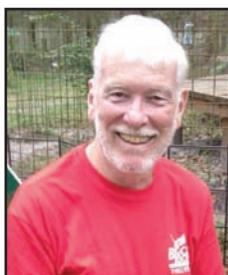
S.A.V.E stands for Scratch's Award for Volunteer Excellence. Named for an outstanding cougar named Scratch, whose lifespan reached 30 years,

the SAVE Award recognizes one outstanding volunteer or intern each month.

We are happy to celebrate Keeper Trainee Desmond Fowles for his contagious enthusiasm and countless hours of volunteer service, Senior Keeper Jarred Smalley for letting no obstacle come between him and his dedication to the big cats, and the Spring Interns Andrew Blackwood, Annette Pedersen, Brittany Greene, Erin Carden, Joanna Atkin, Jordan Lain, Lauren Buckingham, Michelle Graham, Nicole Cashman, Valerie Stockton, and

Vannesa Ply for pioneering efforts in foster kitten program.

March
Desmond Fowles



April
Jarred Smalley



May
Spring Interns



Find out more about volunteering at www.BigCatRescue.org/volunteer

JULIET SIMMS OF THE VOICE VISITS THE BIG CATS

Big Cat Rescue was very excited to host a private tour of the sanctuary for musical talent Juliet Simms. Many of you may recall Juliet was the runner-up on the 2nd season of the reality talent show, The Voice. She loves big cats and chose Big Cat Rescue to benefit from her recent participation in a



unique fundraiser called Closets for Causes. Designer clothing and accessories owned by Juliet were auctioned off, raising more than \$1,200 to support the big cats! In honor of her contribution, Big Cat Rescue's Jeff Kremer presented Juliet with a special plaque to commemorate her gift. In recognition of her visit and to show her love of the big cats through continued support, Juliet designed a special bracelet as part of her Never Take It Off jewelry line. The bracelet is available for purchase at the link below. For every bracelet sold, \$8 will be donated to Big Cat Rescue! Now that's something to sing about!

<http://tinyurl.com/oxqkral>

If you want all of this for Flavio, and all of the other tigers and lions here, YOU can make it happen. We still need to raise \$123,689.00 and every little bit helps a big cat here:

<http://www.razoo.com/story/Bigcatvacation>

Above: Flavio when he first arrived at Big Cat Rescue in 2002, Flavio looking out over the lake from his enclosure, the Vacation Rotation enclosure in progress.

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FLORIDA DISTRICT 64 REPRESENTATIVE JAMIE GRANT VISITS THE SANCTUARY

In February we were honored to have as our guests Florida Representative Jamie Grant (far right in the photo with Andre the tiger) and members of his staff. Rep. Grant has been very generous with his time when we have visited his office in Tallahassee to discuss current animal legislation in recent years. He has shown strong interest in animal issues generally and particularly in the treatment of exotic animals in Florida.

After the visit, we appreciated receiving the following very complimentary email: "I always brag about our district and Big Cat Rescue is yet another reason I believe that this is the best district in the State. My team and I had a blast on our visit to Big Cat Rescue. As a Jesuit and Auburn grad, I'm partial to the tigers but am extremely proud of the work that the employees and volunteers are doing on behalf of all of these beautiful animals. We look forward to our next visit to Big Cat Rescue and the opportunity to continue to support their efforts."

- James W. Grant Representative, District 64



FOSTERING IS COOL AT BIG CAT RESCUE

Fostering is Cool and Big Cat Rescue has teamed up to help domestic kittens find Fur-Ever homes with our on site fostering program. Big Cat Rescue has three on site intern houses inhabited by nearly a dozen interns. Our interns work full time at the sanctuary for three month terms caring for more than 100 wild cats. In addition to caring for their wild charges, the interns also care for domestic kittens in need of fostering until they are old enough to return to the Humane Society of Tampa Bay to be spayed or neutered and adopted. While fostering cute, cuddly kittens may



sound like its all fun and games, it is actually a lot of hard work. Some kittens come to us just days old and without a mother so they require bottle feeding every few hours around the clock. Other kittens come with feral mother cats

and the interns have to get creative with ways to earn the mother's trust.

The fostering program has become a big hit with our interns and even the volunteers and staff who also help out with kitten care! "I would

just like to say that the kitten program was presented to us



interns as an opportunity to work with cats that we could actually touch. (Big Cat Rescue has a no contact policy with the exotic cats). And as appealing as that is, fostering kittens has proven to be so much more than just touching and holding. The lives of these kittens have been put, quite literally, in our hands and we have been able to learn the hard work necessary to afford these kittens a second chance. It continues to be a sorrowful, stressful and very joyful process as we help prepare these kittens for lives that otherwise might not have been." Valerie Stockton, Level 3 Intern.

In the first month and a half, 4 mother cats and 17 kittens have been rescued thanks to

the new program. We are so excited about the fostering program and very proud of the interns that have made it possible.



FosteringIsCool.com

<http://humanesocietytampa.org/>

View our live Kitten Cameras:
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Clockwise from left: Missy & Sheldon foster kittens, Level 1 Intern Lauren Buckingham bottle feeding, nursing kitten, Gabby foster kitten, Level 2 Intern Andrew Blackwood with sleepy kitten, Level 3 Intern Valerie Stockton kitten playtime

HOW YOU CAN HELP SAVE THE INDOCHINESE TIGER

The Indochinese tiger is a tiger subspecies found in Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and southwestern China. This tiger is disappearing faster than any other tiger subspecies, with at least one tiger being killed each week by poachers.



All existing populations are at extreme risk from habitat loss, prey depletion, inbreeding, hunting for trophies, poaching by farmers, and the growing demand for tiger bones in Asian medicine. According to some reports, almost three-quarters of the Indochinese tigers killed end up in Chinese pharmacies for Chinese Traditional Medicines.

In Myanmar, a designated Protected Tiger Area was clear-cut for sugar and tapioca plantations.

Cambodia continues illegal logging in tiger habitat. Fewer than 30 tigers are believed to be left in Vietnam, and one has not been seen in China since 2007 when the last surviving individual was eaten. Sign this petition to help save the Indochinese Tiger:

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HOW TO TRIM A BOBCAT'S CLAWS

Precious is a 21-year-old female bobcat who came to Big Cat Rescue in 1992 from an exotic animal auction.



In her old age she has led a more sedentary lifestyle. She no longer climbs her huge oak tree to lounge in the branches nor does she scratch her claws on her logs as

frequently. Because of this her claws grew too long and some were curled under poking the pad of her paw. Her keepers noticed right away that she was limping and a closer look revealed the cause.

Initially we planned on sedating Precious in order to trim her claws. But after a quick brainstorming session on how we could get to the claws without sedation a brilliant idea arose. Precious was caught in a squeeze cage. The floor of which can be raised towards the roof of the cage essentially "squeezing" Precious between the roof and the floor panels.

Once squeezed, Dr. Boorstein was able to shimmy into the space underneath her and get to her paws through the wire. Precious growled a bit, but did not struggle.

She almost seemed to be aware that her keepers were trying to help her. After a little while she even stopped growling. In about 10 minutes all of her claws were trimmed and



the areas of her paw pads that were poked were cleaned out thoroughly.

Afterwards Precious was kept indoors in the Cat Hospital for a few days to avoid getting dirt in the small wounds as they healed. She has since returned to her outdoor enclosure and is back to her activities of napping in the shade of her palms and perching on

her favorite platform.

Sedation always comes with risks so being able to perform this quick and simple procedure without sedation was wonderful. Catching Precious in the squeeze cage was fairly easy thanks to our operant training program and the amazing volunteers who implement it.



Claws trimmed from Precious

DENTAL WORK FOR 20 YEAR OLD BOBCAT

Angie's owner brought her and two cougars to Big Cat Rescue in 1998. He claimed his county had changed their ordinances on keeping wildlife and asked if we would look after them while he moved and built new cages. As the years rolled by, it became quite clear that her owner was never returning for her.



Angie the bobcat was sedated for a routine exam and blood work. During an exam last year it was discovered that she had high blood pressure. Angie has been on medications to control her blood pressure ever since and Dr. Wynn wanted to do a follow up exam.

During the exam, Dr. Wynn noticed a couple of teeth that looked bad and scheduled Angie for a dental exam the very next day.

Turns out Angie had four bad teeth, all of which were extracted. Otherwise she was in good health. After a short period of time waking from sedation in our onsite Cat Hospital, Angie was moved to a different enclosure on the property. Her old enclosure was then



prepared for our newest arrival from Kansas, MaryAnn.

MAJOR SURGERY FOR SERVAL CANCER REMOVED

Cleo arrived at Big Cat Rescue when her former owners no longer wanted her. People almost always discover within the first year or two that exotic cats don't make good pets. Cleo is now 16 years old.



Recently during feeding time, her keepers noticed a slight swelling on her side. The swelling was very hard and seemed to wrap around her abdomen. An appointment was made to transport Cleo to Ehrlich Animal Hospital to see volunteer veterinarian Dr. Wynn.

After a physical exam, xrays, and an ultrasound it was determined that Cleo had a large mass. To determine if it was removable she required an exploratory surgery. During the surgery it was discovered that the mass may be removable. In some cases masses can have large blood supplies or involve vital organs and are inoperable.

Dr. Wynn and Dr. Boorstein successfully removed the tumor which was no easy task as part of the bladder and ureter wrapped around the



mass. Samples of the tumor were sent away for testing and Cleo returned to the sanctuary to spend two weeks recovering in the Cat Hospital.

Cleo's tumor was a leiomyosarcoma, a tumor of smooth muscle, arising from her uterus. It is malignant so it could spread to other tissues. For now she is happy to be back in her enclosure. Her keepers will be keeping a close eye on her for any changes in behavior or signs of another mass. A huge thank you to Dr. Wynn, Dr. Boorstein,

and staff and volunteers who provided hospital care. You have all given Cleo a second chance!

THE IMPORTANCE OF DENTAL XRAYS

Mac the cougar is 17 years old. He was rescued in 1998 from a man who no longer wanted him due to a change in zoning laws in his home town that would require an investment in better caging.



Recently Mac's keepers noticed a swelling on his cheek just under his eye. He made the trip off site to see Dr. Wynn where he received a thorough examination. He had developed arthritis in some of his joints, for which he now receives medication. Other than that his overall condition was great for his age.



The main reason for his trip to the clinic was to find the cause of the swelling on his cheek.

His teeth appeared to be in good shape and there was no smell of infection in his mouth. However after a couple of dental x-rays the culprit was uncovered. One of his molars was fractured above the gum line. The bad tooth was extracted and Mac was sent home with a list of medications to prevent infection and ease his pain. He was also put on a diet of soft foods for two weeks to give his mouth time to heal.



Since his dental surgery back in March, Mac is doing great and has returned to his normal routine.

It is because of the wonderful donations from our supporters that we are able to provide top-notch veterinary care to our nearly 100 residents. If you would like to make a donation to help us to provide the very best care to cats like Mac please consider making a donation using the order form on page 10 or by visiting our website at;

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