

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2008

Open to Public Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2008, and ending, 20

Header section containing organization name (BIG CAT RESCUE CORP), address (12802 EASY STREET, TAMPA, FL 33625), employer ID (59-3330495), and website (WWW.BIGCATRESCUE.ORG).

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include mission statement, revenue (Total: 1,640,620), expenses (Total: 1,019,629), and net assets (Total: 3,381,039).

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of officer: Carole Baskin, Date: 5/19/2009, Title: CEO

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature: [Signature], Date: 05-18-2009, Firm's name: TAX REFUND SERVICES, 1420 W WATERS AVE, Tampa, FL 33617.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes X No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO PROVIDE THE BEST HOME WE CAN FOR THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE; TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CATS THAT SUFFER THE FATE OF ABUSE, ABANDONMENT OR EXTINCTION BY TEACHING PEOPLE ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE CATS, BOTH IN THE WILD AND IN CAPTIVITY, AND HOW THEY CAN HELP THROUGH THEIR BEHAVIOR

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . .  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . .  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 848,255 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 848,255 )

A) PROVIDED A PERMANENT HOME FOR APPROXIMATELY 140 BIG CATS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN ABUSED, ABANONED, ORPHANED OR RETIRED FROM PERFORMING ACTS. CARE INCLUDED FOOD, SHELTER, VETERINARY CARE, OPERANT CONDITIONING AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.

B) PERFORMED ITS EDUCATIONAL MISSION BY TEACHING ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE BIG CATS IN CAPTIVITY AND IN THE WILD THROUGH GUIDED TOURS OF THE SANTUARY TO APPROXIMATELY 25,000 VISITORS DURING THE YEAR, THROUGH ITS WEBSITE THAT RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 1,500,000 VISITS DURING THE YEAR, THOUGH ITS MONTHLY EMAIL THAT GOES TO OVER 40,000 RECIPIENTS AND THROUGH ITS NEWSLETTER THAT GOES TO OVER 80,000 RECIPIENTS.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses ► \$ 848,255 (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? . . . . .	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II. . . . .	X	
5	<b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II . . . . .		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV . . . . .		X
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .	X	
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable . . . . .	X	
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII . . . . .	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.? . . . . .		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I . . . . .		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II . . . . .		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III . . . . .		X
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I . . . . .		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .		X
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25 . . . . .		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>28</b>	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
<b>a</b>	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b>	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>c</b>	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1 . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>35</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>37</b>	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 1a through 12b regarding IRS filings and tax compliance.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.			
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . . . .		5
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . . . .		4
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? . . . . .	X	
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . .		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .		X
<b>6</b>	Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .		X
<b>7a</b>	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b>	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . .		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body? . . . . .	X	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	X	
<b>9a</b>	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization? . . . . .		
<b>10</b>	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 . . . . .	X	
<b>11</b>	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . . . .		X

**Section B. Policies**

		Yes	No
<b>12a</b>	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	X	
<b>b</b>	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	X	
<b>c</b>	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done . . . . .	X	
<b>13</b>	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	X	
<b>14</b>	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	X	
<b>15</b>	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
<b>a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? . . . . .	X	
<b>b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization? . . . . .	X	
Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)			
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . .		X

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **▶ FL**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **▶ MARY STAIRS (813) 493-4565**  
**4258 GOLF CLUB LANE TAMPA, FL 33618**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JAMIE VERONICA MURDOCK PRESIDENT/DIR	50	X		X			35,785	0	0	
CATHLEEN NEUMANN VP/DIR	20	X		X			0	0	0	
JENNIFER RUSZCZYK SECTY/DIR	1	X		X			0	0	0	
HOWARD BASKIN TREASURER/DIR	10	X		X			0	0	0	
ELIZABETH WYNN DIRECTOR	1	X					0	0	0	
CAROLE BASKIN CEO/FOUNDER	50			X			0	0	0	

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)							(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual director	Institutional director	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated	Former	Former			
<b>1b Total</b>								<b>35,785</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**2** Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization



Part VIII Statement of Revenue				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1a	Federated campaigns . . . . .	1a 71,125					
	b	Membership dues . . . . .	1b					
	c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c 17,450					
	d	Related organizations . . . . .	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) . . . . .	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . .	1f 675,266					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ . . . . .	4,430					
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		763,841				
	Program service	2a EDUCATIONAL TOURS		Business Code 900099	470,101	470,101		
b		EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES	900099	96,035	96,035			
c								
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue . . . . .						
g		<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		566,136				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		56,975	56,975			
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .						
	5	Royalties . . . . .						
	6a			(i) Real				
				(ii) Personal				
		Gross Rents . . . . .		10,376				
		Less: rental expenses . . . . .						
	c	Rental income or (loss) . . . . .	10,376					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .		10,376		10,376		
	7a			(i) Securities				
				(ii) Other				
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory . . . . .		98,449				
		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .		69,702				
	c	Gain or (loss) . . . . .	28,747					
	d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		28,747		28,747		
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 17,450 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .		a 142,686					
	Less: direct expenses . . . . .		b 51,389					
	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			91,297	91,297			
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .		a					
	Less: direct expenses . . . . .		b					
	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .		a 223,664					
	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .		b 126,233					
	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .			97,431	97,431			
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11a	PROPERTY RENT	532000	47,116		47,116			
b	LOSS ON SECURITIES	900099	(21,299)		(21,299)			
c								
d	All other revenue . . . . .							
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		25,817					
12	<b>Total Revenue.</b> Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e . . . . .		1,640,620	811,839	64,940	0		

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
4	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	35,785	6,799	24,334	4,652
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
7	Other salaries and wages . . . . .	177,250	135,484	39,611	2,155
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
9	Other employee benefits . . . . .	8,499	5,676	2,551	272
10	Payroll taxes . . . . .	16,297	10,885	4,891	521
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management . . . . .				
b	Legal . . . . .	448		448	
c	Accounting . . . . .	4,700		4,700	
d	Lobbying . . . . .				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
f	Investment management fees . . . . .				
g	Other . . . . .	53,556	35,879	7,923	9,754
12	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	98,028	78,627		19,401
13	Office expenses . . . . .	232,607	213,161	3,497	15,949
14	Information technology . . . . .	25,367	25,367		
15	Royalties . . . . .				
16	Occupancy . . . . .				
17	Travel . . . . .	552	552		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .				
20	Interest . . . . .	4,655	4,655		
21	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	33,083	33,083		
23	Insurance . . . . .	4,143	4,143		
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a	<b>ANIMAL CARE &amp; EDUCATION PROG</b>	276,754	276,754		
b	<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT</b>	25,935		25,935	
c					
d					
e					
f	All other expenses . . . . .	21,970	17,190		4,780
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f . . . . .	1,019,629	848,255	113,890	57,484
26	<b>Joint Costs.</b> Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following \ SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation . . . . .	124,548	112,093		12,455

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
A s s e t s	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing . . . . .	67,002	1	65,544
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	1,006,478	2	892,261
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	24,000	3	81,373
	4	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	77,029	8	74,978
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis . . . . .	1,372,095		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	227,399	10c	1,144,696
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities . . . . .		11	196,627
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		12	
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		13	
	14	Intangible assets . . . . .		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	740,179	15	943,815
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	2,950,463	16	3,399,294	
L i a b i l i t i e s	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	17,470	17	18,255
	18	Grants payable . . . . .		18	
	19	Deferred revenue . . . . .		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		20	
	21	Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	172,946	23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable . . . . .		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .		25	
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	190,416	26	18,255
N e t A s s e t s  F u n d B a l a n c e s	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	2,760,047	27	3,381,039
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		32	
	33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .	2,760,047	33	3,381,039
	34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .	2,950,463	34	3,399,294

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . .		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . .	X	
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . . .	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . . . .		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? . . . . .		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2008**

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

Name of the organization  
**BIG CAT RESCUE CORP**

Employer identification number  
**59-3330495**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H.)
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I      b  Type II      c  Type III-Functionally integrated      d  Type III-Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions) )	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1-3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions); 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Description. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)); 15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008; 16b 33 1/3% support test - 2007; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2008; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2007; 18 Private foundation.

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	237,640	281,783	479,305	607,057	706,468	2,312,253
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . . .	521,980	754,960	837,322	933,427	932,486	3,980,175
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1-5 . . . . .	759,620	1,036,743	1,316,627	1,540,484	1,638,954	6,292,428
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						6,292,428

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .	759,620	1,036,743	1,316,627	1,540,484	1,638,954	6,292,428
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	85,040	100,506	85,079	104,552	82,792	457,969
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .	85,040	100,506	85,079	104,552	82,792	457,969
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .	97,115	108,227	58,926	57,118	64,940	386,326
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						7,136,723

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . .

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	15	88.17	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g . . . . .	16	84.88	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	17	6.42	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h . . . . .	18	6.97	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**20 Private Foundation:** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

**2008**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ To be completed by organizations described below.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Inspection**

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

**BIG CAT RESCUE CORP**

Employer identification number

**59-3330495**

**Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations.**  
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours . . . . .

**Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3).**  
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? . . . . .  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made? . . . . .  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**  
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? . . . . .  Yes  No
- 5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's funds or were political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.

**Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).** See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.  
**B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals										
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .												
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .												
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .												
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .												
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .												
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.												
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:35%;"><b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b> Not over \$500,000</td> <td style="width:65%;"><b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is :</b> 20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b> Not over \$500,000	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is :</b> 20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b> Not over \$500,000	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is :</b> 20% of the amount on line 1e.											
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.											
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.											
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.											
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.											
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .												
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a . . . . .												
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c . . . . .												
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**  
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f of the instructions.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying non-taxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroot non-taxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					



**Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).** See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? . . . . .	X		
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? . . . . .		X	
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? . . . . .		X	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? . . . . .	X		23,390
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? . . . . .	X		
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? . . . . .		X	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? . . . . .	X		
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means? . . . . .	X		
<b>i</b> Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV . . . . .		X	
<b>j</b> Total lines 1c through 1i . . . . .			23,390
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? . . . . .		X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 . . . . .			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? . . . . .			

**Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).** See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? . . . . .	1	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? . . . . .	2	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? . . . . .	3	

**Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes."** See Schedule C instructions for details.

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members . . . . .	1	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year . . . . .	2a	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year . . . . .	2b	
<b>c</b> Total . . . . .	2c	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues . . . . .	3	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year? . . . . .	4	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 2c total minus 3 and 4) . . . . .	5	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i.

Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

BIG CAT RESCUE CORP

Employer identification number

59-3330495

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? (Yes/No), 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? (Yes/No)

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of certified historic structure; 2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year: a Total number of conservation easements, b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06; 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year; 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located; 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? (Yes/No); 6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year; 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year; 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? (Yes/No); 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.; 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X; 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a  Public exhibition
  - b  Scholarly research
  - c  Preservation for future generations
  - d  Loan or exchange programs
  - e  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:
- |                                 | Amount    |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| c Beginning balance             | <b>1c</b> |
| d Additions during the year     | <b>1d</b> |
| e Distributions during the year | <b>1e</b> |
| f Ending balance                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions	210,995				
c Investment earnings or losses	(19,916)				
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	191,079				

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - b Permanent endowment ▶ 100.00 %
  - c Term endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations   | X   |    |
| (ii) related organizations  |     | X  |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? |     |    |
| <b>3b</b>   |     |    |
- 4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Investments - Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		538,236		538,236
b Buildings		645,646	189,756	455,890
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		188,213	37,643	150,570
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				<b>1,144,696</b>

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products . . . . .		
Closely-held equity interests . . . . .		
Other _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
DEPOSITS	65,000
GOLD INVESTMENTS	26,683
REAL ESTATE OWNED	601,948
MORTGAGE RECEIVABLE	250,184
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) . . . . . ▶	943,815

**Part X Other Liabilities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
Federal income taxes	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,640,620
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,019,629
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	620,991
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	620,991

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,642,020
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	1,400
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,400
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,640,620
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,640,620

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,021,029
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	1,400
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,400
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,019,629
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,019,629

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

**Endowment funds intended uses (Part V, line 4)**

ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE INVESTMENT INCOME FOR LONG TERM CARE OF THE CATS

**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Must be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, and by organizations that enter more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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**BIG CAT RESCUE CORP**

**59-3330495**

**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
  - a  Mail solicitations
  - b  Email solicitations
  - c  Phone solicitations
  - d  In-person solicitations
  - e  Solicitation of non-government grants
  - f  Solicitation of government grants
  - g  Special fundraising events
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
<b>Total</b> . . . . . ▶						

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		<b>FUR BALL</b>			Add col. (a) through col. (c)
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
R e v e n u e	1	Gross receipts . . . . .	160,136		160,136
	2	Less: Charitable contributions . . . . .	17,450		17,450
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	142,686		142,686
D i r e c t  E x p e n s e s	4	Cash prizes . . . . .			
	5	Non-cash prizes . . . . .			
	6	Rent/facility costs . . . . .	40,443		40,443
	7	Other direct expenses . . . . .	10,946		10,946
	8	Direct expenses summary. Add lines 4 through 7, column (d) . . . . . ▶			( 51,389 )
	9	Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d) . . . . . ▶			91,297

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col. (a) through col. (c))
R e v e n u e	1	Gross revenue . . . . .			
D i r e c t  E x p e n s e s	2	Cash prizes . . . . .			
	3	Non-cash prizes . . . . .			
	4	Rent/facility costs . . . . .			
	5	Other direct expenses . . . . .			
	6	Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶			( )
	8	Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) . . . . . ▶			

	Yes	No
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____		
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . .	9a	
b If "No," Explain: _____ _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . . . .	10a	
b If "Yes," Explain: _____ _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? . . . . .	11	
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? . . . . .	12	

**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
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**Transactions with Interested Persons**

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ To be completed by organizations that answered  
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,  
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38b or 40b.

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).  
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**  
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Total . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**  
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of grant or type of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**  
To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
JAMIE MURDOCK	DAUGHTER OF CEO	35,785	EMPLOYEE		X
VERNON STAIRS	FATHER OF CEO	51,183	EMPLOYEE		X



**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

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▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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**01. Officer, directors, etc. family relationship (Part VI, line 2)**

**DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT JAMIE MURDOCK IS THE DAUGHTER OF FOUNDER AND CEO CAROLE BASKIN, AND**

**DIRECTOR AND TREASURER HOWARD BASKIN IS MARRIED TO FOUNDER AND CEO CAROLE BASKIN.**

**DIRECTOR DR. ELIZABETH WYNN IS EMPLOYED BY EHRLICH ANIMAL HOSPITAL WHO PROVIDED VETERINARY**

**SERVICES OF LESS THAN \$10,000/YEAR TO BIG CAT RESCUE AT A RATE AT OR BELOW THEIR NORMAL**

**RATES.**

**02. Form 990 governing body review (Part VI, line 10)**

**FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE TREASURER REVIEWS**

**FORM 990 WITH THE BOARD AT THE FIRST MEETING AFTER COMPLETION**

**03. Conflict of interest policy compliance (Part VI, line 12c)**

**THE TREASURER REVIEWS THE DETAIL TRIAL BALANCE SHOWING PAYMENTS TO ALL VENDORS AND AT THE**

**BOARD MEETING WHERE THE 990 IS REVIEWED ASKS THE CEO AND DIRECTORS IF THEY HAVE ENGAGED IN**

**ANY CONTRACTS, TRANSACTIONS OR RELATIONSHIPS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO THE APPEARANCE OF A**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

**04. CEO, executive director, top management comp (Part VI, line 15a)**

**THE QUESTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THE CEO BECAUSE SHE IS NOT COMPENSATED.**

**05. Other officer or key employee compensation (Part VI, line 15b)**

**THE SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT, \$35,785, IS WELL BELOW THE AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR MANAGERS**

**OF SANCTUARIES WHEN THOSE WERE LAST REVIEWED**

**06. Governing documents, etc. available to public (Part VI, line 19)**

**THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, FORM 990S AND**

**For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.**

Schedule O (Form 990) 2008

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE ALL PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE, WWW.BIGCATRESCUE.ORG**