JOIN US FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL BIG CAT RESCUE FUR BALL 2007

Big Cat Rescue will host its 8th annual Fur Ball on Friday night, October 12th, 2007. The event will be held at A La Carte Pavilion from 6:30 PM until midnight. “Great Fun” are the words that are most often used to describe the hugely successful sold out Fur Ball in past years. The fun starts in deciding what to wear and then seeing how other people dress. The attire is “Safari Costume Formal”, which includes traditional formal attire, animal and jungle print, safari costume, or any mix in between. Be creative and have fun with it! Prizes will be awarded to best dressed! The fun has just begun! Thanks to generous donors and vendors, this year’s ball is packed with activity and culinary delights. Beat out other bidders in the live auction for four spectacular international vacations including Africa, India, Majorca and Christmas in Vienna or 30 days in the incredible $90,000 Jaguar XK convertible that was generously donated by Jaguar of Tampa. Or perhaps you may want try your luck and win a $3675 Rolex, donated by AvantGold Jewelers. Dine on an exquisite gourmet dinner and choose either 1. portibello “Wellington, a braised portobello mushroom with goat cheese and wild mushroom pate enrobed in puff pastry or 2. pan seared tilapia over mashed new potatoes with grilled asparagus pecan brown butter and caper berries, mmmm! For dessert enjoy a chocolate meringue “Raft” filled with banana rum compote on a “Sea” of strawberry coulis with chocolate leopard print sail, delicious! But that’s not all. Drink complimentary palate pleasing Chardonnay, Merlot, and Cabernet wines all evening provided by Papio Wines. Also receive a free drink ticket for specialty drinks provided by Future Brands. Cast your vote for the best big cat themed dessert by sampling finalists for the King of Feasts contest. Pound away to the jungle beat in the Drumming Circle with Jana Broder. Save money big time at the Big Cat Bargains Sale with hundreds of discounted restaurant certificates, art, home goods and other great items. Dance the night away to the groovy Wholly Cats Band. Peek into the future with tarot and palm readings by the mystical Clang. Get your game on at the Wheel of Fortune casino table provided by Dan Mar Productions. Puff on the patio and relax with a Cuesta Rey Pyramid #9 cigar donated by J.C. Newman Cigar Company. Do you need any more reasons to buy your tickets today? Cough it up, it’s fur a good cause!
**KEEPER LOG**

**Tiger Rescue Update**

In our last issue we reported the rescue of four tigers that were doomed to be euthanized if a home could not be found for them. They were the last four tigers of more than 100 that became homeless when a breeding facility in central Florida was shut down by the USDA. With the generous contributions of many of our supporters, the rescue of these four tigers was made possible. In March, TJ, Bella, Trucha, and Modnic found refuge at Big Cat Rescue.

Upon their arrival the cats were very shy and even seemed in shock at their new found home. These beautiful cats had come from deplorable conditions. After just a few weeks all four had turned around completely and warmed up to their new surroundings and keepers. Modnic and Trucha live together on the lake past Nikita the Lion. They have a large grassy Cat.a.tat with a huge cave den and a pool to cool off in. Trucha swims almost daily. They both are very personable and will trot up to greet keepers as they pass by, chuffing all the way.

These two girls were living together when they were rescued and so we decided to keep them together. They both share the same birthday, so it is believed that they are sisters.

The other two rescues, TJ and Bella, have finally been reunited and now share a deluxe tiger enclosure. TJ and Bella were mates when they were rescued. In keeping with Big Cat Rescue’s No Breeding Policy, the two tigers were housed in adjacent and separated enclosures. Temporarily until Bella could be spayed. On May 31st, Rescuers gathered after hours along with Big Cat Rescue Vet Dr. Wadsworth and Volunteer Vet and Senior Keeper Dr. Wynn to perform Bella’s surgery. Once she was successfully darted and tranquilized, Bella was carried by Senior Staff and Wynn on a backboard and loaded into a truck to be transported to our onsite West Boensch Cat Hospital. Here she was met by Dr. Wadsworth and several Senior level volunteers and was prepped for surgery. The entire procedure went along smoothly and without any problems and took only an hour and a half from start to finish. The surgery was also filmed for use in a future podcast. After the surgery was completed, Bella was loaded up into a large transport cage and left to wake up inside the Cat Hospital. Volunteers took shifts watching over Bella until she was fully awake. The next day she was shifted into the hospital cage for further recovery. The hospital cage has a concrete floor and provides a more sanitary environment for healing cats to recover. With Bella’s surgery incision closed with steel stitches and staples we did not want to risk infection by putting her back out into her enclosure so she spent a few weeks healing in the hospital cage. During her recovery, staff Cat.a.tat designer and constructor Vernon Stairs connected two full size tiger enclosures together with a hallway. The large Cat.a.tat was then painted by Volunteers in an ongoing effort to preserve the wire of existing enclosures. This new deluxe tiger pad is located right across the road from the three cougar cubs, Artemis, Ares, and Orion. Once renovations had been completed, TJ was relocated from his quarantine enclosure into his new home. He had really grown to enjoy people nearby so this new prime spot on the lake and the tour path was just the thing for him. He is quickly becoming a favorite among volunteers and guests alike. TJ took full advantage of his spacious Cat.a.tat right away. He checked out both cave dens inside and out and even went swimming in his new ponds. He made himself right at home and now only waited for Bella’s return. When Bella had completely healed from her surgery she was relocated into one side of the tiger duplex, while TJ was locked in the other half. The two would need to spend several days near each and their behaviors observed by staff before being reunited. TJ, young and energetic, was excited to see Bella. She on the other hand was more interested in exploring her new home. Over the next few days, Bella became more and more relaxed and seemed to thoroughly appreciate her new life. Soon the two tigers were reunited. These times can be quite stressful for the staff and volunteers. These are wild animals and their reactions can never be predicted. Everyone was holding their breath and crossing their fingers as the separating door between TJ and Bella was lifted. TJ immediately burst into Bella’s enclosure checking out the den and marking it as his own before pouncing playfully towards Bella. A little older and less tolerant she quickly stood her ground and claimed herself as dominant. She hissed and growled and even swatted a very confused TJ in the face. He was happy to have a playmate again and didn’t seem to understand what all the fuss was about. Bella was just acting on instinct claiming the space as hers and announcing her dominance. The two have grown to enjoy each others company once again and can be found lounging together in their new home.

A Rain Dance

Rainy days are what it’s all about at Big Cat Rescue recently. Nearly every day it has rained, sometimes for just a short while and other times all day long. We are very blessed to have the rainfall that we have had. The average for the year has been lower than normal. Much of the vegetation on our grounds was shriveled and near death and our roads and parking areas would turn into a whirl of dust with the passing of each car. Now with the immense rainfall, the sanctuary has been restored to the lush tropical paradise it once was. With all the rain also comes a hindrance. Many of the maintenance projects on grounds have been delayed or suspended, the mosquitoes are back, and the grass seems to need mowing on a daily basis sprouting up several inches overnight!

**Bobcat Gets Cat.a.tat Makeover**

Breezy Bobcat got improvements to her Cat.a.tat. Over the past month, Staff, Volunteers and Interns have been working on a project to upgrade one of the resident bobcat’s enclosures. Rescuers collaborated on a design that would add many improvements to Breezy’s home.

New plants were added to the space including gardenia bushes, a small ficus tree, ferns and a butterfly garden. The larger bushes and tree will provide more cover for the elusive Bobcat and the butterfly plants will attract pollinators giving Breezy something to watch flutter about. A second den was installed and covered with a mound of dirt creating a cave den. The dirt will insulate the den creating a cool place to rest in the summer and a warm place to cuddle up in during the winter. Lastly several pieces of Cat.a.tat Furniture were built and installed. These included an elevated platform and a 24 foot long boardwalk. The platform sits about 4 feet off the ground and is just a short hop down from the boardwalk which is about 7 feet off the ground. The platform provides a cool resting place to observe her surroundings from and the boardwalk leads into Breezy’s
favorite resting spot in the fork of her large oak tree. As a final touch, a bird feeder was installed nearby to attract the local wild birds providing what we like to call “Cat TV”! Next in line for similar upgrades are Cleo, Running Bear, and Little White Dove, all Bobcats. This project was made possible through a very special fund called The Casper Project. If you would like to contribute to this fund fill out the order form on page 10.

Hercules Saves The Snow Leopards
How Hercules’ s poo can help save snow leopards in the wild. By: Brian Czarnik

Having nearly 140 exotic cats not only gives us the chance to educate people about their situations in captivity and in the wild, but when called upon to help in conservation efforts it allows us as a sanctuary to lend a helping hand. Since Big Cat Rescue has taken to the Internet with its podcasting and is now highly visible to a wider new audience, other organizations have taken note and asked us to help them in many ways. Recently, our good friends at the Snow Leopard Trust (www.snowleopard.org) asked us to take part in a project in which they needed fecals. Our cats are always more than willing to lend a helping hand, or in this case lend a... well ya know. So, for ten days fecals were collected from our resident male snow leopard Hercules. Snow Leopards are an endangered species who live in the mountainous regions of central and south Asia. The first five specimens were collected and frozen and the last five were stored in a cool place. After all 10 fecal samples were labeled the package was then sent to Dr. Deborah Smith in California. From there they will be used by the group Working Dogs for Conservation (www.workingdogsforconservation.org) which is an organization that trains dogs to identify species and individual animals via scat samples. Working Dogs has been involved in projects in the past to help such animals as the grizzly bear, cougar and fox. Their current project with the Snow Leopard Trust will train dogs with the ability to sniff out the highly elusive leopards’ territory. Researchers working with these dogs will then be able to find wild snow leopard feces (and maybe the snow leopard who produced it), and from that process information such as the species’ presence, relative abundance, food habits, parasite loads, habitat use and home range size. This information will help them understand a lot more about the habits and range of this animal and then they can concentrate their efforts better to help preserve this beautiful feline. It is so satisfying for the staff and volunteers at Big Cat Rescue to be able to help save a species of big cat, while simply doing one of our many daily chores. Cleaning the enclosures in the heat and rain storms of the summer can be physically demanding at times, but studies like this are uplifting and helps put a smile on our face when we are walking around with bags full of stinky poo. It also helps Big Cat Rescue’s mission in putting the emphasis on supporting the most efficient way to preserve any feline species, which is simply saving its habitat. Be sure to check out both the Snow Leopard Trust and the Working Dogs for Conservation web site to find out how you can support their great efforts in animal conservation.

Jumanji Gets A Room With A View
In our last issue we told you about Jumanji the Leopard and the overdue upgrades that were going to be made to his Cat.a.tat. These upgrades included painting his enclosure to protect it from rust, adding on a second addition nearly doubling the size of the enclosure and a large mountain den. Jumanji was housed in one of our lake side enclosures during renovations to his home. He enjoyed his time in the new space, but quickly began to miss seeing all of the Keepers and Guests so frequently. Jumanji was ready to come home. Upon being released back into his newly renovated Cat.a.tat, Jumanji set out exploring every inch of his new space. He patrolled the perimeter and checked out his new tree. After completely investigating the addition, he returned to the older section of his enclosure and noticed the huge mountain den right in the front of his Cat.a.tat. He quickly ran over and stuck his head inside the den to check it out before jumping up on top to get a better view of his neighborhood. The top of the den has become one of Jumanji’s favorite places to hang out. Here he can get a good look in all directions. Tour guests love seeing him pounce way up high on top of the den towering over the group. Jumanji also hangs out up there around feeding time so he can keep a keen eye out for his feeder. Thanks to generous supporters and Cat.a.tat. Constructor Vernon Stairs for giving Jumanji an awesome new home.

Sugar And Shadow On The Move
In an ongoing effort to renovate our Cat.a.tats, Sugar and Shadow were recently moved into a newly renovated enclosure in turn leaving their Cat.a.tat empty and ready to be worked on next. These two cougars didn’t move far, just two doors down actually. They are now right next to Hercules and across from Enya on the tour path. This enclosure is really long allowing for Shadow to follow along, as he usually does, as Keepers and Guests pass by. The den is also right on the path and the two can often be found lounging high above. Moving the cats from one enclosure to another not only allows for renovations to be made, but is also a very enriching experience for the animal. When moved to a new location, there are new sights, sounds, scents, and neighbors, all of which is new and interesting to the cat. These cats have to spend their entire lives in cages so we try to make this the best possible experience by making sure that there is plenty of environmental enrichment.

Keep Up To Date With The Very Latest At Big Cat Rescue On Your Computer!
Just about every week another new and exciting podcast is uploaded for all to enjoy. From species spotlights to special events at the rescue you’ll find it on one of these great hosting sites. Tune in for a wild time!

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Tiger parts for sale! Get your tiger parts here! Well, they may not be shouting this ugly truth in the streets so blatantly, but they might as well be, because it’s the reality of what’s going on behind closed gates. Our most pressing legislative action this month is to protect China’s tigers. They are being bred like farm animals and sold for their coveted parts for mystical health remedies and status. This is a majestic creature not intended for consumption and exploitation in this way. Big Cat Rescue was just asked by the U.S. State Department to help protect the last 35 remaining Amur Leopards in Russia. More details will be coming soon, but one of the threats to the Amur Leopard is that it is cheaper for poachers to kill wild tigers and leopards for their parts than to farm them. If China allows the trade in tiger parts the wild populations are doomed because a bullet costs $1.00 compared to thousands of dollars in the cost of raising these animals for a legal trade. Won’t you let your voice be heard? www.CatLaws.com

Photo: Shere Khan

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SAND CAT STARS

Our Sand Cat Video made it to #1 on Current TV website. When a pod cast makes it to #1, they get aired on television. You can check out www.current.tv and type “sand cats” to check it out and find out what channel to find current tv on in your area. We need your help to get more people to view and vote for our videos on Current due to the constant exposure it could bring. We post pods weekly on our You Tube channel as well. The Sand Cat is one of our smallest residents as well as a very elusive feline that not a lot of people have ever seen in the wild or in captivity. Not much is known about this feline whose population is going down as the human population in the desert areas rise. The Sand Cat is one of our favorites and hopefully will be one of yours as well. Our videos are educational and also clever. Hopefully this video will inspire you to support feline conservation efforts around the globe.

Photo: Genie, Sand Cat

CAMERA TRAPPING FL BOBCAT

Since the rescue, rehabilitation and finally the release of Faith, the FL Bobcat, in 2005, Jamie Veronica has led BCR Interns and Volunteers on tracking expeditions twice a month. During these afternoon trips, Rescuers locate and identify tracks, animals, and plant life and check up on three camera traps set up to capture images of wildlife that pass by. In the nearly two years of tracking, there have only been a handful of sightings of Faith. She has been spotted by park attendants three times and has been captured on BCR camera traps twice. The sightings have been spread out and indicate that she is doing well in her natural habitat. Most of the year so far has not been good tracking at all. The past several months were so dry that the pathways were all dried out and sandy. About a month ago the rains began again and Rescuers were excited because with the rain comes the mud! On the latest expedition, Interns made plaster casts of coyote tracks. Several sets of Bobcat tracks were also identified, but were not fresh enough to cast. The camera traps are still capturing hundreds of images each month, pictures here are some of the best of July. Tracking expeditions occur mid-day, but recently Rescuers were in the field much later than usual. This proved to be the optimum time for wildlife viewing. A number of animals were observed including, a gopher tortoise, hawks, baby alligators, deer, and even a coyote. The forest had come alive with activity just before sunset. A future late afternoon tracking expedition is already planned. Hopefully some Bobcats will be spotted....

BUCCANEER MEETS BIG CATS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Chris Simms and 12 youngsters from The Children’s Home in Tampa explored Big Cat Rescue on June 13th. The group was guided on a special tour of the sanctuary to meet several of the big cats, a favorite of which was Shere Khan. Here’s what Chris had to say about his visit, “It’s a great chance to come out and see some animals you wouldn’t see out in Florida on a regular basis. I really enjoy it. It’s a great learning experience. I think Big Cat Rescue is my favorite.” This was the second year in a row that Chris Simms has included Big Cat Rescue in his Wild Adventures Program with The Children’s Home. Simms has visited Big Cat Rescue several times on his own and even brought wide receiver Joey Galloway along for a tour last year.
SUMMER CAMP A SUCCESS

This summer we had a junior group of campers who were between 8 and 11 and a senior group of campers who were 12-15 years old. We had 2 certified teachers, Erin and Colleen who instructed the 86 campers who attended 1 or more sessions during the 7 weeks of camp. Summer camp themes included Ecology, Animal Adaptations, Working Animals, Animal Behavior, Genetics, Conservation and Animal Classification. Guest speakers were invited to add interest and variety to the topics presented. Tess, an educator with The Florida Aquarium brought marine invertebrates for the campers to meet and learn about. Pat, a volunteer with Big Cat Rescue and a retired teacher, taught the campers about butterflies. This presentation included a visit to the butterfly garden where the campers could find evidence of caterpillars and butterflies in their various stages of life. Patricia, another one of our amazing volunteers, presented information about legislative issues that relate to animals. Some of the campers put this information to use by writing practice letters to legislators to express their view of the laws discussed. Kimberly from the Humane Society came to talk with the campers about the importance of being a responsible pet owner. Dr. Liz Wynn, a local veterinarian as well as volunteer spoke with the campers about medical care at the sanctuary. Big Cat Rescue appreciates these speakers for taking the time to provide wonderful learning opportunities for our campers. The campers also enjoyed many different activities each day including: hikes to observe the cats, preparing omnivore diets and observing feeding, making enrichment and observing the cat’s reactions, observing operant conditioning, building mock habitats for selected cat species, extracting strawberry DNA, and competing in scavenger hunts. 2007 summer camp at Big Cat Rescue was an unprecedented success!

TIGERS HAVE IT GOOD, THANKS TO AUTHOR CALEB CARR

In May Janice Heckert and Caleb Carr were the top two donors to help us rescue the four tigers, TJ, Bella, Trucha and Modnic. They each donated $5,000.00 as soon as the plea for help went out and because of their quick response we were able to respond immediately. As mentioned in other editions of this paper, and perhaps elsewhere here, there were a lot of people who made generous donations to save these cats and we thank them for that. Our relationship with Caleb Carr goes back a year or more when he first became a big donor to Big Cat Rescue. He had contacted us about his desire to save tigers and cougars and he became a big donor to Big Cat Rescue. He had bought them at the price of $10,000.00 and donated another $10,000.00 to re-furbish the pools for all of the cats. His legacy will include do more and donated another $10,000.00 to re-furbish the pen. After helping us to save the tigers he wanted to do more and donated another $10,000.00 to re-furbish the pools for all of the cats. His legacy will include do more and donated another $10,000.00 to re-furbish the pen. After helping us to save the tigers he wanted to do more and donated another $10,000.00 to re-furbish the pools for all of the cats. His legacy will include do more and donated another $10,000.00 to re-furbish the pen.

NOTABLE VISITS

American Momentum Bank Executives. We are very pleased to announce that American Momentum Bank has signed on as one of three King of Beasts top level sponsors for our upcoming Fur Ball. American Momentum is an unusual new bank that was founded just last year with $100 million in capital and with a mission of providing the best possible customer service. We are already experiencing that in our relationship with them. Pictured here are Director of Marketing Cozee Smith with son Preston, Chief Credit Officer John Thompson and wife Kelli, and CFO Bill Falzone with daughter Brandi, as our recently rescued tiger TJ looks on.

Mrs. Tampa Carrie Mobley. Pictured here are Carrie Mobley, the 2007 “Mrs. Tampa” contest winner, with her three boys Brett (21 months), Evan (3) and Jacob (4), and our white tiger Zabu. Carrie’s last visit was about two years ago when she was very pregnant with Brett. She made us promise to not use that photo! Carrie is a singer, public speaker, former baton twirler for the Detroit Lions, and passionate about causes like preventing youth smoking and, of course, animal welfare. She will be competing for Mrs. Florida at the pageant to be held Nov. 17 at the Orange County Convention Center. The pageant will include evening gown, swim suit, public speaking and beauty competitions. Before that, though, she will be appearing at our Fur Ball Oct. 12.

Home Shopping Network Back For More. In the last two issues we have reported on the great work that HSN volunteers have done in preparing our back three acres to receive the new wall. Yet another group came in June, the fifth this year, to continue clearing the area and painting our utility shed. In the picture with the shed are, from left to right, Tom Stancik, Dawn Radford and Al O’Donnell. By the dump trailer are Normand Carter, Mark Groves, Rebecca Schipull, Terri Maiko, Julie Simmons, Terese Anderson, and Charles Elliott. Many thanks to this hard working group!

PriceWaterhouseCoopers Volunteers. PWC is another company that has a great community service program. The “Month of Giving” is a national initiative where PWC staff and partners all over the country volunteer time to improve their surrounding communities during the month of June. This is the second year in a row they chose Big Cat Rescue as one of the recipients. The motto of their program, as seen on their T-shirts in the photo with one of our large toy tigers, is “One person can make a difference. Working together, 30,000 can help inspire change.” Well, these 15 folks sure made changes in the overgrown area we had to clear. Pictured here, not in order of appearance, are Ann Marie Calvo, Maribeth Ryan, Michael Turner, Jared Womack, Jack Walther, Darrin Pollard, Sharon Connell, Jennifer Stevens, Melissa King, Kimberly Barber, Karen Thompson, Walter Escott, Kyle Keys, Thomas Van Horn and Joe Kahr. We appreciate it very much and hope to see you again next year!

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Did you ever meet someone and from the minute you first met them you felt like you had known them your entire life? That is the way it was the day I first met Saber the tiger. He was 17 years old the day he retired from the circus to Big Cat Rescue in 2002. He was in the second group of tigers to come from the circus. The first group had arrived in 2000 because the circus was no longer going to “be in the cat business.” As public awareness has increased about how much we have in common with animals, it has become more and more incomprehensible that creatures as magnificent as tigers should be used for our amusement. This shift in perception would mean freedom from life on the road in box cars and tractor trailers.

It meant everything in the world to Saber, who proudly strode out into his grassy, shady, lake side digs. As he walked toward me, eyes gently fixed on mine, I stood frozen in the admiration of him. When a big cat looks you directly in the eyes, it usually means that you are about to be challenged, but it was apparent that his eyes were saying, “Hello, my old friend.” He wanted me to know, from the very first second that he arrived, that there was a reason he was here and that I needed to pay attention.

Trying to shake off the spell of his captivating gaze, I wondered if I was just enamored with his flawless beauty. He was the most perfect tiger I had ever laid eyes on. He was small, but powerful, and his ears were without mar. Performing cats usually have ragged ears from years of being beaten up by their cage mates in the ring. Tigers are solitary in the wild and would never share such tight quarters with others. There is always a level of tension in these animals that have been used this way, and the scars to prove the assumption. Saber’s ruff was fluffy, giving him a teddy bear face, but his grace and confidence portrayed an animal so regal that the other cats must have yielded to his presence. It was working on me. From this day forward all Saber would ever know would be love and respect. He would have the best that we could provide him—but he was demanding more. He was not going to let me break from the trance without knowing that much more would be required of me.

This had to be an end. It had to be the end of an era where animals like Saber were used as props. We had been trying to effect change through education, but had only recently begun to get politically active. The first congressional bill that we had set out to see made into law was the Captive Wild Animal Safety Act. It made it illegal to sell big cats across state lines as pets and was signed into law in December 2003. I had begun to track the number of big cats who were being dumped in 1999 and as you can see from the chart the numbers were escalating until this bill became law:

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The numbers of big cats who were ending up homeless did not begin to decrease until after this bill became law. It was then and there that I knew what Saber had been trying to tell me. We had been educating people about why these animals should not be bred in captivity, used in performances or kept as pets since 1997, but it was legislation that caused the abusive practices to decline, and with that drop in abuse, came the decrease in abandonment.

Today, August 1, 2007, it had rained all day when I went out to check on my old friend Saber the tiger. After a long drought, the rain is welcome, but even more so today to help hide the fact that tears stream down my face. At the age of 22, Saber is slipping away from us and it makes us all feel sad. A natural death is a slow process and painful to witness. We have seen it time and again over the years, but it is always hard to let nature take its course. As long as the cat is in good spirits and continues to eat and enjoy life we watch them virtually disappear before our eyes. Something changes in their bodies as they continue to eat the same as before, but begin to waste away. We always go through the diagnostics. They sleep most of their days away in the end, and their gait is slowed when they do get up for dinner. We watch them closely to determine when the time to intercede arrives, and each cat lets us know when they are ready. Our staff has been watching him closely and reporting to me by phone while I was in Washington the past week. They didn’t think Saber was ready to go yet, but we all know it wouldn’t be long. I was glad to have the chance to come and make a final report to Saber on the work he had initiated back in 2002. There had been many successes in the legislative arena. I told him about Governor Crist signing the Python Bill into law on July 2, 2007. Saber knew from our previous discussions that the Python Bill carried a clause in it that would require people who display big cats in Florida to carry 2 million dollars in liability insurance or, at least, post a $10,000 bond with the state in case someone gets hurt or the animal ends up being abandoned. It costs about $7,500 a year to properly care for just one tiger, so anyone who wants to have one as a pet by calling themselves an educator will now have to be held accountable financially. That will keep an awful lot of people from foolishly going out and buying a tiger cub. It will also make people think twice before they let some photo booth operator dump last year’s babies on them. If people who make a living off the babies can’t sell them and can’t give them away they will have to stop breeding them. Some of these charlatans are using and then killing the cubs, according to the testimony of one big cat vet in Florida, but the public won’t stand for that once it is exposed.

I silently spoke with Saber, heart to heart, as I didn’t want to wake him. He was sleeping peacefully on the soft earthen bed inside his massive cave. An overhang of leafy branches provided a dry spot just outside his den and it was there that one massive foot was propped up on the lip of the opening to the cave and his big, sleepy head emerged from the darkness to rest.

Silently I relayed the work of the past week in Washington, DC and told Saber about testifying at a committee briefing for Haley’s Act. I had shared the stories of some of the cats here to the staffers so they would understand why this bill to ban contact with big cats and their cubs was not only about human safety, but also to prevent cruelty to the cubs who are ripped from their mothers, used a brief time and discarded. I told him about Howie, Susan and I all going down to door in the Senate handing out packets to illustrate that the only time the killings, maulings and escapes cease is when a state enacts a ban on the possession of big cats. States like Florida, who merely regulate it, continue to see an increase in incidents because there is never enough money to regulate the industry.

Those golden orbs of his, that mesmerize me so, were flickering behind shuttered eyelids. I wondered what dreams he has these days? Does he relive a past of being made to perform and being dominated by a man in a sequined leotard who carries a whip? Do the toes quiver from the terror of the past or from his memories of frolicking here where he has been safe and loved? Or is he dreaming of a life where all animals are safe and loved that his eyes flutter with anticipation?

It reminds me of the closing lines in the story, Black Beauty... “…I shall never be sold, and so I have nothing to fear; and here my story ends. My troubles are all over, and I am at home.” If Saber touched your heart today, take a few minutes and show him that you got the message and will pass it on by sending a letter to your lawmaker asking for better protection for the cats here: www.CatLaws.com

**Rest In Peace Saber 1985 - 8.3.2007**
FLEETWOOD THE COUGAR
by Scott Lope, BCR Operations Manager

In early July, I was fortunate enough to spend a week in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. This trip was more than just a much needed vacation, it also enabled me to fulfill a commitment made over five years ago. This commitment was a promise made to a cougar named Fleetwood, a cougar who was born in a cage, lived his entire life in a cage, and died in a cage. Fleetwood was born in 1997 at Big Cat Rescue, then known as WildLife On Easy Street. His birth was not intentional, but back in the pre-Big Cat Rescue days, there were far more cats than enclosures and unplanned babies happened. Fleetwood and his sister Enya were adorable as are all cougar cubs, but as all cougar cubs do, they quickly grew out of the cute and cuddly stage and into the role of the largest feline hunter in North America. Fleetwood and Enya were favorites at the sanctuary of both volunteers and guests. Fleetwood had a tendency to eat every weird thing he could find and not once but two times had to have surgery to remove such objects. Despite his eating habits, Fleetwood grew up to be a robust, healthy cougar of over 150 lbs. He had a curious characteristic as well. His head was always cocked to one side as if he was pondering what to do next. Tragically in June of 2001, Fleetwood died unexpectedly due to a severe drug reaction after a routine medical procedure to remove sutures. Everyone who knew Fleetwood was devastated and after searching the cage a few times, his puzzled sister Enya seemed to know he wasn’t coming back. Fleetwood was cremated and a pact was made, since he was never free in life, Fleetwood would rest eternally in the wild where he truly belonged. As the years passed and efforts to place Fleetwood’s ashes in the Everglades proved unfeasible, I never forgot the promise made so long ago. When I had the chance to go camping and hiking in the Rocky Mountains, I knew this was prime cougar habitat and my one chance for Fleetwood. On my second day in Colorado, I hiked through the mountains to a remote Alpine lake. Along the way on the craggy rocky slopes, I could imagine Fleetwood stalking the many elk and mule deer that walked that very trail. Near the top stood a lone tree on a rocky outcrop and I knew I had found the perfect spot. Against a brilliant blue sky in the chilly morning air, I released Fleetwood’s ashes to the wind. As they drifted away, I could see Fleetwood leaping over the rocks and bounding into the forest below. With tears in my eyes and my mission accomplished, I knew I could enjoy the rest of my trip. When I returned to the sanctuary the next week and approached Enya’s enclosure, she ran over to greet me as usual, but her voice sounded a little different. Her “chirps” were faster and higher pitched. I think she knew... Fleetwood was finally free.

(Scott Lope started out like any other volunteer. He moved up through the levels of the volunteer program and after many years of service to the sanctuary was hired by the rescue. Lope then worked his way up through various positions and was eventually named Director of Operations. Lope has been with Big Cat Rescue for nearly ten years.)

MEMORIAL WALL KEEPS GROWING!

If you compare the wall photo in this issue to last you will see the memorial wall has grown substantially! Last issue we reported that kind donors had funded 13 of the marble plaques that create a permanent memorial for the cats who have passed on. As of this writing, 12 more have been funded so we have 25 cats permanently remembered with 20 to go. Many thanks to the new donors below, and particularly to the Benton/Zoghby family who generously donated all four of the unfunded plaques that were featured in the last issue:

- Cloud Dancin’, Bobcat 1988-2004 - Christopher Zoghby
- Fleetwood, Cougar 1997-2001 - Fred & Aleta Fisher
- Malachi, Clouded Leopard ?- 2000 - Susan & Doug Benton
- Mongo, Serval 1993-2004 - Susan & Frank Peck
- Nini, Tiger 1985-2006 - Brian Czarnik
- Oakey, Ocelot 1987-2003 - Nancy & Karl Artz & Sons
- Saskwatch, Canada Lynx 1987-2001 - Benjamin Zoghby
- Tabitha, Ocelot 1983-2004 - Michael Zoghby
- Zoe, Snow Leopard 1997-2003 - Stacy & Ellen Kotis

The following four plaques have been made and are waiting for donors whose names will appear below the photo. The donation is $250.

- Boris, Pallas Cat ?-2003 - Candy, Caracal 1988-2005

Photos: Fleetwood, Fleetwood & Enya, Scott releasing Fleetwood’s ashes

PANTHERS ON THE ROAD

How ironic is it that 1000’s and 1000’s of us are driving around with “Protect the Panther” specialty license plates on our cars when that is the very thing that is threatening their existence? In record numbers, we are seeing Florida panthers run down by vehicles in our overdeveloping state. Three panthers died during the last week of June, driving the yearly total to 14, surpassing last year’s record mark of 11. The most common cause of death for the Florida Panther is by vehicle, with more than 100 panthers being killed by traffic since 1972. Our letters helped make a difference in turning the tide of public opinion towards protecting the gopher tortoises that were being entombed by development. Now in FL Governor, Charlie Crist made three new appointments to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission who are trophy hunters and pro big development. Please write him today and ask that he appoint people to the FWC who care about animals and protecting habitat. FL residents only, http://capwiz.com/bigcatrescue/bio/?id=2464&lvl=S&chamber=G

Photos: Mac the Cougar
The Big Cat Trading Post - Shopping Guide

Order these gift items using the order form on page 10. S & H within the United States as well as tax has already been included in the price. Remember the proceeds go to help care for the felines at Big Cat Rescue.

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INK PROGRAM

Big Cat Rescue has collected over $40,000 from the ink recycling program started at the sanctuary in December of 2004. The program started out very small and grew in leaps and bounds, eventually becoming a huge burden to overloaded administrative staff. Merrill Kramer, Big Cat Rescue Partner, took over the program some time ago and has been a huge part of its success. Merrill was awarded the S.A.V.E. Award by the Volunteer Committee in June for her efforts with the ink program. As part of the award, the volunteer gets to choose an upgrade to be made to their favorite cat’s enclosure. Merrill requested that her reward funds go towards butterfly plants in the cat enclosures. Breezy Bobcat was the first to enjoy these plants added to her Cat.a.tat. Not only do they provide more foliage within the enclosure, they also attract butterflies that are really fun for a Bobcat to watch. Thanks Merrill!!

RESCUERS COMPETE WITH A BEASTLY APPETITE

Big Cat Rescuers are some of the hardest working individuals on planet earth. Staff, Volunteers, and Interns battle the brutal heat on a daily basis cleaning Cat.a.tats, handing out enrichment, performing operant conditioning, feeding the animals, unloading deliveries, guiding tours, mowing, weeding, trimming, painting... the list goes on, and on, and on. In between breaks, or even at lunch time, what should be exhausted heat stricken people are busy thinking up new challenges and dares for each other. Some of these include: the “freezer game”, where a group of Rescuers will shut themselves in the walk-in freezers and see who can stand the cold the longest another is the “sprite and banana challenge” where you have to eat two bananas and a 2 liter of sprite in ten minutes and hold it down without tossing your bananas. There is no prize for the winner of these silly games other than the respect of your fellow Rescuers and becoming a legend of Big Cat Rescue history. Future Rescuers will be told of your victory in order to encourage them into believing that they too can meet the challenge. On Sunday August 4th at the monthly Big Cat Rescue meeting, there was a new challenge set forth, a hot dog eating competition. The goal was to eat as many hot dogs as possible in ten minutes. Staff, Volunteers, and Interns stepped up to accept the challenge. The competition was fierce and the race was close. Full cheeks and sweaty foreheads, IT WAS ON. Rescuers watched in horror, disgust, and amazement and cheered on their favorite of the competitors. The clock ticked down and time was up. Hurrah for the victorious! Two winners were selected. Of the guys, Intern Nate won with an outstanding eight hotdogs and of the girls, Intern Alex won with five. Congratulations! The winners were awarded with posters of the cats gnawing on large bones. These games may seem silly, but they are a just a small reflection on large bones. These games may seem silly, but they are a just a small reflection on large bones.
THE DOMESTIC CAT POPULATION TAKES AN INTEREST IN THE BIG CATS

Do little cats care about big cats? These two photos were sent in by Big Cat Rescue supporters. It seems their love of big cats is shared by their small cat companions. Pictured here is a kitty looking as if it is saying yessss! in response to our most recent rescue of four Tigers, TJ, Bella, Trucha, & Modnic. Also pictured is a very inquisitive feline that was caught watching our DVD, The Big Cat Picture. A series of photos was sent to us of this cat watching the entire film. This feline sat mesmerized by Cougars, Tigers, Leopards, and more, but seemed especially taken with Raindance the Bobcat. Thanks for sending us these awesome photos. If you have a similar photo that you would like to send in, it could be featured in a future issue.

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Shopping really does make a difference.

Last year Big Cat Rescue raised approximately 1/4 of the entire income of the sanctuary through Gift Shop, Membership, and Sponsorship sales, online, online, and through The Big Cat Times. So keep up the good work and shop away! All the proceeds from the programs and unique items Big Cat Rescue offers help us care for the animals. Big Cat Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, FEID 59-3330495. Our Florida registration number is CH-11409. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING 1-800-HELP-FLA TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. Big Cat Rescue does not utilize the services of professional solicitors so 100% of all contributions go directly to Big Cat Rescue Corp.

- SPECIAL NOTICE -

Tour prices as of April 15, 2007

| Adult Tour (age 10+): | $25 |
| Family Tour 9am Saturday: | |
| Adults (age 10+): | $25 |
| Children under 10 | $15 |
| Night Tour | $50 |

Your tour fees are our largest source of revenue to support the cats. Thanks for visiting and caring!

Kids Tour

Big Cat Rescue offers regularly scheduled, guided, kids tours. This is a complete guided tour where children of all ages, and their parents can get up close and learn about exotic cats and other animals. The tour is given on a child’s educational level.

- Tour Time is 9:00 AM Saturday
- $15.00 per child under 10 years
- (price subject to change)
- $25 per child 10 years & over and per adult

Children must be accompanied by adult guardian.

Day Tours

Monday - Friday 9 AM & at 3 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, & 1:30 PM
Tours are guided and take 1 1/2 - 2 hrs. Admission is $25.00 per person (price subject to change). Reservations are not required. No children under 10 years of age. Casual attire is recommended.

Ultimate Expedition - A Big Cat Adventure

This is the most exclusive and up close program that we offer. Your all day adventure includes a Tour of the refuge, Big Cat Training observation, Enrichment (making natural toys and food puzzles for the cats), and Feeding (follow along as Keepers feed the big cats and learn about their nutritional needs). $100.00 per person. Call for reservations. 813.920.4130

Wild Eyes At Night Tour

Night Tours are the only way to see the animals come alive at night! As you journey through the 45 acre sanctuary you will be stalked and pounced at from the shadows! No worries though, all the animals will be safely in their enclosures. This is an adventure that’s sure to please! $50.00 per person. Call for reservations.

Big Cat Rescue also offers - WILD WEDDINGS PRIVATE PARTIES VOLUNTEER & INTERN PROGRAMS GIFT CERTIFICATES are available for all of our programs and make the perfect gift for that person who has everything!
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Big Cat Rescue is proud to announce that Fox 13’s Cynthia Smoot will be the MC for this year’s Fur Ball.

Cynthia has covered a lot of events at the sanctuary over the past few years and we are honored to have her be a part of this special event.

Legendary Bo Derek will also be attending the Fur Ball and will be the recipient of the first ever “Wildlife Guardian Angel Award” in recognition of her tireless efforts in the animal world.

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