The Big Cat Times

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THE WILDEST EVENT OF THE YEAR IS BACK

Join us at the 2009 Fur Ball Mask-Grrr-ade! It’s sure to Be A Roarin’ Good Time!

As in the past, the primary purpose of this year’s Fur Ball is to throw a truly wild party for our supporters. A brief presentation will focus on details of the rescue of Freckles the liger and her two tiger companions Cookie and Alex after they were abandoned in Mississippi. Proceeds from the Fur Ball will go to provide a great home for the rest of their lives. The rest of the evening will focus entirely on fun with a truly gourmet dinner, complimentary wines and cheeses, enjoying the creativity other guests display in creating their “safari costume formal” attire and the costume contest, being swept away with the beat as you try your hand at the drumming circle, testing your luck at the custom designed big cat casino table and in the raffle to win a fabulous Rolex watch, bidding on great bargains in the silent auction and on exotic international trips and a chance to be one of the first to drive the incredible Jaguar XJ to be released in early 2010.

Reserve your “SPOTS” Now! Details and online reservations at www.BigCatRescue.org/FurBall.htm, for questions or phone reservations contact Jessica Allen at CustomerService@bigcatrescue.org or call 813.850.7052

DATE & TIME: Friday, October 9, 2009 6:30PM to Midnight
LOCATION: The fabulous A La Carte Event Pavilion at 4050 Dana Shores Dr. Tampa, FL 33634 off Memorial Highway
ATTIRE: We call the unique Fur Ball attire “Safari Costume Formal”. You can come in traditional formal attire, come in safari, cat print or jungle orientation costume, or any mix in between, such as part formal with cat print accessorizing. Be creative and have fun with it! Prizes will be awarded! Use your imagination - get wild! For examples from the past visit www.BigCatRescue.org/FurBallPhotos.htm

Important! Want to continue receiving Big Cat Times?

We tremendously enjoy keeping those who care about the cats informed about what is happening at the sanctuary. But as we implement new software to manage the mail list, we would like to limit the Big Cat Times mail list to those who wish to receive it. If you would like to continue to receive the Big Cat Times by regular mail, please either email us at BigCatTimes@BigCatRescue.org or cut out your address in the box to the left and mail it to us using the enclosed envelope. Alternatively, the Big Cat Times is also now available in a very cool online format where the pages actually turn on your computer screen. You can see this issue at:
If you would like to receive that version instead of the paper one, which gets it to you sooner, please let us know at the email address above.

Thank you for helping us update the list!
ON THE MENU

First Course - Watermelon & Heirloom Tomato Salad in a Nest of Greens with Feta Cheese and Champagne Vinaigrette and Homemade Rolls

Second Course - Grilled Ocean-Friendly Coho Salmon Over Double Corn Polenta with Fontana Cheese & Garlic Seared Asparagus Finished with a Chili Butter or Portobello "Wellington" A Braised Portobello Mushroom Topped with Goat Cheese and Wild Mushroom Pate Enrobed in Puff Pastry with Rainbow Chard, Roasted Garlic Parsnip Potatoes Puree and Mushroom Madeira Wine Reduction

Third Course - Alternating between; Venetian Dark Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Ganache, Assorted Fresh Berries and a White Chocolate Mask and Golden Yellow Cake with Lemon Butter Cream, Fresh Raspberries, Tart Raspberry Sauce and a Dark & White Chocolate Mask

SPECIAL GUESTS

Join our Mistress of Ceremonies Cynthia Smoot from Fox 13 TV and our celebrity guest Tim Harrison, 2006 Educator of the Year winner, and author of *Wildlife Warrior* who is donating a copy of his book for each guest of our Table, Cougar, Leopard and King of Beasts sponsors. Tim stars in the upcoming film directed by Michael Webber called *The Elephant in the Living Room*, which is about the exotic pet trade.

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

- **Mama Mia** - Escape to Athens Islands of Skiathos and Skopelos, Enjoy Fresh Greek Delicacies, Soak Up the Sun at the Famous Beaches

- **Eat Your Way Through Europe** - Dine atop the Eiffel Tower, Gourmet Tour of Paris, Sample Chocolates in Switzerland and Feast in Rome

- **NEW Jaguar** - 30 Days in the New 2010 Jaguar XF and Right to Buy any Jaguar in Stock at Dealer Invoice

- **C-130 Hercules Simulator** - Time with the Last American Ace and One Hour For Two in High Tech Military Flight Training Simulator - Priceless

- **Bucs Club Seats** to Last Four Home Games - Enjoy Private Entrance, Padded Seats, Great View, and Access to the Exclusive Club Lounge!

- **Wheels, Heels, and Meals** - Fashion in Milan, Maserati Tour in Modena, and Cooking School in Tuscany

- **Splendid China** - See the Sights in Beijing, Tour the Great Wall of China, and Shop the Big City, Shanghai

- **Dancing With The Stars** - Jet to New York for Private Ballroom Dancing Lessons with "Dancing With The Stars" Professionals Maxim Chmerkovskiy and Katrina Smirnoff

RAFFLE TICKETS $20 EACH OR 7 FOR $100 DONATION

Proceeds from raffle to benefit Big Cat Rescue. To purchase tickets fill out the order form on page 10. The drawing will be held at the 2009 Fur Ball on October 9th. Need not be present to win. For full details visit our website at www.BigCatRescue.org/Rolex.htm
**FWC HEARING UPDATE**

The June 17, 2009 hearing of the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission set a record for the number of animal advocates to attend and speak up at their meetings. More than 40 people spoke in favor of tougher laws to regulate the trade in exotic animals in Florida.

Most of the rule changes that were adopted are an improvement. The best news is that Cougars and Cheetahs were up-listed to Class I which means that they can no longer be kept as pets in Florida. Those who already own these cats can keep them, but cannot breed or replace them unless they meet the higher requirements for owning Class I animals which includes 5 acres of land, stronger cages and they cannot allow public contact after they reach 45 lbs.

Our biggest defeat was that the FWC approved a new category of licensee called “Sanctuary”. No accredited or legitimate sanctuary asked for this category and 2500+ of the 2764 letters received by the FWC specifically asked that it not be adopted as it creates 4 major loopholes:

1. The new Sanctuary category allows possession of Class I animals without exhibition. On the surface this may sound good, but what that does is exempts the permit holder from having to comply with USDA who governs commercial uses.

2. Zoning laws cannot specify that dangerous animals cannot be kept as pets, according to the FWC who claims constitutional authority over all wild animal issues. Therefore the only way cities and counties can prohibit lions and tigers in residential neighborhoods is to have a zoning designation that does not allow for commercial uses. The new “Sanctuary” category is deemed a non-commercial use, as long as they do not exhibit, and thus would thwart the cities, counties, and home owner associations’ prohibitions.

3. If the “Sanctuary” does not exhibit, then they do not have to post a $10,000 bond imposed by legislators in 2007. Now someone can have a tiger in their back yard, call themselves a sanctuary, and as long as they don’t get caught showing off their pet they don’t have to post this bond.

4. Those who use and abuse big cats can hide their worst acts from USDA and the public. The FWC allows multiple people to be licensed at a single facility. The FWC allows entities to have multiple facilities that are licensed separately. A violation at one does not affect the other. A circus could then have a location that is licensed by both FWC and USDA where they keep only a few big cats in decent enough conditions to keep their licenses. They then open a second location, set it up as a non-profit with a different name and dump the animals they aren’t using there. That dumping ground would not be commercial, thus USDA would not license and inspect it. They could continue to breed those animals at the “Sanctuary” because they know that there would be no way for FWC to catch them. They could then use those babies as petting and photo props and perhaps in their acts until they mature and then dump them back into their “Sanctuary.” When the cost of maintaining the “Sanctuary” dumping ground becomes too high, they could just walk away from the cats and leave it to the tax-payers to find homes for or euthanize the cats.

To keep up to date on these issues and to find out how your voice can make a difference visit: www.CatLaws.com
FRECKLES THE LIGER NEEDS A TOOTH FAIRY

16-year-old Freckles is one of the oldest Ligers around but she is one of the most recent arrivals to Big Cat Rescue. At the time of her rescue we could see a big hole in her jowl, and feared that it would lead to her demise, but she was in such bad shape that we just couldn’t risk knocking her out to get a better look. Being a cranky old cat, she wasn’t about to let us get a good look any other way either. She was given antibiotics in case it was just an injury, but now that she has become calmer in her new setting we can see that the problem stems from several broken teeth. Caged cats will often break off their teeth trying to chew their way out of their prison cells and when she was left behind to die in Mississippi she probably did just that. We have a vet who specializes in dentistry and is coming soon to do a root canal and as much dental work as he can in the short time we dare knock her out. If you would like to help Freckles and the other BCR cats consider a giving to our Medical Fund.

NOTABLE VISIT

In July BCR hosted Drs. Ted Mashima and Rowena Watson from Washington, DC for a VIP tour. Ted Mashima is a zoological medicine veterinarian who currently serves as the Associate Executive Director for Research and Academic Affairs for the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, which coordinates the affairs of all North American veterinary colleges. He is on the faculty of Envirovet Summer Institute in White Oak, FL, which trains veterinarians aspiring to work in conservation. Ted co-edited the Rhino with Glue-On Shoes (Random House, 2008), a compilation of 28 stories written by zoo and wildlife veterinarians from around the world. Rowena Watson is a wildlife conservationist, consultant, whose main area of focus is international wildlife trade, covering legally and illegally traded species. She began working on big cat conservation and international policy when she was a science and diplomacy fellow at the US Department of State, where she often covered CITES (The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and biodiversity conservation issues.

Rowena has a particular interest in wild tiger conservation, "There is a global political landscape to consider now for wild tiger conservation. In addition to maintaining adequate ecosystems and habitat for wild tigers -- there are serious policy implications resulting from the varied non-wild tiger populations. For instance the direct links between domestic tiger farming in China and the wild tigers left in neighboring countries, especially India. If China lifts its ban on domestic trade in tiger parts, it will provide a legal end market for poached and smuggled tiger parts and products coming out of the few remaining wild populations. Another direct connection is the burgeoning population of "pet" tigers, especially in the U.S. The existence of this market affects our policies and funding capacity, in addition to our international image and the U.S. negotiating position. Many average citizens are not aware of the high biodiversity value wild tigers provide and that captive tigers usually have no conservation value and could not even survive in the wild. I was encouraged to meet Carole and visit BCR by my colleague Judy Mills, moderator of the International Tiger Coalition. I am impressed with the clear educational messaging BCR brings to the public about the downsides of breeding big cats and the exotic pet trade. "

Dr. Mashima added on to this, "Let us just consider the tiger for a moment--arguably one of the most charismatic animals in existence. It is simply not enough to admire and adore them--their future existence depends on the active engagement of so many layers of our society. Academicians, international government and corporate leaders, nonprofit organizations are all working on behalf of the tigers... Rowena and I have worked with many of these entities. BigCat Rescue is a unique part of the solution--working to provide the best possible outlet for these beautiful creatures after they have been confiscated or abandoned and an avenue away from commercial use."

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PDKATS TO THE RESCUE

The Tampa Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK), the premier professional association for educators, in concert with the Hillsborough County School District, recently completed their first fundraising contest event for students called “PDKats.” The goal for each school was to raise $250, the approximate cost of feeding the lions and tigers at Big Cat Rescue for one day. At the final tally a total of over $4,600 has been donated, which is equivalent to the cost of feeding a tiger or lion for a year!

Prizes were awarded for the best efforts thanks to generous donations of incentives by Jaguar of Tampa and the Sirata Beach Resort on St. Pete Beach. Both corporate sponsors are long time supporters of BCR.

The winning teacher was David Nelson from the PE Department at Davidsen Middle School, whose class raised $1,400. Brent McBrien, Principal of Davidsen, and Area 2 Director, Jerry Jackson were the other winners, but Mr. Jackson opted to defer his prizes to one of his other teachers, Ms. Jeni Rouse at Lomax Elementary.

COOL CATS THAT CARE

BCR was privileged to again host the Independent Day School’s “Cool Cats” on tour on Friday May 22nd. The first and second grade students came out to present Big Cat Rescue with the remarkable donation they raised of over $1,000 dollars! This is 10th year that IDS has donated to Big Cat Rescue.

This project started as a community service. This project is also a hands on education in economics and beginning a business. First, students secure a loan from the “bank of IDS” (the school), complete with collateral. The children then set up a “Safari” store where safari type items are sold to the whole school. The children also produce and package a trail mix called “Meow Chow” to sell at the store. They advertise the store with posters, commercials and ads in the school newsletter. The children act as sales people, cashiers and accountants throughout the process. All of these efforts culminate in a wonderful field trip to Big Cat Rescue where the children get to see firsthand how all their work has paid off!

The teachers involved this year were Debi Brockmeyer and Andria Petty. It just goes to show that at any age people can make a difference. We extend our sincere thanks to the students and teachers of the Independent Day School who really are “The Cool Cats that Care.”

SWEET 16 & NEVER BEEN KISSED

Big Cat Rescue is celebrating more than 16 years of rescuing big cats and you can help us celebrate by blowing a kiss to your favorite species. The cats that have been celebrated so far are; Windsong the bobcat, Hercules the snow leopard, Genie the sand cat, Jade the leopard, Nikita the tiger, Rambo the jungle cat, Aspen the cougar, Esmerelda the serval, Saber the black leopard and Zza Zza the ocelot. The species spotlight for September is Cameron the lion on page 12. Make a $10 donation to “kiss a big cat” and you will receive a glossy 8x10 photo of the species spotlight. “Kiss” your favorites or collect them all. Order on page 10.
THANKS CFC SUPPORTERS!

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is a program under which Federal employees can elect to make donations to non profit organizations through payroll deductions during the year. Big Cat Rescue qualified for CFC nationally in 2007 and since then almost 1000 Federal employees have chosen to support the cats in this way! This has become a major source of funding for us. We are enormously grateful to all of the people below, who have helped us provide the best home we can for the cats.

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Extra Large Eco-Grocery Bag with Big Cat Rescue Recycle Logo on Front 13" Wide by 10" Deep by 15" Tall Black with White Logo $13.70
CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

NEW ITEM
Tan BCR Rhinestone Fitted Junior Tee, Lettuce Edging
S, M, L, XL $24.40

NEW ITEM
Gray Life Guard Tee, Navy Image
BCR on Back S, M, L, XL & XXL $21.19

NEW ITEM
Lavender BCR Rhinestone Ladies Tee
S, M, L, XL XXL $24.40

NEW ITEM
White and Navy Junior Tee
S, M, L, XL $15.91

NEW ITEM
Haunting Eyes Tee, Black with BCR Logo on Sleeve,
African Lion, Ocelot, Bengal Tiger, Cougar, Snow Leopard or
Siberian Tiger S, M, L, XL, XXL, & XXXL $24.40

NEW ITEM
Rhinestone Tiger Fitted Tee, also available in Spaghetti
Strap Fitted Tank. Black, S, M, L, XL & XXL $24.40

NEW ITEM
Where's the pride? I've got it. Make a difference.
Where's the Pride Zabu White Tiger Tee Black or White
S, M, L & XL $31.89

NEW ITEM
Moisture Wicking Logo Tee
Cats of BCR Image on Back, Choose: Khan & China, Lynx,
Cougars, Leopards, Carn & Zabu, or The Small Cats
S, M & L $35.10

NEW ITEM
Jinja Jewelry
Asst Colors
Fair Trade
Paper Bead
Jewelry Made
In Africa
Bracelet $17.05
Necklace $38.45

NEW ITEM
Paws Off Kids Tee Blue
Big Cat Rescue on Front
XS, S, M & L $16.91

NEW ITEM
Power Nap Lion Infant Tee Red
6 mo., 12 mo., 18 mo. $13.77

NEW ITEM
L is for Lion Toddler Tee Blue
2T, 3T, 4T $13.77
Big Cat Rescue on Front

NEW ITEM
Mother & Cubs Kids Tee,
Purple Tie Dye w/Logo on Back
S, M, L & XL $16.91

NEW ITEM
Orange/White Tiger Baby Creeper BCR on Front
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Your tour admissions are a major 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. Reservations not required.
- Tour Time is 9:00 AM Saturday, 1 hr
- $15.00 per child under 10 years
- $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, 1.5 hrs
Saturday 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, & 1:30 PM, 1.5 hrs
Guided tour of the sanctuary. Admission is $25.00 per person. Reservations are not required. No children under 10 years of age.

Feeding Tour
Friday and Saturday at dusk. During this tour, you will follow along with big cat keepers. As you observe the big cats being fed, you will also learn about the cats nutritional needs in captivity. Admission is $50.00 per person. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations 813-426-5948

Big Cat Keeper Tour
This tour takes you behind the scenes where you will enjoy making enrichment (treats and food puzzles) for the animals. After which you will follow along and watch as the keepers hand out the enrichment you made to the cats. You will also observe special operant training sessions with the big cats. $100.00 per person. The 2 hour Keeper Tour is offered every Saturday as well as the last Friday of the month at 2 PM. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations 813-426-5948

Wild Eyes At Night Tour
Night Tours are the best way to see the animals come alive! As you journey through the 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. No children under 10 years of age.

Prices and availability for all tours are subject to change.

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Citizen of the Year is a Rescuer

Big Cat Rescuer Howard Baskin was named Northwest Hillsborough Citizen of the Year by the Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce at their annual gala in June. Howard was honored with this award for work he has done with the Chamber, Rotary, Big Cat Rescue and as a Big Brother. Some of you know him as the person who keeps our finances straight (or the guy in the funny cat hats at the Fur Ball). In addition to serving on our Board and as our Treasurer and Advisory Board Chairman, he is on the Board of the Upper Tampa Bay Chamber and Chairman of their Performance Oversight and Monitoring Committee. He is also on the Board of the largest Rotary Club in Tampa and Chairman of their Community Service Committee, where he organized projects to paint a senior living center, build an ADA ramp for a low income wheelchair bound seniors, and build a special wheelchair that can be used on rough terrain for those who have lost their legs to land mines in war torn regions. Through Rotary he also reads to underprivileged pre-school children at a day care center. Applying his Harvard Business School education and years of management experience at Big Cat Rescue has helped us grow financially and allowed us to build bigger enclosures, buy the best food for the cats, and build reserves to help insure that we can meet our obligation to care for these magnificent animals for the rest of their lives.

5 GO GREEN IDEAS FOR THE WORKPLACE

Greener homes are in the spotlight these days, but what about the other places where many of us spend huge chunks of our time—our offices? Some simple changes can save energy and resources at work.

1. BE BRIGHT ABOUT LIGHT - Artificial lighting accounts for 44% of the electricity use in office buildings. Turn off the lights when you’re leaving any room for 15 minutes or more and utilize natural light when you can.

2. MAXIMIZE COMPUTER EFFICIENCY - Computers in the business sector unnecessarily waste $1 billion worth of electricity a year. Make it a habit to turn off your computer—and the power strip it’s plugged into—when you leave for the day. (Check with your IT department to make sure the computer doesn’t need to be on to run backups or maintenance.) During the day, setting your computer to go to sleep automatically during breaks can cut energy use by 70%.

3. PRINT SMARTER - The average U.S. office worker goes through 10,000 sheets of copy paper a year. Save a tree and print on both sides or use the back side of old documents for faxes, scrap paper, or drafts. Avoid color printing and print in draft mode whenever feasible.

4. GO PAPERLESS WHEN POSSIBLE - Think before you print: could this be read or stored online instead? When you receive unwanted catalogs, newsletters, magazines, or junk mail, request to be removed from the mailing list before you recycle the item.

5. RAMP UP YOUR RECYCLING - Just about any kind of paper you would encounter in an office, including fax paper, envelopes, and junk mail, can be recycled. Don’t forget to recycle those ink cartridges! One returned cartridge keeps approximately 2.5 pounds of metal and plastic out of landfills. Remanufactured one toner cartridge also conserves about a half gallon of oil.

6. CLOSE THE LOOP - Make it a policy to purchase green office supplies such as recycled paper and envelopes, refillable pens and markers, and remanufactured ink cartridges. Remanufactured ink and toner cartridges cost an average of 15% less than national brands.
LION -

PANTHERA LEO

Common Name: Lion

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata (Vertebrata)

Class: Mammalia

Order: Carnivora

Family: Felidae

Genus: Panthera

Species: leo

Misc.: The lion is the only species with tufted tails (both sexes) and manes (males). The mane allows the gender of the cat to be distinguished from afar, another trait particular to lions. They are also the only true social cat and live in groups called “prides.”

Size and Appearance: Second only in size to the Siberian tiger among the felines, the lion is the largest carnivore in Africa, and the second largest feline predator in the world. Average males weigh 350-550 pounds, and females weigh 250-320 pounds. The males reach an overall length of 11 feet from the tip of the nose to tip of the tail; females are just a bit shorter. Lions have a uniformly tawny coat, with variations in shading from light to dark. In the Timbavati region, white lions are found, which is a form of leucism as opposed to albinism. Black (melanistic) lions have not been observed and reports of black lions in captivity have never been confirmed. Males possess a mane that can range in color from blonde to red to brown to black. It covers their head, neck and chest, and its development is believed to be strongly influenced by testosterone. Lions’ ears have black spots on the backs, which stay black throughout their lives, unlike the black rosettes that cover their bodies when they are born.

Habitat: The lion prefers to live in open woodlands and thick bush, scrub, and tall grassy areas. The lion can, and will, tolerate a wide variety of habitats, absent only from rain forests and desert interiors. While lions drink water regularly when it is available, they can survive by obtaining their moisture requirements from their prey or from tsama melons. This allows them to survive in very arid climates.

Distribution: The lion was once found from northern Africa through southwest Asia (extinct in most countries within past 150 years), west into Europe (extinct 2000 years ago) and east into India (relic population of about 350 in the Gir Forest only). Today, the majority of Africa’s lions can be found in east and southern Africa, with about 1,500 in west Africa. Most of the lions today exist inside protected areas. No accurate number of how many lions exist in the wild has been reported, but estimates are between 23,000-39,000.

Reproduction and Offspring: Lions will reproduce any time of the year, and all females of reproductive maturity will breed at the same time. This allows them to give birth in synchrony with each other, thereby sharing the suckling responsibilities. Any lactating female in a pride will suckle any cub that belongs to the pride. Lions give birth to 1-6 cubs after a gestation of 110 days. The cubs are born blind and helpless, and weigh approximately 2-4 pounds. Cub mortality is very high in lions, and less than half will survive their first year. Young males will leave their pride between 2-4 years if they can get away with staying that long, but sometimes they are forced out as early as 13-20 months. Females remain with their natal pride most of the time, although some will disperse and form new prides. In captivity, lions can live 20 years, as compared to 12 in the wild for males and 15-16 for females. The oldest lion ever recorded in captivity was 23 years old.

Social System and Communication: Prides are made up of a single male or a coalition of males (up to 7) and up to 20 females and their offspring. The males defend the females and the territory from strange males, and competition among the males is fierce. A male’s average tenure over a pride is only 2-3 years, but can increase depending on the size and strength of the coalition. Lions use a variety of vocalizations, most notably the roar. It can be heard over a distance of 5-6 miles, and serves to let other members of the pride know where they are, and as a signal to strange males to stay away.

Hunting and Diet: Lions are very opportunistic eaters, and will take almost any prey ranging from small rodents to young rhinos, hippos and elephants. The majority of its prey, however, is medium to large ungulates, most notably zebra, wildebeest, impala, warthog, hartebeest and waterbuck. The females do most of the hunting, and the male will come and join the females after the kill is made. The females will make way for the males and allow him to eat his fill first.

Principal Threats: Lions are generally considered problem animals whose existence is at odds with human settlements and cattle culture. Their scavenging behavior makes them highly susceptible to poisoned carcasses put out to eliminate predators.

Status: CITES: Appendix II IUCN: Vulnerable

How rare is this cat? The International Species Information Service lists 69 in captivity in the U.S. that are registered with accredited zoos and sanctuaries of those only 3 are pure-bred. There are 4 lions living at Big Cat Rescue.

CAMERON Male African Lion Born 10/1/2000

What was to happen to a lion named Cameron when an owner of the roadside zoo where he lived suddenly died and the zoo was forced to close? Luckily for Cameron, he came to live at Big Cat Rescue on 5/3/04. At the zoo, he had been raised with Zabu, the white tigress, and neither of them had been spayed or neutered. There was a very high risk of the two cats crossing to create liger cubs. These unnatural hybrids are always faced with an assortment of birth defects and are not an actual species that should be bred for conservation. Even though Cameron went through a very tough time in which his former keepers said he had lost over 200 pounds due to starvation, Cameron paced himself to survive. Since Cameron and Zabu were true companions, we had to do whatever we could to make a long life together possible for them. The first step was to build a 3-acre Cat-a-tat designed especially for two large carnivores. Next, we had to address the issue of neutering Cameron. We learned that if we neutered him, there was a strong possibility that he would lose his gorgeous, thick mane. To prevent that, we chose for him to undergo a vasectomy instead and he remained separated from Zabu until we were sure no breeding could take place. Reuniting them was a special moment and they are now very happy and very popular residents.

CHECK THIS OUT! This month’s Kiss a Cat is Cameron and for a $10 donation you can get this beautiful 8x10 color photo of him. The bottom of the photo reads: “(Your Name) Kissed Cameron the Lion.”

“Kiss” Cameron today with your $10 donation on page 10.