Here’s the BIG news: The cats will be going on vacation!

How is that even possible? Well, we’ve just received zoning approval to build a huge 2.25 acre enclosure on the Southwest end of our 55-acre property. It’s been our dream for years to be able to construct a special enclosure that can be used to rotate the cats in and out of their permanent enclosures. So once construction is complete, the cats will take turns enjoying two-week vacations in the new surroundings of our Vacation Rotation Enclosure!

Mental enrichment is so important for captive wildlife and the cats are no exception. Vacationing in the new enclosure will provide a wide array of environmental enrichment including beautiful scenery, interesting new scents, and tons of trees and foliage. Platforms, jungle gyms, cave dens, and new toys will provide a never-ending source for exploration and enjoyment as well. And who doesn’t like vacationing near the water? The Vacation Rotation Enclosure will also encompass a large pond for the cats to splash and play in!
The Vacation Rotation Enclosure will be situated on the tour path and we can not wait for you to see it! We estimate it will take approximately six months to build this new enclosure and above-ground tunnels that will connect it to neighboring tiger and lion enclosures. Stay tuned for photos and videos of the construction as it progresses.

Now here is the BIG Thank you: In July, we announced that Big Cat Rescue turns 20 years old this November and asked for your support in helping us raise $100,000 by the end of the year for the food, medical and dental care for our cats.

As of this writing in early October, thanks to everyone who donated to our 20th Anniversary Fund, we are less than $5000 away from reaching our goal! Check out the progress of this fundraiser in real-time by visiting: http://www.razoo.com/story/20th We are humbled and grateful for everything you do for the cats! Thank you for not only helping us reach this important goal, but reaching it early. And special thanks to the Reitzel Foundation for kicking this off with a $25,000 matching grant!

But of course our work for the cats is never done. The new Vacation Rotation Enclosure will cost approximately $200,000 to build. Making this dream a reality for our cats will be our major fundraising goal for the coming months. If you would like to participate, please donate at http://www.razoo.com/story/bigcatvacation or you can donate using the order form on page 10 by credit card or check.

A ROARING GRAND OPENING OF NAKITA’S ENCLOSURE ADDITION

Big Cat Rescuers along with the top donors who contributed towards the enclosure expansion for Nakita the lioness watched in awe as the goofy gal galloped and pranced about in her new space. Early in the morning last week the modest crowd gathered around to witness Nakita gain access to her 3,500 square foot enclosure addition.

She enthusiastically awaited the opening of the door and did not hesitate for a moment before exploding into the new area. She patrolled the perimeter, checked out the shrubs and trees, batted around her large yellow ball and sneak attacked a life-size cardboard warthog created especially for the occasion by the Enrichment Committee.

Nakita gives a roaring paw of approval! She loves her new digs so much that she spends nearly all of her time there. We would like to thank the many generous individuals who made this project possible and especially Larry & Pam Trissel for their major gift of $10,000! Thanks to you, Nakita is one very happy lioness!

THE GREAT PUMPKIN SMASH!

SHERE KHAN

CHINA DOLL

ARES

CAMERON

JUMANJI

SOME TIMES YOU HAVE TO GET CREATIVE

Over the past 20 years we have had to improvise and invent a variety of tools and techniques to handle some very special big cat situations. Below are just a few.

Sometimes the cats chew up the foliage in their enclosures. So what do you do when a 300+ pound lioness gets a stick wedged across the roof of her mouth in between her molars?! You’re certainly not going to reach in to retrieve it and sedation seems a bit excessive.

Pictured here is our handmade stick retrieval tool. A normal spoon with it’s spoon end wrapped and secured around a long metal dowel and it’s handle end bent into a J shape. Meat is placed on the J end and when Nakita takes the treat the J is used to hook the stick and pull it out. It may take a few tries, but our Keepers are very successful using this technique. And Nakita doesn’t seem to mind, because she is getting treats the whole time!

What about brushing the cats? Does their fur ever get matted?

Indeed it does, but it would not be safe to just go in and brush them like you would any domestic cat.

This is where a sturdy back scratcher comes in very handy! We have found a very good scratcher that telescopes to different lengths with a bear claw shaped metal end that works great. Little Feather loves having her mats removed and eagerly trots over to the side of the enclosure when she sees one of these scratchers in hand!

Stick remover tool and stick removed from Nakita’s mouth, Dr. Justin removes a mat from Little Feather’s chin, back scratcher and mat

end bent into a J shape. Meat is placed on the J end and when Nakita takes the treat the J is used to hook the stick and pull it out. It may take a few tries, but our Keepers are very successful using this technique. And Nakita doesn’t seem to mind, because she is getting treats the whole time!

What about brushing the cats? Does their fur ever get matted?

Indeed it does, but it would not be safe to just go in and brush them like you would any domestic cat.

This is where a sturdy back scratcher comes in very handy! We have found a very good scratcher that telescopes to different lengths with a bear claw shaped metal end that works great. Little Feather loves having her mats removed and eagerly trots over to the side of the enclosure when she sees one of these scratchers in hand!

Stick remover tool and stick removed from Nakita’s mouth, Dr. Justin removes a mat from Little Feather’s chin, back scratcher and mat
We are so excited to report that your calls and letters have made a difference! California bill SB 1221, the bill by Sen. Ted Lieu to ban the cruel hounding of bears and bobcats in California, was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown a few weeks ago. Thanks to those of you who helped, California is the 15th state to prohibit the hounding of bears and the 14th state to ban the hounding of bobcats. This important bill will go into effect on January 1, 2013. The cruel practice of hound hunting will soon be a thing of the past for California dogs and wildlife.

**BOBCATS GET PURR-TECTION IN CALIFORNIA**

Those of you who receive the Big Cat Times and our Advocat alerts know that H.R. 4122, The Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act, was introduced in the House of Representatives back in March and we have been asking you to help by contacting your Representatives and urging them to co-sponsor the bill.

Over 600 of you have made those phone calls that we know of, and it is clearly having an impact. We are up to 47 cosponsors, more than 10% of the Representatives!

To become a law, a bill must be introduced in both the House and the Senate, pass both, and then a committee iron out any differences. On September 13th Senator Kerry introduced the “companion” bill in the Senate, S. 3547. At this writing just a few weeks after the introduction we have 5 bipartisan cosponsors: Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Scott Brown (R-MA), John Kerry (D-MA), Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) and Bernard Sanders (I-VT).

Please contact the offices of your Senators and ask them to co-sponsor this bill to stop the breeding and private possession of big cats. This truly is the only way to stop them from living in miserable conditions.

For a sheet with tips on making calls and a fact sheet with details about the bill email:

Howard.Baskin@BigCatRescue.org

**SECOND ANNUAL FLORIDA PANTHER FESTIVAL!**

Celebrate the Florida Panther at the 2nd Annual Florida Panther Festival on Saturday November 10th, 2012, 10 AM - 4 PM at North Collier Regional Park in Naples, Florida. Enjoy panther related activities and exhibits, live bluegrass music, educational presentations including a special session by expert Panther Biologist Mark Lotz with Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, nature walks for kids and much more! Admission is free, so be sure to join in the festivities. It’s going to be a wild time!

Email: floridapantherfestival@gmail.com
Phone: 239-353-8442 x 222

**A VISIT FROM THE RNC**

Before and during the Republican National Convention Big Cat Rescue was visited by convention staff and attendees, giving us a wonderful opportunity to acquaint them with captive big cat issues, which are clearly nonpartisan, and HR 4122 / S 3547, the solution to the problem. Pictured here is a staff work group who helped clear foliage while Joseph and Sasha supervised. A tour was also given to 25 of the convention pages who came out for the morning tour despite having worked until 1 a.m. the night before.

**BIG CAT ACTION CENTER**

The most effective way to save big cats from abuse and abandonment is not by rescuing them and providing sanctuary...The most effective way to ensure that these cats are no longer exploited, neglected, or left homeless once their appeal or profitability wears off is to speak out for them. By using our voice for those who have none, we can promote legislation that will protect big cats currently suffering all across the country. Big Cat Rescue has made it easier than ever to speak out to your legislators to let them know that you support laws that will protect the big cats. With just a few mouse clicks you can make the biggest difference in their lives.

www.CatLaws.com

**SENATOR KERRY INTRODUCES BIG CAT BAN COMPANION BILL IN SENATE**

Get updates on the issues instantly with the Big Cat App

www.BigCatRescue.org info@BigCatRescue.org 813-920-4130

THE BIG CAT TIMES - HOLIDAY 2012 - WWW.BIGCATRESCUE.ORG - FACEBOOK.COM/BIGCATRESCE - WATCH US AT BIGCATT.V.COM 3
"BLIND-SIDED" ACTOR QUINTON AARON MEETS THE BIG CATS AND SPEAKS OUT

Actor Quinton Aaron is best known for playing the role of football star Michael Oher in the movie The Blind Side with Sandra Bullock. Quinton was in town working on his Foundation and we were thrilled to have a visit by him and the Foundation Executive Director David Tyler. According to Quinton, having played the role of an abandoned youth in the movie made it easy to identify with the stories of many of our cats. He very generously took the time to make a radio Public Service Announcement and a video testimonial to support our efforts!

Check out Quint’s PSA here: http://bit.ly/SizyLb
For information about Quinton’s foundation visit www.quintonaaron.org

BCR WINS $20,000 TECO REBATE FOR SECOND SOLAR PROJECT

Tampa Electric Company (TECO), our local utility, has a unique program to promote the growth of solar energy. Twice each year they allocate funds that are available on a first come, first served basis.

The way they do this is to have a countdown clock on their website, open the application form at a pre announced time, and whichever applications get filled in and hit their server first win. About 1,000 applications are submitted for the 85 available rebates. The rebates, at $2,000 per KW, fund roughly half the cost of a solar installation.

In April of this year Big Cat Rescue was fortunate to be one of those that got through first and won a $10,000 rebate which, along with a generous grant from The Body Shop Foundation, funded our first solar project. This set of solar panels is already up and running, near TJ the tiger, and reducing our monthly electric cost.

Then, friends at C1 Bank offered to help us construct a second project by generously donating $10,000 towards a future project.

On October 1st TECO offered another rebate program. Big Cat Rescue staff and supporters hunkered down at their computers waiting for the clock to count down, raced to enter our project, and this time we won a $20,000 rebate toward a project twice as big as our last one!

This set of solar panels will be installed on the SW portion of our property near intern housing.

Many thanks to The Body Shop Foundation for encouraging us to look into a solar project, and to C1 Bank and TECO for their generous support of this second project!

You can see, in real time, how much energy we are creating from the sun at this web page:

http://bigcatrescue.org/2012/solar

ARTSY INTERNS GO WILD THIS SUMMER!

Two of our summer interns left a permanent impression of their time at Big Cat Rescue in a uniquely wild way by painting big cat murals in the Trading Post Gift Shop. Intern Heather painted a beautiful leopard and Intern Nicole painted a regal tiger! Great job!

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE US TOURS BIG CAT RESCUE

Big Cat Rescue was honored to host a tour for our esteemed colleagues from the Humane Society of the United States. Kate McFall, the Florida State Director, and Heather Carpenter, the Director of State Grass Roots Campaigns, brought out some of their State Council members to see how the world’s largest accredited sanctuary that is dedicated entirely to exotic cats provides a permanent home to more than 100 wild cats.

The State Council is a state level version of the HSUS National Council which is a high-level advisory body of influential individuals who work with The HSUS’s executive staff and Board of Directors to advance the organization’s mission. These are the animal kingdom’s movers and shakers so we were excited to meet them and share the plight of big cats in captivity and what they can do to end it.

USF B.L.A.S.T.s INTO ACTION

A big thank you to 23 USF college students who recently gave of their time to help out with some landscaping projects at the sanctuary.

The day of volunteer service was hosted by USF through the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement’s Bulls Leading and Serving Tampa board (B.L.A.S.T). This annual tradition occurs every October, and commemorates the actions of Gandhi.
SAD FAREWELL TO
FOUR GREAT CATS

Taking care of more than 100 exotic cats is a roller coaster ride of emotions as we try to provide the best possible life for them and yet deal with the gut wrenching decisions of life and death. Of our 102 wild cats 88 of them are over the age of 12, which is about as long as they live in zoos or in the wild. An amazing 71 of those 100 cats are over the age of 15 (90+ in human years). It is with heavy hearts that we must say good bye to these four feline friends that have touched our hearts forever.

SELENA came to Big Cat Rescue in June, 1995 with her brother, Levi, and nine other Bobcats who had been destined to become fur coats. She spent the majority of her life sharing a large enclosure with Apache, Divinity, and Takoma.

Selena was taken to Ehrlich Animal Hospital near the end of June because she was losing weight. Her exam and blood work did not show anything serious other than a slightly elevated white blood cell count and the beginnings of kidney disease. She was kept in the on-site Cat Hospital for a week for observation and her appetite improved, so she was put back in her enclosure.

Selena was eating like a champ, however she was still gradually losing weight. After a few weeks she suddenly lost interest in any kinds of food. She was taken back to the clinic for another exam and more blood work. Her white count was better and her kidney values were the same. There was no obvious cause for her weight loss. Despite this, Dr. Wynn and BCR staff knew that there was something very wrong with Selena. Something was causing her to waste away. An exploratory surgery would have been incredibly invasive and in her fragile state she most likely would not have been able to survive such a procedure. Selena was eased gently across the rainbow bridge while still under sedation. Selena was 17 years old.

CLEO-CAT-TRA was a character of a bobcat. She had a gruff persona, but this was merely a front. If one were to visit with Cleo long enough she would melt into a silly cat rolling around in the leaves, yet keeping her distance.

The same day we were saying “Good-bye” to Selena, Cleo-Cat-TRA was found lying on her side, breathing rapidly and unresponsive. At the age of 16, it appeared as though Cleo suffered from a stroke or seizure. She was rushed to the vet for emergency treatment and diagnostics.

Her blood work showed advanced kidney disease. When she stopped breathing on her own during the exam, it was decided to let her go. She had been on a treatment plan since 2003 for asthma. Her medications caused weight gain, so her diet was strictly monitored to avoid adding to her breathing issues, which is probably the only reason she lived as long as she did.

SKIP was found on the side of the road in December of 2010. He had been hit by a car and suffered a dislocated hip and crushed pelvis. Surgery was performed to repair his pelvis after which he spent months recovering. Because there was so little bone to work with while repairing the pelvis it healed too narrow which prohibited him from being able to pass whole prey. Unable to eat whole prey meant that he could not be released back into the wild. Skip became a permanent resident at the sanctuary.

.Skip was discovered having a violent prolonged seizure and foaming at the mouth. Dr. Wynn was contacted and the staff were instructed to give him medication to ease the seizure. Unfortunately his seizure was so severe he died shortly after. CPR was attempted to no avail.

His enclosure was searched for snakes, poisonous frogs, and any other clues that may have caused this reaction. One dead toad with a hole in his abdomen was found, but it was of a non-toxic variety. Blood samples were collected immediately after his passing and his body was taken to the University of Florida for an in depth necropsy to determine the cause of his death. The results are still pending. The loss of Skip came as a sudden and crushing shock to the staff and his faithful followers.

PURRINESSANCE and his twin sister PURRFec tion were born at the sanctuary before we knew that no privately held exotic cats would ever be able to help preserve the species due to the inability to track their lineage back to the wild.

PurrSistance is usually very excited to get his meat treats when doing operant training sessions, so when he was not interested in these treats one morning his trainer knew right away this was odd and reported the behavior to staff.

He was taken to the vet for an examination. The results did not point to anything obvious. As a last resort an exploratory surgery was performed. Dr. Wynn found that PurrSistance’s pancreas was inflamed. It seemed this was to blame for PurrSistance not feeling well. Pain medications and fluids were administered during the next week.

It appeared as though PurrSistance had turned the corner and was on the road to recovery when one morning he refused to eat and seemed to be quite uncomfortable. He was rushed back to see Dr. Wynn, but passed away shortly after.

BOBCAT RESCUED FROM CAPTIVA ISLAND

Several weeks ago Big Cat Rescuers drove to Sanibel Island to pick up an orphaned bobcat. The approximately four-month-old male kitten was found alone under a house. They were thrilled to learn we had another bobcat kitten about the same age. We hope to be able to introduce Gator, the kitten currently in our care, to the new bobcat kitten. If they were to bond they would have a better chance at survival in the wild once they are released.

Our newest rescue needed a name so we held a “Name the Baby Bobcat” contest. Nearly 800 entries were made. We needed a fair way to choose just one name. A dozen names were randomly chosen, written on pieces of paper, then put in a can, and offered to TeeGray our mascot domestic kitten. She stuck her head in the can and retrieved one of the papers. The drooly slip read: Copter! A fitting name for a bobcat that was rescued by helicopter! Bobcat pictured above is Moses, a permanent resident of BCR.
THE BIG CAT TRADING POST - HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Proceeds from your gift purchases help take care of the big cats. Order these gift items using the order form on page 10 or visit BigCatRescue.biz to see hundreds of our gift items! S & H within the US as well as tax has already been included in the prices listed here. You can also upgrade your shipping to Priority for just $3 for your entire order. For luxury cat themed gift items visit BigCatLuxeGifts.com.

- **Tiger Flip Book** - As You Flip the Pages Get a 3 Dimensional Look Inside a Bengal Tiger - $21.80
- **Toy Veterinarian Kit** includes: Stethoscope, syringe, medicine bottle, blood pressure pump, etc. - $10.56
- **Logo Plush Purse** with Stuffed Toy - Black Purse with Tiger or Pink Purse with Black Leopard - $14.84 each
- **Logo Frisbee** Choose Green or Yellow - $5.21 ea.
- **Animal-opoly Themed Monopoly Game** - $28.54
- **BCR Enamel Bookmarks** Choose Tiger, Lion, or Black Leopard - $4.21 each
- **Leopard Clicky Pen** Rotating message w/ each click - $4.00
- **Moveable Action Africa Animal Playset** - $19.05
- **Ultimate sticker book**
- **Tiger Flip Book** - As You Flip the Pages Get a 3 Dimensional Look Inside a Bengal Tiger - $21.80
- **Big & Busy Interactive Book** 10 pages, ages 5+ - $13.77
- **Big Cat Beach Towels with Embroidered BCR Logo** Choose Leopard, Lions, or Tiger - $19.05 each
- **BCR Photo Bumper Stickers** Choose Leopard or Lion - $4.21
- **BCR Logo Golf Towel** Navy or Hunter - $21.19
- **BCR Golf Ball** - $6.28
- **Ultimate Animal Sticker Book**, 60 re-useable stickers - $11.63
- **Best Seller** Crazy Cat Lady Action Figure 5.25" tall comes with 6 Cats - $11.63
- **4" Handmade Beaded Lion or Tiger** - $18.12
- **Moveable Action Africa Animal Playset** - $19.05
- **4" Handmade Beaded Lion or Tiger** - $18.12
- **Animal-opoly Themed Monopoly Game** - $28.54
- **Kids Lion Hat** with built in scarf - $10.02
- **Logo Plush Purse with Stuffed Toy - Black Purse with Tiger or Pink Purse with Black Leopard** - $14.84 each
- **Bobcat Flopsie** 12" - $13.70 each
- **Bobcat Flopsie** 12" - $13.70 each
- **Big Cat Vanity Plates** Choose Black Leopard, Leopard, Lion, Tiger, Bobcat or Sand Cat - $10.56 ea.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item Description</th>
<th>Sizes</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Big Cat Rescue Fidel Cap Embroidered with BCR &amp; Running Cat Choose Black or Khaki</td>
<td>S, M, L, XL</td>
<td>$20.12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Big Cat Rescue Cadet Cap Embroidered Big Cat Rescue text Choose Blue or Pink</td>
<td>S, M, L, XL</td>
<td>$20.18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Embroidered Cap with Gold Logo</td>
<td></td>
<td>$22.40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Navy or Black Fleece Beanie Logo Embroidered with BCR &amp; Running Cat Choose Black</td>
<td>S, M, L, XL</td>
<td>$25.61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Navy or Black Fleece Scarf Logo</td>
<td></td>
<td>$28.75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eco Bag with BCR Recycle Logo on Front 13&quot; W by 10&quot; D by 15&quot; H</td>
<td></td>
<td>$13.70</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Embroidered Cap with Gold Logo**

- Big Cat Rescue Compass & Lion Tee S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54
- BCR Logo Tees Choose Blue, Charcoal, Teal, Purple & Pink (not shown) S, M, L, XL $18.05 XXL $20.19
- Bobcat Rehab Program Tee S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL & XXXL $26.54
- BCR Papryus Tee Red or Aqua Ladies Tee S, M, L, XL $19.05 XXL $21.19

**Gildan Haunting Eyes Tee**

- Black with BCR Logo on Sleeve, Snow Leopard, Sand Cat, Siberian Tiger or Bengal Tiger S, M, L, XL $24.40
- 2X $26.54

**Gildan BCR BaseBall Tee Gray & Black**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54

**Rhinestone Fitted Tee in Black Choose Tiger, Snow Leopard or Leopard**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54

**Rhinestone Ribbed Tank in Black with Snow Leopard**

- S, M, L, XL $22.26

**Black with White Logo & Lettering BCR Supporter Bracelet**

- $3.68

**Junior Raglan Fitted Tee**

- Navy with Gray Cap Sleeves S, M, L, XL $24.40

**Junior Raglan Fitted Tee**

- Navy with Gray Cap Sleeves S, M, L, XL $24.40

**Paws Off Lion Kids Tee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Paws Off Lion Kids Tee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Jeweled Lion Kids Tee**

- Available in Neon Green or Neon Orange XS, S, M & L $15.91

**BCR Supporter Bracelet**

- Black with White Logo & Lettering $3.68

**Luxury Longsleeve Hooded Knit Tee**

- Available in Eggplant or Black S, M, L & XL $31.89 XXL $34.03

**Luxury Longsleeve T ee with Tiger Stripes on Chest & Sleeves & Big Cat Rescue on Back**

- S, M, L, XL $29.75 XXL $31.89

**Luxury Longsleeve Hooded Knit Tee**

- Available in Eggplant or Black S, M, L & XL $31.89 XXL $34.03

**Luxury Longsleeve T ee with Tiger Stripes on Chest & Sleeves & Big Cat Rescue on Back**

- S, M, L, XL $29.75 XXL $31.89

**Big Cat Rescue Compass & Lion Tee**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54

**BCR Logo Tees Choose Blue, Charcoal, Teal, Purple & Pink (not shown)**

- S, M, L, XL $18.05 XXL $20.19

**Embroidered Cap with Gold Logo**

- BCR Papryus Tee Red or Aqua Ladies Tee S, M, L, XL $19.05 XXL $21.19

**Statement Shoulder Bags Choose Black Tiger “Caged & Beaten for Your Entertainment or Pink Cat “Love Me Love My Cat”**

- $53.15

**BCR Baseball Tee Gray & Black**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54

**Rhinestone Fitted T ee in Black Choose Tiger, Snow Leopard or Leopard**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54

**Rhinestone Ribbed Tank in Black with Snow Leopard**

- S, M, L, XL $22.26

**Blue Polo with Navy Trim and Embroidered Logo**

- S, M, L, XL $40.45 XXL $43.66

**BCR Baseball Tee Gray & Black**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54

**Rhinestone Fitted T ee in Black Choose Tiger, Snow Leopard or Leopard**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40 XXL $26.54

**Rhinestone Ribbed Tank in Black with Snow Leopard**

- S, M, L, XL $22.26

**Black with BCR Logo on Sleeve, Snow Leopard, Sand Cat, Siberian Tiger or Bengal Tiger**

- S, M, L, XL $24.40
- 2X $26.54

**Junior Raglan Fitted Tee**

- Navy with Gray Cap Sleeves S, M, L, XL $24.40

**Junior Raglan Fitted Tee**

- Navy with Gray Cap Sleeves S, M, L, XL $24.40

**Paws Off Lion Kids Tee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Paws Off Lion Kids Tee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Jeweled Lion Kids Tee**

- Available in Neon Green or Neon Orange XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Black Kids T ee**

- Available in Neon Green or Neon Orange XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Black Kids T ee**

- Available in Neon Green or Neon Orange XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Black Kids T ee**

- Available in Neon Green or Neon Orange XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Black Kids T ee**

- Available in Neon Green or Neon Orange XS, S, M & L $15.91

**Big Cat Rescue Tiger Kids T ee**

- Available in Blue or Pink XS, S, M & L $15.91

**BCR Supporter Bracelet Black with White Logo & Lettering**

- $3.68

**Luxury Longsleeve Hooded Knit Tee**

- Available in Eggplant or Black S, M, L & XL $31.89 XXL $34.03

**Luxury Longsleeve T ee with Tiger Stripes on Chest & Sleeves & Big Cat Rescue on Back**

- S, M, L, XL $29.75 XXL $31.89

**Luxury Longsleeve Hooded Knit Tee**

- Available in Eggplant or Black S, M, L & XL $31.89 XXL $34.03

**Luxury Longsleeve T ee with Tiger Stripes on Chest & Sleeves & Big Cat Rescue on Back**

- S, M, L, XL $29.75 XXL $31.89

**Luxury Longsleeve Hooded Knit Tee**

- Available in Eggplant or Black S, M, L & XL $31.89 XXL $34.03

**Luxury Longsleeve T ee with Tiger Stripes on Chest & Sleeves & Big Cat Rescue on Back**

- S, M, L, XL $29.75 XXL $31.89

**Luxury Longsleeve Hooded Knit Tee**

- Available in Eggplant or Black S, M, L & XL $31.89 XXL $34.03

**Luxury Longsleeve T ee with Tiger Stripes on Chest & Sleeves & Big Cat Rescue on Back**

- S, M, L, XL $29.75 XXL $31.89
$25 BIG CAT BUDDY – KIDS SPONSORSHIP
Pages featuring colorful cat pages with big cats and 1 Kids Tour Pass.

$25 BIG CAT SPONSOR
10% off purchases at the Trading Post Gift shop, 20 Day Tour Passes, 30 big cat mailing labels, Donor name and gift amount listed in the Big Cat Times and on website.

$250 BIG CAT CONSERVATOR
Conservation Benefits above plus: 6"x6" Ceramic plaque with big cat photo and donor name displayed at the sanctuary, 12"x12" Engraved plaque on the tour path with donor name displayed for one year, and Private Tour for up to 10 people.

$1,000 BIG CAT HERO
Conservation Benefits above plus: 6"x6" Ceramic plaque with big cat photo and donor name displayed at the sanctuary, 9"x12" Engraved plaque on the tour path with donor name displayed for one year, and Private Tour for up to 10 people.

$2,500 BIG CAT CHAMPION
Conservation Benefits above plus: 8"x8" Ceramic plaque with big cat photo and donor name displayed at the sanctuary, 12"x12" color plaque on tour path with cat photo and donor name displayed for one year, and Private Founder Tour for up to 10 people.

$5,000 KING OF BEASTS
Conservation Benefits above plus: 12"x12" Ceramic plaque with big cat photo and donor name displayed at the sanctuary, 18"x24" Sign with big cat photo and donor name displayed on the tour path for one year, Private Founder Tour for up to 10 people.
10 ACRE REZONING HAS BEEN APPROVED

Back in April of this year Big Cat Rescue applied for a rezoning of the 10 acres we purchased next door in December 2010 with the help of the very generous William and Lois Modglin Matching Grant.

The Big Cat Rescue's plan called for building up to a 50 bed dormitory for interns, volunteers, staff and veterinary students and building a large cage to rotate cats through for a “vacation” (cover story). The rezoning process takes months because first the County staff have to review it and make a recommendation, and finally it comes before the County Commission.

The County staff were wonderfully supportive, the Hearing Master recommended approval, and on October 9th the County Commission gave us the final blessing. We are currently working on raising funds for the large enclosure, and early next year will begin work on the design of the building. The key to the design will be having a building that we can do in phases.

Particular thanks are due to Kevin Mineer & Bruce Keschyk from Genesis Group who represented us and to the dozens of supporters, interns and staff who attended the Zoning Hearing Master public hearing and spoke in support!

VOLUNTEERS AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION

Congratulations to the following Big Cat Rescuers who have been recognized this year for their outstanding commitment to the mission of Big Cat Rescue.

In honor of this commitment they were each presented with an award called the S.A.V.E. and allotted $500 to spend on their favorite feline friends.

S.A.V.E stands for Scratch’s Award for Volunteer Excellence. Named for an outstanding cougar named Scratch, whose lifespan reached 30 years, the SAVE Award recognizes one outstanding volunteer or intern each month.

Pam was awarded for her excellent tour guiding skills as well as for taking a lead role in managing the gift shop.

Jennifer was awarded for spending countless hours along with her husband Darren building jungle gyms for dozens of the cats.

BIG CAT RESCUE’S 2012 TEE-UP FOR TIGERS GOLF TOURNAMENT A ROARING SUCCESS!

Thanks to our friends at Seminole Lake Country Club, led by John Brott, Karen Jay, Steve Pollock and Jenny Hastings (pictured below) the event raised a total of $11,000 in support of the magnificent animals that call Big Cat Rescue home! A very special thanks to “King of Beast” sponsor St.Pete MRI as well as Cougar sponsors Shamrock Dental Co. Inc., John Brott and Karen Jay, The Hut & Sculley’s Restaurant, Suncoast Auto and Tire, Mickey Quinn’s, Bud, Lisa and Claire Williams. The day-long festivities included a roaring round of golf followed by an awards ceremony, silent auction, delicious dinner and purrr-fectly scrumptious desert table generously donated by Cheney Brothers.

Big Cat Rescue’s 2012 TEE-UP FOR TIGERS

http://tiny.cc/k8ey0

PAVE THE WAY: HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

Engraved pathway bricks make a great gift for the purr-son in your life who has everything. The laser engraving changes the brick color to create the letters deep into the brick and will never wear off. There are two sizes, 4x8 for a donation of $100 and 8x8 for a donation of $200. What a great way to support the cats and create a memory for yourself or someone else. You can order on page 10, or online:

http://tiny.cc/k8ey0

THE BIG CAT TIMES - HOLIDAY 2012 - WWW.BIGCATRESCUE.ORG - FACEBOOK.COM/BIGCATRESCUE - WATCH US AT BIGCATTV.COM
BIG CAT TIMES ORDER FORM Holiday 2012

ORDER DATE: 

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Qty.</th>
<th>Size</th>
<th>Price Each</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

DONATION TOWARDS THE VACATION ROTATION ENCLOSURE: $ 

SPONSOR A PAVE THE WAY BRICK* 4x8 $100.00 

SPONSOR A PAVE THE WAY BRICK* 8x8 $200.00 

SPONSOR PERIMETER WALL* 1 Foot $100.00 


* NOTE: Fill out blue shaded box at bottom of form 

I want to join the automatic giving program, charge my card each month: $ 

Yes, I would like priority shipping for an additional charge of $3.00: $ 

Yes, I would like a receipt for tax purposes: 

Grand Total: $ 

METHOD OF PAYMENT 

- Check 
- Money Order 
- Visa 
- MasterCard 
- American Express 
- Discover 

Credit Card Number: 

Exp. Date MMYY: 

Signature: 

This is a gift, please make card TO: 

Brief message to say: 

AUTOMATIC GIVING PROGRAM - JOIN THE SUSTAINING DONOR SOCIETY 

Big Cat Rescue makes it easy and convenient to donate monthly with no worry. You can do this either by credit card or by direct debit to a checking account for as little as $5/month. For credit card donations, just fill in the highlighted line on the order form above and provide your credit card information. For checking account direct debit email finance@bigcatrescue.org, or leave a message for Howard at 813-426-4130. This is a G-R-R-eat way to spread out your donations and provide steady support that is so meaningful for the cats.

Special Comment, Request, or Question: 

* Personalizations (How you want your name to appear):

Big Cat Rescue is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. FEID 59-3330495. Our Florida registration number is CH-11489. 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.

WILDS EYES AT NIGHT TOUR 

Tour Times: Last Friday of the month (Reservations Required) 

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! Tour is 1.5 hrs. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations 813-426-5948. Admission: $110 per person.

Also offered - WEDDINGS, PARTIES, SCHOOL & SCOUT EDUCATIONAL OUTREACHES AND FIELD TRIPS, VOLUNTEER & INTERN PROGRAMS AND GIFT CERTIFICATES

Prices and availability for all tours are subject to change. Visit us online for the most current tour information.
TIGER CUBS - SWIMMING FOR THEIR LIVES

On October 10th, Good Morning America aired a very upsetting story about Dade City’s Wild Things, a roadside zoo, in Florida. The tourist trap zoo charges $200 for guests to have the opportunity to swim with a 6-week-old tiger cub. Glaringly apparent is how much this poor tiger cub hates being in the water with these strangers. During the entire segment the tiny cub, named Tony, struggles to get out of the water, screaming and clawing at the reporter and the sides of the pool, only to be shoved back in over and over.

We implore you to watch this segment and see for yourself the blatant exploitation of this defenseless cub.

To watch the segment online visit: http://tinyurl.com/9uqspm9

How is this legal? You might ask. The real question is how can the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) and the USDA be aware of the “swim with tiger cub encounters” at Dade City’s Wild Things for the last two years and not shut them down?

So far our complaints to both agencies have seemingly fallen on deaf ears. Yet the FWC recently stated that children swimming in pools with young alligators whose mouths were taped shut was wrong. How is swimming with alligators wrong, but swimming with tiger cubs ok?

Well, finally, the national exposure Good Morning America has backfired on them: thousands of animal lovers from around the country and the world have seen the broadcast and are angered.

Big Cat Rescue has received hundreds of calls, emails and posts on our Facebook page since the story aired. People are outraged and want this abusive exploitation to end.

Won’t you help baby Tony? Please speak up for him, Tarzan and the other tiger and lion cubs at Dade City’s Wild Things. Please take a moment to let the FWC and USDA know that you want this abuse to end. Visit CatLaws.com today!

EXPERIENCE BIG CAT RESCUE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY

Use your smart phone to access special multi-media extras from Big Cat Rescue. It’s easy as; 1. Get the Aurasma app. 2. Subscribe to our channel, and 3. Hold your phone’s camera over any b&w image of our logo. Aurasma is the future of how we use our mobile devices by bringing the physical and virtual worlds together for the first time. Available on smart devices, Aurasma recognizes images, symbols and objects in the real world and delivers digital content in real time, including videos, animations, audio or webpages.

SAFE CAPTURE TRAINING

Training is a top priority at Big Cat Rescue. Each year select staff members attend Safe Capture International’s Chemical Immobilization of Animals workshop. This year BCR President Jamie Veronica, volunteer veterinarian Dr. Justin, and Master Keeper Honey Wayton attended the 16-hour training course.

Topics covered include custom drug combinations and dosage calculations for sedating wild animals, proper injection sites for the most effective delivery of sedatives, strategies on capturing wild animals with little stress on the animal, post immobilization care, monitoring the animals’ vitals while under sedation, medical emergencies associated with capturing and sedating wildlife, and protocols for accidental human exposure to anesthetic drugs.

Following the class work was two hours of hands-on practice in the safe handling of a variety of darts and dart equipment. One particular dart projector caught the eye of Big Cat Rescuers - the Dan-Inject JM Special. This particular projector works great in confined quarters as well as long range applications. An easily adjustable pressure gauge adjusts the amount of CO2 used to propel the dart. The style and delivery of this dart projector is similar to that of a blow dart pipe, minus the human element of propelling the dart by exhaling a burst of air. It is also very quiet, which is great because it does not spook the animals.

This dart projector would not only be ideal for use in an emergency situation, but would also come in very handy when either sedating or vaccinating the big cats. With a price tag of $3,000 this item is definitely on our holiday wish list!

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of this dart projector to aid our staff and veterinarians please consider making a donation using the order form on page 10.

Left: Honey Wayton takes aim with a dart projector
To our knowledge, only two white servals exist in the world: Tonga and his brother Pharaoh. These white servals are not a rare or endangered species, but rather possess a genetic defect that would prohibit their survival in the wild. Unable to camouflage themselves they would face certain death as they would not be able to sneak up on prey nor hide from predators. The white coat is the outward indication of the deleterious effects of inbreeding. White tigers and white lions are also the product of inbreeding.

15-year-old Tonga was recently diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma in his nasal cavity. Although most arise without antecedent cause, in many species, especially in white cats, prolonged exposure to sunlight is a major predisposing factor. Being a wild cat, Tonga lives outside, and what cat doesn’t love to nap in their favorite sunny spot?

Now that we knew the underlying cause of the wound on his nose we had to decide upon the best treatment plan for Tonga.

Wrestling with the decision of whether or not to perform such an invasive procedure was very difficult. The surgery would call for the removal of Tonga’s entire nose, he would need to spend several weeks recovering indoors, he may bother the surgery site afterwards and reopen the wound, or he could even die of complications during the procedure. However, the only other option for Tonga would have been euthanasia.

Because Tonga had otherwise been in good spirits and did not even seemed bothered by the wound on his nose, it was decided to go ahead with the surgery and pray for the best.

The surgeons had to take a full centimeter extra, around the cancerous mass, in order to make sure to remove all of the cancerous cells. His surgery was a success and Tonga was transported back to the Cat Hospital where he recovered for several weeks before returning to his outdoor enclosure.

Tonga has been doing great since his surgery and does not even seem to notice that his nose is missing.

Blood work, x-rays, and a full CT scan of Tonga’s head concluded that the cancer had not yet spread. His team of doctors recommended a nosectomy in order to give Tonga the best chance possible at beating his cancer.

Each day he eagerly awaits operant training sessions, where he received treats, as well as dinner time. Tonga is completely back to his old routine of lounging in the shade, playing with enrichment toys, and pouncing after bugs and lizards!

The cost of the surgery was $3,500. We are hoping that Tonga will have at least a couple more good years and live to the average age of 17. A big shout out to all of you who helped us give him a second chance!