Cat Chat is a LIVE, interactive show with cat experts that airs every Wednesday at noon (EST). You can call in to interact live with Big Cat Rescue CEO Carole Baskin. It is a fun and informal hour of chatting about cats of all kinds. It’s roaring fun!

CatChatShow.com

REISE THE COUGAR AND JOJO THE CARACAL/SERVAL HYBRID FIND A FUR-EVER HOME

Big Cat Rescue receives dozens of calls each year from individuals and law enforcement desperately searching for a facility to take in an unwanted exotic cat. Private owners often discover that their once submissive cub becomes unmanageable once it reaches maturity. Then the cat who once roamed the house is banished to the backyard to live out the next 20 years in some make shift cage. Law enforcement and regulating agencies face a different challenge when they come across exotic animals being kept in abhorrent conditions. While the owners are often in violation of the law, these authorities are reluctant to confiscate the animal unless a suitable rescue organization is already lined up to take in the animal in question.

Sadly, requests for rescuing exotic animals does not just come from the aforementioned sources. Sometimes the call for help comes from a rescue organization itself. These are the hardest pleas to deal with because there are so many animals that are in need of placement and so few facilities with room to spare. Even worse, animals who were rescued from all sorts of horrible situations now face an unknown future. If no reputable facility can take them in, they may wind up back in the hands of private owners or languishing in roadside attractions.

Rescue organizations occasionally find themselves in situations that they did not plan for including loss of funding or loss of the founder. Big Cat Rescue has contingency plans...
in place to avoid both pitfalls. Financial planning, staff succession planning, and in depth documentation of everything, including volunteer and staff training program, animal care and safety protocols, supplier contacts and scheduled maintenance calendars, etc. all make a smooth transition possible. Unfortunately there are not many facilities out there who have gone through this painstaking process because they are stuck in the “right here, right now” mind-set. This was the case with South Florida Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. The facility was so dependant on the founder for survival that when he was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer SFWRC was forced to close its doors after more than 20 years in service.

Founded in 1989, SFWRC rehabilitated injured native wildlife for return to the wild as well as provided a permanent home to unwanted exotic cats and other wild animals.

In 2005 the facility suffered severe damage to the property and perimeter fence. The founder ended up in the hospital following a heart attack he suffered while trying to manage the clean up efforts himself. Located just a few hours from Big Cat Rescue, we offered a helping hand and sent staff and volunteers to help with the repairs as well as provide some much needed supplies.

Several years passed and SFWRC managed to stay afloat providing care for their few dozen residents. All that changed however when the founder became very ill and was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Knowing he could no longer provide for his animals, he agreed to permit his volunteers to seek out new homes for them.

The animals were dispersed to several organizations, Big Cat Rescue being one of them. Two lucky felines, Reise (pronounced Rye-zuh, meaning Journey in German) an 18-year-old female cougar and JoJo a 10-year-old male caracal/serval hybrid were brought to their fur-ever home here at the sanctuary.

Reise was born into the pet trade in 1995. She was kept as a pet in New York in squalid conditions, forced to survive on a diet of cat food, and suffered from a hack declaw job that afflicts her to this day. Eventually she was confiscated by authorities and sent to SFWRC where she lived in a small concrete floored cage.

JoJo is a cross between a caracal and a serval. Breeders hybridize exotic cats because there are no regulations governing them. This allows these breeders to make a fortune selling exotic cat hybrids as pets with little to no oversight. Hybrid cats including bengals, savannahs, chaucies, and toygers, among others, often suffer from debilitating birth defects. JoJo required thousands of dollars in surgeries to repair his deformed bowels. He spent most of his life at SFWRC living in a 60-square-foot chain link kennel with concrete floors.

Both Reise and JoJo are now living the good life at Big Cat Rescue. This is most likely the first time either of them has felt the soft earth beneath their paws or had bushes to hide in or trees to lounge beneath.

To help provide long term care for Reise and JoJo all of the cats at Big Cat Rescue consider making a donation by visiting www.razoo.com/story/EndowmentMatch

Photos: Reise behind the bars of her former home, Reise lounging in the ferns, JoJo’s former run down cage, JoJo at SFWRC, JoJo enjoying enrichment at Big Cat Rescue

The purpose of the Big Cat Rescue Endowment Fund is to insure that we can meet our commitment to care for the cats for their entire lives. The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay manages our fund and has a wonderful matching program. When donations under the current fundraising program total $300k, the Community Foundation will match our donations by putting in an additional $100k! So each donation to the fund earns an additional 33% in matching funds.

Thanks to many wonderful donors we are at this writing only $50k from the $300k goal and hoping to reach the goal by year end. To donate online to the Fund and earn an additional 33% on your donation visit www.razoo.com/story/EndowmentMatch

To donate by check, simply send the check made out to Big Cat Rescue and put “Endowment Fund” in the memo section. Minimum donation $50. If oversubscribed, donations will be applied to other sanctuary needs.

One of our tigers, Flavio, at 24 is believed to be the oldest tiger in the world. Our cats live far longer than is typical. We attribute this to our use of only the best (but naturally most expensive) food, the peaceful setting, our intense focus on enrichment to keep the cats happy and mentally and physically active, and on the excellent medical care provided by our vets.

THANK YOU for helping us meet our commitment to these magnificent animals and obtain this large matching grant!

BIG CAT HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Snow Leopard Ornament handmade in Mongolia from sheep wool. Colors vary. $10.56

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Precious is a 21 year old bobcat who was rescued from an exotic animal auction when she was just 6 months old. She suffers from arthritis which is most likely the reason that she no longer scratches her trees and logs to shed her claw sheaths keeping them trim. Because she does not do this her claws become overgrown and left unattended can begin to curl under and grow into her paw pads.

In February of this year Keepers noticed that her claws were becoming overgrown again and in an effort to avoid sedation she was captured in a special cage called a “squeeze cage”. This cage is very useful in our veterinary care program. The floor of the cage is connected to two long handles that protrude from the roof of the cage allowing for the floor to be raised up towards the roof and “squeezing” the cat flat in between so it can not struggle and hurt itself when being given an injection.

Precious was captured in the squeeze cage, squeezed to the roof and then Dr. Justin was able to access her claws from under the floor. After a few minutes all of her claws were trimmed without having to sedate her.

Sedation is avoided when possible because it always carries with it risks and adverse side effects.

Eight months later Precious’ claws were becoming overgrown again and she also appeared to be having some mobility issues with her elbows.

Unfortunately Precious did not recover well from the anesthesia and it appears as though she may have suffered a stroke leaving her blind and unable to sit up or stand on her own. It was heartbreaking for her Keepers to see Precious in this vulnerable state as she is normally a spitfire of a bobcat.

Precious was started on blood pressure medication which will hopefully allow her retinas to reattach reversing her blindness. Only time will tell if the blood clots she suffered from will dissolve and reverse her mobility issues. For now her Keepers have to help her eat and drink and have to physically move her to change out her blankets in the hospital cage.

Precious has been improving daily. She has gone from not being able to move from her side, to being able to partially sit up, and even roll over onto her other side. As long as she continues to improve we will give her as much time as she needs to recover. However if she ceases to improve and she does not regain the ability to move around again on her own her quality of life will be evaluated and the appropriate decision will be made.

HYPERTHYROIDISM IN BOBCATS

Several months ago Levi began to lose weight despite having a healthy appetite and being fed larger portions. It is normal for the cats to lose body condition as they age, but he seemed to be doing so more rapidly than usual.

He was taken to Ehrlich Animal Hospital to be seen by Big Cat Rescue veterinarian Dr. Wynn. She performed a basic exam, collected blood and urine, and took xrays. Overall he looked remarkably good for a cat of his age.

The test results indicated that he had an elevated thyroid level, some kidney disease, and a urinary tract infection. Hyperthyroidism is a common reason for weight loss in older cats. There are medications that treat the condition, however, they come with side effects that affect the kidneys. Since Levi had some kidney abnormalities already, it would be a balancing act to determine the most effective dose of medication. He was started on a course of antibiotics to treat his UTI as well as medication to improve his thyroid levels.

Two months later Levi has improved immensely. He is eating well and has gained 6 pounds! We are so happy that he is doing better and thank Dr. Wynn for the excellent veterinary care she provides to not only Levi, but all of the cats at Big Cat Rescue.

Photos; A young Precious in tree, Dr. Justin trims claws, carrying Precious, tooth x-ray, Dr. Wynn removing tooth, claw, Precious, Levi, Levi gets weighed 26.4 lbs., giving Levi fluids during his follow up exam.
WAYS TO SUPPORT THE BIG CATS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

BIG CAT SPONSORSHIP
All kits include the following appreciation gifts: 4-page color fact sheet about the species, Big Cat Rescue logo window decal, Registration Card to select the cat of your choice. 8x10 color photo of the cat you choose to sponsor with the cat name and your name as sponsor printed on it. The sponsor levels below include these additional benefits and donor recognition:

$25 BIG CAT BUDDY – KIDS SPONSORSHIP
Coloring pages featuring wild cats and 1 Kids Tour Pass.

$25 BIG CAT SUPPORTER
10% off purchases at the Trading Post gift shop.

$50 BIG CAT FRIEND
10% off purchases at the Trading Post gift shop and 1 Day Tour Pass.

$100 BIG CAT PROTECTOR
10% off purchases at the Trading Post gift shop, 2 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
10% off purchases at the Trading Post gift shop, 4 Day Tour Passes, 60 big cat mailing labels, Donor name and gift amount listed in the Big Cat Times and on website.

$500 BIG CAT WARRIOR
Conservator Benefits above plus: 4"x4" Ceramic plaque with big cat photo and donor name displayed at the sanctuary, 6"x12" Engraved plaque on the tour path with donor name displayed for one year.

$1,000 BIG CAT HERO
Conservator 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
Conservator 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
Conservator 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.

ACT NOW - TAX FREE GIVING FROM IRA ENDS 12-31-2013
If you are 70 ½ or older with an IRA (not a Roth), you normally pay taxes on funds you take out of the IRA. A law that will expire at the end of this year allows you to take funds out to donate to 501c3 nonprofits WITHOUT paying any income tax on it.

Some details: If you have not yet taken your required distribution, the funds you donate apply to satisfy it. You can do this with a total amount up to $100,000. The funds must come directly to the charity from the IRA, not to you and then to the charity. It is called an IRA Charitable Rollover.

Please consult your financial advisor for details, and of course the cats would love it if you would consider them as you choose where to donate.

AUTOMATIC GIVING PLAN
Spread your giving throughout the year and provide steady support for the big cats by enrolling in our Automatic Giving Plan.

A monthly amount of your choosing (minimum $10) can be automatically debited from your credit card, checking account, money market account or Paypal account.

To sign up visit our website at: http://tinyurl.com/l8bp8no

You can cancel at any time with no penalty.

DONATE A NEW OR USED ITEM ON OUR WISHLIST
Do you want to provide Big Cat Rescue with much needed supplies instead of a cash donation? We have tons of items that we need and use every day listed on the Wish List page of our website. Check it out at: http://tinyurl.com/n42yjmh

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

http://tinyurl.com/05ilgcw
Big Cat Rescuers were called by local animal control to a very unusual scene in late September. We receive many calls throughout the year with reports of bobcats that have been hit by cars, orphaned bobcats found wandering, or bobcats perceived as a nuisance. But nothing could have prepared us for what we found that rainy September morning.

A family had awoken to find a bobcat tangled in a fence in their back yard! They called animal control who in turn called Big Cat Rescue. BCR Founder Carole Baskin, President Jamie Veronica, volunteer veterinarian Dr. Justin, and videographer Chris Poole arrived with bobcat catching gear in hand; nets, crates, blankets, and sedation equipment.

The bobcat was completely awake and alert. It appeared as though he was snared in the fencing by just one toe. Because of his instinctual reaction to flee at the sight of his rescuers we could not approach him to get a good look at how he was entangled. The decision was made to sedate the bobcat so that we could safely approach and free him.

Dr. Justin approached the bobcat behind the cover of nearby shrubs and blow darted the ferocious feline. With adrenaline rushing through his veins, the bobcat was not willing to go to sleep without a fight. Just when rescuers thought he was down for the count he would once again lift his head and glare at those who were trying to help him.

After a long while he was darted again. This time the sedation took hold, although not completely. He was still awake and blinking, but unable to move.

Now we could get up close and inspect how he was entangled. It appeared as though the wire fence went straight through his foot impaling him, but because of his furry feet it was difficult to see for sure. So a small portion of the fencing surrounding his foot was cut free. The bobcat was then lifted using a net and a snare pole and put into a crate. He was then transported to Animal Coalition of Tampa's clinic where Dr. Justin gave him a thorough exam.

The fencing had not impaled his foot. Part of the wire had sprung and twisted in such a way that a single toe was tightly wrapped in wire. The bobcat must have been crawling over the fence when his toe was caught in the fencing. When he fell off the fence it twisted capturing him by a single digit.

X-rays revealed that the young adult bobcat had broken the metatarsal bone connected to that toe. A wild bobcat will rarely tolerate a splint or a cast and so many require internal pins or plates to stabilize broken bones while they heal. Because of the location of the break and the neighboring metatarsal bones it was decided that cage rest would be the best option for this bobcat who has appropriately been named Fencer.

Fencer is spending 4 weeks recovering in our on site Cat Hospital after which he will be sedated again for follow up xrays. If his bone has healed sufficiently he will spend a week or two in our outdoor rehab enclosure to regain full mobility of the foot. Once he has completely recovered he will be released back out into the wild where he belongs.

Meanwhile Khaleesi, an orphaned female bobcat that came to Big Cat Rescue back in June is doing well. She has doubled in size weighing in at approximately 7 pounds. Khaleesi has transitioned from eating thawed whole prey to successfully catching and eating live prey. Her skills improve daily and we look forward to her upcoming release.

Shaniqua went to be with Tarzan on October 3rd. She was 19 years old and lived longer than any Jungle Cat we have ever heard of. The oldest Jungle Cat to ever live here before was 16 at the time of passing and on average Jungle Cats have only lived to be 15 here.

Shaniqua, you were loved.
GOOD NEWS FOR CALIFORNIA BOBCATS

After thousands of phone calls, emails and faxes from activists and supporters such as you, Assembly Bill 1213 — a bill to address unlimited commercial trapping of bobcats in California — passed the California legislature earlier this month and now goes to the Governor to be signed into law.

If you are a CA resident, you can let the Governor know that you want him to sign this bill to protect bobcats into law.

http://tinyurl.com/mthl2o5

LION TACOS MAY LEAD TO EXTINCTION

No, we don’t mean that restaurants who use the gimmick of offering lion meat are causing lions to go extinct, (although wild populations have been cut in half in the last 20 years) but rather that, THANKS TO YOU, this kind of bad behavior tends to cause the restaurants to go extinct. There have been a number of short sighted restaurateurs who thought it would drum up business to put lion meat on the menu, but it always results in bad press, a loss of patrons and in some cases that damage was so irreversible that they shuttered their businesses altogether.

On Oct. 8th CBS Tampa reported that Taco Fusion had closed up shop after the fire storm of negative reviews that resulted from their offering up the King of Beasts in their mediocre tacos. In 2011 the Tucson Taqueria gave the lion meat gimmick a try. According to Yelp their CA shop has closed. A few years ago Spoto’s Steak Joint tried the same ploy and, yes, Yelp says they’re gone too. 1800Steaks.com and 1-800-steaks.net also found themselves on the receiving end of bad press and you will notice that they no longer feature lion meat. It’s bad business to mess with the “King” and we thank all of you who roared out on behalf of the cats!

AN END TO FORCING BIG CATS TO PERFORM

In California, West Hollywood’s City Council unanimously passed its ban on commercial uses for exotic or wild animals.

Sponsored by Councilmembers Jeffrey Prang and John Duran, the ordinance prohibits the use of wild animals such as elephants, lions, tigers, bears, monkeys and chimpanzees from any performance acts, including circuses, carnivals, parades or kids’ rides. It is seen as an extension of the city’s reputation as being animal compassionate.

We applaud West Hollywood for joining other cities such as Pasadena, Santa Ana and Huntington Beach who have passed the ordinance.

Councilmember John D’Amico praised the ban and reminded the audience that the city’s fur ban, which he sponsored, goes into effect on September 21st.

10,000 SIGNATURES NEEDED TO PROTECT BIG CATS 911TIGER.COM

We are sending this issue of the Big Cat Times out to 56,000 of our supporters and hoping that at least 10,000 of you will take a minute to sign a petition at 911Tiger.com.

We tried to make the process as quick as possible so that we can get the maximum number of people to speak out for lions, tigers and their cubs who end up in horrible situations because of the current laws that allow private possession.

I just know that we can all pull together this year and change things for good! I’ll be checking the signatures daily and hope to see yours there. - Carole

Help the big cats and speak out today.

Good News For California Bobcats

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Please Give Her A Voice
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**Thank you for your support!**

If your donation came toward the end of the quarter, it may not have been entered into our database in time for this newsletter and will appear in the next. Donation data entry is manual and subject to occasional omissions, so if your donation should appear and does not please email Chelsea. Feeny@BigCatRescue.org so we can investigate and correct our records if there is an omission.
**CHARLES RUTENBERG REALTY’S CASINO NIGHT GENERATES $8000 FOR TIGER TJ!**

Earlier this year John and JoAnn Nestor held their 3rd Annual Casino Night to benefit Big Cat Rescue and one other charity. The casino tables and staff were provided by DanMar Productions, the same wonderful folks who have appeared at our Fur Ball. So, of course, they brought along the custom built Wheel of Fur-tune that features photos of our cats on the betting spots on the table. In addition to the casino tables, the event featured a fabulous buffet, great raffle prizes, and balloons to pop containing gift certificates.

The fun evening resulted in a generous donation of $8000 to sponsor TJ, the tiger known for splashing wildly in his pool. At this writing TJ is getting his turn in the Vacation Rotation Enclosure and has been swimming and splashing in the large pond there, perhaps showing his joy and appreciation for the support from John and JoAnn.

Charles Rutenberg Realty has over 3,500 agents in Florida, Illinois & New York. If you live in a market they serve, please consider thanking them for their support of our cats by giving them a chance to serve your real estate needs.

**KIDS 4 KATS**

We were very pleased to take delivery of 16 purple martin birdhouses from Arianna Morales, age 14, and Natalie Leach, age 14, both Cadettes with Rainbow Troop 509 in Tampa! Arianna and Natalie completed the research, purchased, and assembled the birdhouses for the sanctuary for their Silver Award Project. The birdhouses will be installed near the lake, and will provide clean, safe homes for these little birds, which are dependent on humans for nest boxes on the east coast. Thanks, girls!

*Photo: Valerie Cisco, mother and adviser Natalie, Arianna, and Willow Hecht, Big Cat Rescue Education Director*

**2013 TEE-UP FOR TIGERS GOLF TOURNAMENT A ROARING SUCCESS!**

Thanks to our friends at Seminole Lake Country Club, led by John Brott, Karen Jay and Jenny Hastings, this year’s event raised approximately $15,000 in support of the magnificent creatures that call Big Cat Rescue home.

We’d like to extend a VERY special Big Cat “Thank You” to all of our generous sponsors of the tournament:

1. **“King of Beast”**
   St.Pete MRI
2. **“Tiger”**
   St. Pete MRI
   Jaguar of Tampa
   Cheney Brothers
3. **“Cougar”**
   John Brott & Karen Jay
   Blue Bell Ice Cream
   The Moon Under Water
   Shamrock Dental
   Mickey Quinn Seminole
   Finley’s Pub
   New Creations Ground Maintenance
   My Tampa Agent.

The day long festivities included a roaring round of golf followed by an awards ceremony, silent auction, purrfectly delicious dinner and scrumptious dessert table, generously donated by Cheney Brothers.

**C1 BANK STAFF MEETS AT BCR**

In the Tampa Bay Business Journal’s survey of “Best in the Biz,” Big Cat Rescue in the past has been named Favorite Retreat and Team-Building Venue. C1 Bank, a major supporter of Big Cat Rescue, has regularly chosen BCR to hold staff training and team building retreats. After the meeting, the attendees earn a private tour of the sanctuary.

Pictured with Bengali the tiger enjoying a dip in his pool are SVP Dave Timmons and the bank’s Assistant Managers who held their retreat at BCR recently. We have experienced fantastic service from C1 Bank and if you live in one of their markets in Florida or Texas please consider thanking them for their support by giving them a chance to earn your business. If you are in the Tampa Bay Area, please keep Big Cat Rescue in mind as a unique venue for a corporate retreat, meeting or party.

**LIONS AND TIGERS AND DRAGONS, OH MY!**

We are currently in 2nd place and need your vote to propel us into 1st place.

Big Cat Rescue has partnered with The Body Shop USA’s Dragon Fruit Lip Butter Campaign to raise funds for 3 great charities.

Now through November 3 with any purchase in store you’ll receive a token which you can use to vote for Big Cat Rescue.

Buy super-moisturizing Dragon Fruit Lip Butter and you get a 2nd token to vote with.

You can also vote daily online at: [http://bddy.me/NJIYzf](http://bddy.me/NJIYzf)

Each of the 3 charities will receive funds from the campaign. The charity with the highest number of votes will receive the largest donation. 100% of the profits from the sale of the Dragon Fruit Lip Butter will go to charity, greater sales means greater funding.

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**THE BIG CAT TIMES ORDER FORM**

**Winter 2013**

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Name __________________________
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City St Zip ________________________________
Day Time Phone ________________________________
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**RECIPIENT ADDRESS (if different than billing)**

Name __________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
City St Zip ________________________________
Day Time Phone ________________________________
Evening Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________

*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 $ ____________

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- Check [ ]
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- American Express [ ]
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- Visa [ ]

Credit Card Number ____________________________
Exp. Date MMYY ____________________________
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**TOUR TIMES & PROGRAMS**

Tickets available online at: http://www.zerve.com/bigcatrescue or by calling: (800) 979-3370
Closed Thursdays, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

**KIDS TOUR**

Tour Times: Saturday & Sunday 9 AM
Children of all ages and their parents can learn about the big cats on this guided tour of the sanctuary. This tour is given on a child’s educational level. Reservations not required. Tour is 1 hr. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservation recommended.

**DAY TOUR**

Tour Times: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 3 PM
Sat & Sun 10 AM & 1 PM
Guided tour of the sanctuary. Learn about the big cats and the threats they face both in the wild as well as in captivity. Hear their personal stories of how they were rescued. Tour is 1.5 hrs. No children under 10 years of age. Admission: 10% discount to all Military, Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters as well as USF faculty and students. Appropriate ID required. Discount on Day Tour only, not available through Zerve Reservations. Reservation recommended.

**FEEDING TOUR**

Tour Times: Wed, Fri, Sat 5:30 PM
(Reservations Required)
Follow a keeper as they feed the big cats. Observe the big cats eating and learn about their nutritional needs in captivity. Tour is 1 hr. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations (800) 979-3370

**BIG CAT KEEPER TOUR**

Tour Times: Sat & Sun 2 PM
(Reservations Required)
This tour takes you behind the scenes. Enjoy making enrichment (treats and food puzzles) for the big cats and watch as the keepers hand out the enrichment you made. You will also observe operant training sessions with the big cats. Tour is 2 hrs. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations (800) 979-3370

**WILD 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 (800) 979-3370

**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.

**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 813-920-4130. This is a G-R-R-eat way to spread out your donations and provide steady support that is so meaningful for the cats.

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

Special Comment, Request, or Question: _______________________________________

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