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THE BIG CAT TIMES

A Place To Call Home



Big Cat Rescue provides a permanent home for two wild cats

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 road side 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



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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

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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

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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.



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21 YEAR OLD BOBCAT RECOVERS FROM A STROKE



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 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.



In order to see what was going on with her elbows and to do a more thorough exam it was decided to take precious to see Dr. Wynn.



Upon her initial exam Dr. Wynn discovered two bad teeth that needed to be removed. Xrays indicated that she had pretty severe arthritis in her elbows and shoulders and blood work results showed that Precious had advanced kidney disease as well as high blood pressure.



Precious had two lower rear molars extracted and her claws were trimmed. She was then set up to recover in our on site Cat Hospital.



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



Levi is an 18 year old bobcat who came to Big Cat Rescue in 1995 along with 10 other Bobcats who were destined to be harvested for the fur industry. Levi was neutered and now lives with Tiger Lilly.



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 weigh 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 26.4lbs., giving Levi fluids during his follow up exam.

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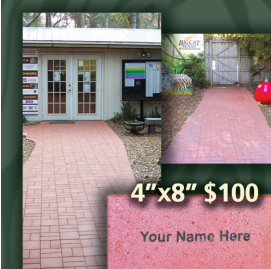
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Big Cat Rescue needs a perimeter wall to surround the sanctuary and protect the cats. The total perimeter is 7,200 feet. We have completed 2/3 of the project, but need your help to finish 2,300 feet. You can help by sponsoring one linear foot of construction. 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.



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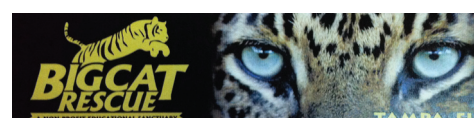
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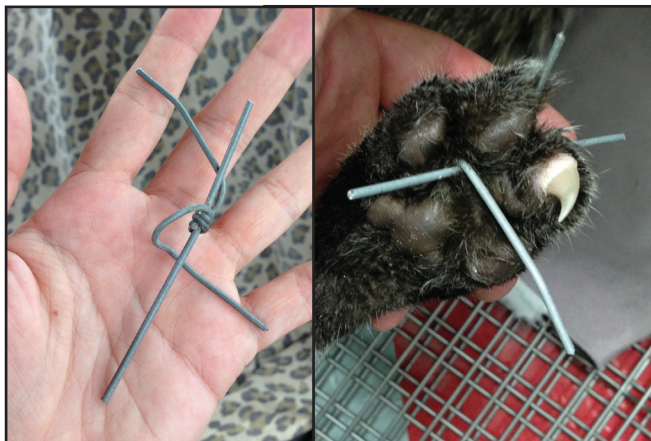
Big Cat Rescuers were called by local animal control to a very unusual scene in late September. We receive many calls throughout the year with reports of bobcats that have been hit by cars, orphaned bobcats found wandering, or bobcats perceived as a nuisance. But nothing could have prepared us for what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



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.

Big Cat Rescue's wildlife rehabbers are permitted with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and adhere to the policies regarding rehabilitation of wildlife set forth by the agency. Images of rehab bobcats are captured uninvassively as to not interfere with their rehabilitation.



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



SAD FAREWELL TO ONE GREAT CAT

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 113 animals, 93 of them are over the age of 12, which is about as long as they live in zoos or in the wild. An amazing 77 are over the age of 15 (90+ in human years). Even more incredible, 19 are 20 years or older. It is with heavy hearts that we must say good bye to this feline friend who has touched our hearts forever.

SHANIQUA came from an exotic animal auction where all sorts of wild animals are sold to the highest bidder with no thought as to their well being. From the first day she arrived here in 1994 it became apparent why Shaniqua or any Jungle Cat would never make a good pet.

She was so hyperactive she was bouncing off the walls, literally. She even jumped into a ceiling fan or two and did not seem to learn anything from the experience, but rather found it quite entertaining. Shaniqua was built a large outdoor enclosure that she was to share with Tarzan, a neutered male, in hopes that she could exhaust all of her pent up energy playing with her new friend. The two lived together for 15 years until Tarzan died at the age of 16.

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

SHANIQUA



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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 had multiple health issues including an enlarged left thyroid, an enlarged heart, and advanced kidney disease. When she could no longer walk around on her own, we knew she was ready to go and we helped her along.

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.

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Your Support Saves Them





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.

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



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.





Ban the Big Cat Trade

author: [Big Cat Rescue](#)

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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 errors, 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!

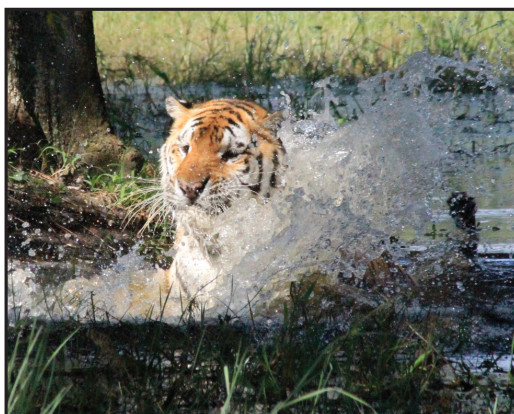


event featured a fabulous buffet, great raffle prizes, and balloons to pop containing gift certificates.

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.



Photos: Wheel of Fur-tune, JoAnn happily displaying a portion of the proceeds, TJ splashing in the Vacation Rotation pond.

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.

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:



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

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>

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.



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.

September



Jessica Godoy

October



Lynda Licht

www.BigCatRescue.org/volunteer

We are happy to celebrate Jessica Godoy for doing a wonderful job working in the gift shop and backing up tours. She promptly takes care of the vox receivers and transmitter after the tour is over and always has a supportive attitude. She knows where to find things, where things belong, how to help unload from delivery trucks, etc. She is just all around reliable and polite. Lynda Licht is a shining example of what it means to be a green level Senior Keeper. She is always willing to help out in any way and is an invaluable addition to our Sunday volunteer workforce. Recently Lynda has begun helping out with Volunteer Orientation, which is a huge undertaking and her joyful personality makes it a great fit. Thank you both for your dedication to the sanctuary and the cats. You are truly outstanding volunteers!

Big Cat Rescue is always looking for volunteers. There are two volunteer departments to fit every type of volunteer; Keeper Department and Partner Department. Keepers clean enclosures, feed animals, and do grounds maintenance. Partner volunteers work in the gift shop and guide tours of the sanctuary.

BEASTLY FEAST

Feed the beastly appetite of our big cats by donating to have a whole turkey, chicken, or hen purchased and given to a lucky feline at Big Cat Rescue. Donate on page 10 or at BigCatRescue.biz.

\$15 buys a turkey for a lion or tiger, \$10 buys a chicken for a leopard or cougar, \$5 buys a hen for a lynx, bobcat, serval, ocelot, caracal, leopard cat, Geoffroy cat or jungle cat. *Sorry, you may not choose who receives the poultry prize, but rest assured, staff will select a very deserving big cat to dine on your delicious donation.*





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BALANCE TAMPA BAY HELPS THE BIG CATS

On October 5th, 22 members of the group Balance Tampa Bay gathered to help Big Cat Rescue complete a much needed landscaping project. They spent their Saturday morning mowing, hauling brush, trimming trees and clearing a field along with mowing and weeding the enclosure of Nikita, a 12 year old female lioness.



Balance Tampa Bay is a non-profit organization that has a mission of finding a balance in the lives of their members and those they help through fellowship, outreach, philanthropy and personal development. Other projects they have worked on this year include building a playground, feeding the homeless at Hyde Park United Methodist, painting toys for sick and needy children, hosting a BBQ for cancer patients at Hope Lodge, painting Frances House and more. For more information, visit:



www.facebook.com/balancetampabay

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The Gr-r-reat Pumpkin Smash



TJ ENJOYING HIS TURN IN THE VACATION ROTATION ENCLOSURE



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Vacation Rotation Enclosure
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Please help us reach our fundraising goal for
the construction of the Vacation Rotation
Enclosure by making a donation in any amount.
We are so close to the finish line!