Big Cat Rescue in Tampa Florida

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Who Is Big Cat Rescue
OVERVIEW of Who is Big Cat Rescue?

Big Cat Rescue is the largest accredited sanctuary in the world dedicated entirely to abused and abandoned big cats. We are home to over 100 lions, tigers, bobcats, cougars and other species most of whom have been abandoned, abused, orphaned, saved from being turned into fur coats, or retired from performing acts.

Our dual mission is to provide the best home we can for the cats in our care and educate the public about the plight of these majestic animals, both in captivity and in the wild, to end abuse and avoid extinction.

The sanctuary began in 1992 when the Founder, Carole Baskin, and her then husband Don, mistakenly believing that bobcats made good pets, went looking to buy some kittens. They inadvertently ended up at a “fur farm” and bought all 56 kittens to keep them from being turned into fur coats. See How We Started.

In the early years, influenced by breeders and pet owners, they believed that the cats made suitable pets and that breeding and placing the cats in homes was a way to “preserve the species.” Gradually they saw increasing evidence that not only was this not the case, but that it was leading to a consistent pattern of suffering and abuse. See History and Evolution.

Today the sanctuary is devoted to its Vision of a world where animals are treated with respect, and its Mission of providing the best possible home for the animals in our care and trying to stop the flow of animals needing sanctuary by educating the public about the plight of the animals and supporting stronger laws to protect them.

The sanctuary is situated on 55 acres in the Citrus Park area of north Tampa.
The cats at Big Cat Rescue are here for a variety of reasons, including:

* Abandoned by owners who wrongly thought they would make good pets
* Abused by owners in order to force them to perform
* Retired from performing acts
* Saved from being slaughtered to make fur coats
* Rescued as babies after hunters killed their mothers.

See our Bobcat Rehab and Release work

Florida law requires that all charities soliciting donations disclose their registration number and the percentage of your donation that goes to the cause and the amount that goes to the solicitor. Our registration number is CH-11409 and non-program expenses are funded from tour income, so 100% of your donations go directly to save the cats. We are a 501 c 3 charity as determined by the IRS Federal ID#59-3330495. Our 990s are available online at GuideStar.org with a complete breakdown of how your donations are spent.
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Non-Profit Ratings
NONPROFIT RATINGS

Charity Navigator has rated Big Cat Rescue 4 Stars (their highest rating) and Big Cat Rescue has one of the highest scores of any animal based charity every year since its first rating in 2008.

The Independent Charities of America has certified Big Cat Rescue as one of the Best in America Charities every year since 2008.

- GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews for nonprofit organizations, has named Big Cat Rescue has named Big Cat Rescue as one of its “Top-Rated Charities” every year since the beginning of its ratings in 2010.

NONPROFIT AND ANIMAL RELATED AFFILIATIONS

Captive Wild Animal Protection Coalition 2009 Task force

Combined Federal Campaign #10766 – since 2008

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries - accredited

International Tiger Coalition

Species Survival Network

World Society for the Protection of Animals

We are founding members of No More Homeless Pets of Hillsborough County, a coalition of animal rescue groups committed to ending euthanasia of healthy cats and dogs as a
means to dispose of unwanted pets. Our founder was the former Chairperson of the Hillsborough County Animal Advisory Committee by appointment of the Board of County Commissioners.

She is a past President of The Association of Sanctuaries and served on the board for HumaneUSA, the largest animal related Political Action Committee that gives approximately $250,000.00 a year to the promotion of better laws to protect the animals.

Our founder, advisory chair, staff and our veterinarians are past members of the American Zoological Association (AZA). Our vet is also members of the American Association of Zoo Vets (AAZV). Several of our keepers are members of the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK.)

We hold permits issued by U.S.D.A #58-C-0814, Florida Fish and Game permit #ESB 70, State Wildlife rehab permits # SC01A-2079 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Federal rehab permits, State Charitable Solicitation permit #CH-11409 and Hillsborough County occupational license. We are supporters of the Humane Society of the United States.

Good sanctuaries do not breed, buy or sell their animals and they do not allow contact between potentially dangerous animals and the public. Big Cat Rescue meets or exceeds the Sanctuary Standards detailed at SanctuaryStandards.com

We are partners with VoterVoice.net for better laws and FLA USA.

http://bigcatrescue.org/about/credentials/greatnonprofitawardbadge2012
Awarding Winning Sanctuary
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Top Rated Non Profit at Great Non Profits

We have received this award every year since they started awarding it in 2010 due to the many great reviews we get from visitors and donors each year.

Most Relevant Charity

Big Cat Rescue won the 2012 Be More Relevant Award at the WEDU Be More Awards held Feb 21, 2013. This was a category that judged the best use of video in charity missions and we won with our video called Big Cat Mirrors.

Top Day Trip for Families

2012 CBS Tampa ranks BCR as one of the top “Day Trips for Families” http://tampa.cbslocal.com/top-lists/best-day-trips-for-families-around-tampa/

PC Magazine Names Big Cat Rescue in Top 12 Favorite Charities 2011

Big Cat Rescue, which takes in retired circus lions and tigers, also rescues other big cats from people who tried to keep them as pets, and otherwise offers sanctuary to large cats that are not eligible for release into the wild. It’s focused on educating people about the unsuitability of the animals as pets, working toward passing laws against roadside zoos, and shutting down breeding programs like the exotic pet trade. They also take in injured wild cats and rehabilitate them for release. The group has a video cam set up in the sanctuary, and they regularly post videos of the big cats. The cats eat a massive amount every day, naturally, so Big Cat Rescue relies on donations and paid tour groups to support them.—Arielle Rochette PC Magazine

Finalist for Non Profit of the Year

The Tampabay Business Journal selected Big Cat Rescue as a finalist for Non Profit of the Year for 2011. Thanks to all of you who voted for Big Cat Rescue, we won the People’s Choice Award at the WEDU Be More Awards every year that we participated! Big Cat Res-
cue won against 90 contenders for the People’s Choice Award. WEDU has a viewing audience that includes 16 central Florida counties. In 2010 we won the WEDU Be More Relevant Award for one of our videos. In 201 we won the same award again. 2011 Winner in Toyota’s 100 Cars for Good Big Cat Rescue was given a beautiful Toyota Tundra for being the top voted charity during their competition week. 9/2/2011 The Tampa Bay Business Journal awarded Big Cat Rescue in 3 categories: Best Black Tie Event Favorite Retreat and Team Building Venue and Second Best Fundraiser

**SUMMARY of Big Cat Rescue Awards, Online voting victories, appearances on cable TV segments:**

2006 WEDU Be More Awards finalist for both the Be More Informed Award for marketing and Nonprofit of the Year

2007 WEDU Be More Humble online voting contest winner

2008 WEDU Be More Humble online voting contest winner

2008 Tampa Bay Business Journal name CFO Howard Baskin finalist for “CFO of the Year Award”

2009 WEDU Be More Humble online voting contest winner (stopped competing after that to give others a chance to win)

2009 Razoo.com online voting contest winner – prize $10,000

2009 Chase Bank “Chase Community Giving” online voting contest winner – prize $25,000

2009 Animal Planet names Operations Manager Scott Lope Animal Planet’s “Hero of the Year”

2009 Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce names Advisory Board Chairman Howard Baskin “Citizen of the Year”

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Favorite Retreat and Team Building Venue

Second Best Fundraiser

2011 WEDU Be More Relevant Award winner for best nonprofit video

2011 Toyota 100 Cars for Good online voting contest winner – prize $33,000 Toyota Tundra

2012 CBS Tampa ranks BCR as one of the top “Day Trips for Families”

2013 WEDU Be More Relevant Award winner for best nonprofit video

2013 Dalton Agency “Dalton Cares” online voting contest winner – prize $1000 cash and $4000 in kind services

2013 Suncoast Federal Credit Union online voting contest winner – prize $1000
CABLE TELEVISION SEGMENTS IN WHICH BIG CAT RESCUE

APPEARS - MOST RUN REPEATEDLY FOR MANY YEARS

History Channel – Monster Quest: Tigers in the Suburbs

History Channel – Monster Quest: Killer Chimps

History Channel – Monster Quest: The Black Beast Of Exmoor

Animal Planet – Most Extreme: Killer Cats

Animal Planet – Ms. Adventure Show: Communication

Animal Planet – Fatal Attractions: Tigers Unleashed 2013

Animal Planet – Fatal Attractions: Tiger Terror 2/22/13

Animal Planet – Untamed and Uncut

Discovery Channel – Lion Feeding Frenzy

OTF Amsterdam – Magnificent Obsessions

PBS – Inside Nature’s Giants Big Cats 2/7/12

Hallmark Channel – Jack Hanna’s Animal Adventures 1999
Celebrity Supporters
Celebrities of Big Cat Rescue

Bo Derek gives Big Cat Rescue a 10

Big Cat Rescue has had the honor of being visited by and/or working with a number of big name celebrities including Bo Derek, Harrison Ford, Leonardo DeCaprio, Jane Goodall, Kate Walsh, Barbara Niven, Jack Harris, Jim Fowler, Jack Hanna, Bill Murphy, Tippi Hedren, Tim Harrison, Arch Deal, Congresswoman Castor, athletes from the Tampabay Bucs, the Lightning, the New York Yankees, and the casts of Wicked, Mary Poppins and the Jersey Boys just to name a few.

We have had many local celebrities come to love us such as Chadd & Kristi, Sue Zelenko and a number of media purr-sonalities.

In 2011 Ian Anderson created this wonderful PSA about the work he and Big Cat Rescue are doing to save exotic cats in the wild and to protect them from exploitation in captivity.

Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull For Big Cat Rescue

Click on the links below to see photos from their visits and / or how they are working to help save big cats from extinction and exploitation.

Animal Planet’s Ms. Adventure

Jane Goodall

Bill Murphy

County Commissioners

Congresswoman Castor

Jack Hanna
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Area Business Affiliations
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Brandon Chamber of Commerce

Florida Association for the Restoration of Ethics

Greater Clearwater Chamber of Commerce

Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce

Hillsborough Convention and Visitors Association

Oldsmar/Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce

St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce

Westshore Alliance
How Big Cat Rescue Started
I never set out to start a sanctuary. It happened partly by accident, then largely through a process of evolution.

In 1992 my late husband and I were at an exotic animal auction buying llamas when a man walked in with a terrified six month old bobcat on a leash. He said she had been his wife’s pet and that she didn’t want her any more. We brought her home and called her Windsong. I adored her and she generally responded in the ways we expect a pet to do. But one of the traits that makes exotic cats bad pets is the tendency to bond to one person and be jealous of and/or aggressive toward others. She wouldn’t tolerate my husband, so he decided to buy and hand raise one or more bobcat kittens of his own.

In 1993 he located a place in Minnesota that sold bobcat and lynx kittens and we drove there with my 12 year old daughter and a friend to look at them. What we found was a “fur farm”. While they sold a few cubs each year as pets, their main business was raising them for a year and then slaughtering them to make coats.

The cats were in cages that were several inches deep with layers of fur and feces. The flies were so thick in the metal shed that we had to put hankies over our faces just to breathe without inhaling them. On the floor was a stack of partially skinned bobcats, Canada lynx and Siberian lynx. Their bellies had been cut off as this soft, spotted fur is the only portion used in making fur coats. I was so stunned by the sight, that I was numbed and in denial of what I had just seen. There were 56 kittens and we asked if there was that big of a market for them as pets. We were told that whatever did not sell for pets would be slaughtered the following year for fur.
In horror and disbelief I looked at my husband. I couldn’t speak. I had never heard anything so heartless and now the pile of dead cats in the corner hit me with the reality of a freight train.

This was at a time when protesters were spray painting people wearing fur coats, wearing fur was becoming “politically incorrect,” business was not good and probably looked to the breeder like it might stay that way. I believe this is why, after we first offered to buy all 56 kittens and later agreed to buy all of his cats if the breeder would agree to discontinue making cats into coats (he still had mink, fox and others,) he agreed.

We bought every carrier, basket, tool box or bucket that you could put a cat in and bales of hay for nesting for the ride from Minnesota to Florida. As my husband drove, the rest of us tended to babies that had to be fed every two hours for the next two months. It was many months later before any of us slept through the night because we didn’t know what we were doing and there was no one to turn to for advice. We dealt with every imaginable sickness and the increasing demands on our time from these carnivores that rely so heavily on their mothers for the first one to three years of life.

Initially we brought the cats to our home. Then we started building cages on the current site of the sanctuary, a 40 acre site (now 55) nearby which we had obtained some years before in a foreclosure. That began years of long hours, hard work, learning, heartbreak over what we found many animals enduring, and evolving, often by trial and error, to the sanctuary as it exists today and continues to evolve.

If you are considering starting a sanctuary, which I do not recommend, this website has information that may be helpful. (http://bigcatrescue.org/2011/failed-big-cat-facilities/)
The History & Evolution of Big Cat Rescue
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Big Cat Rescue did not start out as what it has become today. My beliefs, and the sanctuary that reflects them, evolved over time. It involved lessons that came from what I view today as horrible mistakes, and sometimes I feel terrible about how long some realizations took. But I take great pride in what we have become and are accomplishing, and feel great excitement about what I believe we will accomplish in the future.

As detailed in How We Started, the sanctuary began when the search to purchase a pet bobcat kitten brought us unwittingly to a “fur farm” that sold a few cats as pets, but primarily raised them to turn into fur coats. We bought all 56 kittens to save them from being slaughtered.

To learn how to take care of the cats we naturally turned to those who would know, the breeders and owners of exotic cats. Under this influence, initially we believed what you will still hear from the breeders and owners today, i.e. that these cats should be owned privately to “preserve the species,” that they make good pets if properly raised and trained, and that they are safe if you know how to handle them. Our own experience until then with Windsong, my original pet bobcat, had not conflicted with these notions despite the much greater effort she required than a domestic cat. But she had not reached maturity at that point.

Believing as we did that the cats were suitable pets, our plan was to sell and give away as many of the fur farm kittens as we could to what we expected to be good homes. There was no “profit” to be had, but the proceeds of sales helped offset some of the thousands we had spent purchasing and now caring for the cats.

The next four years were a time of enormous work caring for the cats, learning about their needs, learning about the world of exotic pet dealing and ownership, learning about the issues the cats face in the wild, and a gradual but dramatic evolutionary change in my think-
ing and beliefs. The change occurred as our experience grew. These years also became a time of personal challenge as my husband Don showed signs of mental deterioration, possibly related to brain damage suffered in a small plane crash years before.

As we attended animal auctions, we observed that many of the bidders were taxidermists. They would bid on the animals that went for low prices. Typically these were the ones in the worst condition. Then they would take them into the parking lot and club them to death before taking them home to mount. So we started outbidding them to save the cats we could from that fate. Usually the cats were in poor condition. We would nurse them back to health, then offer them to buyers who we hoped would give them good homes.

Other cats were purchased to get them out of bad conditions or save them from certain death. For instance, we first saw Sarabi the lioness as a five week old cub at an auction where the owners were obviously feeding her curdled milk that she was struggling to spit out. We could not stand to watch and bought her.

Then, during these years we increasingly found that cats we had thought we placed in good homes were not “working out.” People called asking if we would take them back. With rare exceptions we did, because we could not bear the thought of the alternatives. Then, at an auction, I saw a lynx I was sure I recognized as a kitten that I had nurtured and kept alive until we had sold him as a pet. He was thin, scared, and clearly recognized me.

As these experiences multiplied during these years, it became increasingly obvious that many of the cats at the auctions were really abandoned pets. People would get them as young kittens, they would be reasonably manageable for a couple of years, then become
problematic as they matured. Or people would buy them not realizing how much work they were and discard them before they matured.

I began reading and hearing about “high mortality rates” for exotic pets, particularly in their first year. This was consistent with the many calls I got from people with kittens that were dying. Much of this happens very early in their lives. In order to get a cat to “bond” with a person, the kittens are typically taken from the mothers shortly after birth. The person becomes the mother, but without the instincts and equipment to be. When we receive orphaned kittens from the wild today, like Faith, a Florida bobcat, and Aries, Artemis and Orion, the cougar cubs from Idaho whose mother was shot by a hunter, the scariest and riskiest time is those early weeks, even for those of us who have extensive experience with the kittens. And these orphaned cats from the wild at least had the advantage of a few weeks of the mother’s milk and care. One frequent cause of death is the owners’ lack of knowledge about how to properly bottle feed them. This leads to milk in their lungs. The cats can die of aspiration (drowning) from the fluid, or with smaller amounts last long enough to contract fatal pneumonia.

As I learned first hand how difficult and expensive it was to give these cats what I viewed as a good home, and I saw how many ended up in bad circumstances or were abandoned, I came to feel that people should be discouraged from getting them as pets. In 1994 I wrote a 100 page book, and 1995 made a home video, about caring for the cats and what it was like to have them as pets. I felt people who wanted the cats as pets were not likely to read or view something that tried to convince them not to do so. But if they saw how much work it was, it would discourage the people who were most likely to abandon them from getting them at all, and at least give those exotic cats who were purchased as pets a chance to be treated in a way that would allow them to survive. We keep the chapters of the book on our website for the same reason today.
In addition to buying cats, we had started breeding some cats under the misguided notion that this was a way to “preserve the species.” A few of our cats were purchased with this in mind, although invariably we were also giving them a home far better than what they were destined for if we did not purchase them. I had not then figured out what seems so obvious to me today, that breeding for life in a cage an animal that was meant to roam free was inherently cruel, and that most of the “homes” these animals would end up in were places where they would live in unsuitable conditions. We believe these cats should not be pets.

About 25% of the cats we house today were born at the sanctuary in those early years. Some were placed with pet owners, then returned or abandoned. A few never left. We have at times referred to all of them as from the “pet trade” or “former pets” because we were, at that time, part of that pet trade. Whether they were born here or not, the point of their story is the same. They do not make good pets, and should not be bred to be pets.

Meantime, word quickly spread that we were providing a home to exotic cats, and we started getting calls asking us to take cats people did not want, which we did. Cats came because the owners said they could not manage them (cougars Shadow and Sugar), or the owners became ill (China Doll the tigress), or the owners got divorced (cougars Cody and Missouri), or they had been used for performing acts and no longer wanted (Shaquille the black leopard), or the cat was interfering with their social life (Squeaker the cougar), or they were moving (Banshee the bobcat), or the cat attacked their child (Ty the serval), or the owners went to jail (Nikita the lioness), or because they said they just did not want them any more (Lola the black leopard). And we knew if we did not take them, they would likely end up destroyed or sold into the auctions or to exhibitors.

As I reached the conclusion that exotic cats should not be pets nor bred for a life in captivity, I was also having to deal the fact that my husband’s mental condition was deteriorating. This affected the sanctuary because he loved the presence of kittens. While I had come to feel strongly that the breeding was wrong, I was also devoted to my husband. I knew he would not yield on this and I was unwilling to ruin our marriage over
I neutered and spayed the cats as I could, but I was unable to convince him to completely discontinue breeding.

I had never heard of Alzheimer's Disease, but one of the volunteers who had dealt with it in his family told me that Don was exhibiting behavior indicative of that. I made an appointment for him to be seen by a specialist. But, one week before the appointment, he left home one morning and never returned.

This began a period of time I can only believe I survived because of my faith in God. I was in agony wondering if the man I loved had intentionally left me, was wandering aimlessly due to his mental condition, or had been the victim of foul play, not really knowing which would be more painful. While I hired detectives to search for him, the police conducted their investigation, including looking for any evidence that I might have had a hand in his disappearance. There was none, but the press had a field day speculating and implying that that I had killed him. The bizarre disappearance of the man who kept tigers even got the attention of *People Magazine*.

I doubt if anyone who has not lived through it themselves can imagine the pain of being accused in the press of killing someone you love. While I grieved, people in supermarkets would ask me “did you feed him to the tigers?” This is personal history, not sanctuary history. But some of the opponents of our efforts to pass stronger laws to protect the cats still distribute or publish these old articles or materials containing this implication as part of their attacks.

For the sanctuary, Don’s disappearance meant that I was able to stop all intentional breeding in 1997. But the sanctuary was under tremendous financial stress because our assets were placed under the supervision of the court and my ability to operate the real estate business that provided funding for the sanctuary or use assets to support the cats was severely constrained. Still, as fast as we could we neutered, spayed, and built cages to separate cats who could breed. While there was no intentional breeding from that time for-
ward, four cats and three binturongs were born unintentionally, mostly to animals we did not believe were capable of breeding but did. The binturongs were thought to be far too old to breed and had lived together for years without breeding when we discovered she had a litter and conceived again before we managed to separate them. Two leopard cats were born to parents we thought were too old to breed, a bobcat hybrid was sired by a hybrid who was supposed to be sterile, and one serval was born to parents we just did not get separated in time because we focused first on the big cats.

We also stopped purchasing cats as a way to rescue them. Aside from the financial constraints, I had come to realize that however well intentioned we had been, by purchasing the cats we were supporting the brokers and breeders that were creating so much suffering. The only exception to this policy involved our fishing cats in 1998. I was called by a broker because he had two fishing cats he said were dying and asked if I wanted them. When I got there, I found Pisces gasping and close to death. When I said I would take them, he said I had to buy them. I could not walk away and let them die, so despite our desperate finances I paid for them. That was the last time I fell into that trap, and the last cat we purchased to save it.

Since then the cats we have taken in have all been either found, orphaned, or relinquished by owners who either could or would not continue to care for them or, in the case of our circus tigers, were sent by the one circus responsible enough to provide a retirement home for their cats at the end of their careers. For instance, Faith, the Florida bobcat cub, was found at five weeks old in a parking lot north of Tampa. She would not have been alone if the mother had not been killed. Cameron and Zabu, our male lion and white tigress, came from a roadside zoo when the husband of the couple operating it died and the wife could not keep it going. Cougar cubs Aries, Artemis and Orion, at four weeks old, came from Idaho after a hunter shot their mother. Idaho does not allow carnivores to be rehabilitated and released and because they are not native to any other state they could never go free.
Since those early years the sanctuary has pursued its vision of ending the abuse and abandonment of captive exotic animals and promoting preservation of the species in the wild. We do this by being an “educational sanctuary” with the dual mission of (a) giving our cats the best care we can while (b) educating the public on the plight of these animals so that some day there will be no need for a sanctuary to exist.

Increasingly the plight of these wonderful animals is resonating with the general public. As a result, recently our efforts, and those of others like us, to encourage laws forbidding breeding and exotic pet ownership have met with escalating success. State after state has passed laws banning ownership of big cats. They vary in effectiveness largely due to what “exemptions” from the law are allowed. But, the trend in state law and public opinion is clear. In 2012, working with a coalition of other animal protection organizations, a federal bill banning possession and breeding except in very limited circumstances was passed.

As we have become a leading and very visible voice not only in support of such legislation, but being asked by legislators to help draft the bills, the breeders, exotic pet owners and exhibitors have attacked me. Lacking substantive arguments in support of their beliefs and activities, which I believe are based on selfish enjoyment of having the animals and/or financial gain, they have spent considerable energy attacking me personally and our sanctuary.

They claim we hide the activities from our early years that you have read about here, which obviously we do not and we never have. While I am not proud that it took me years of seeing increasing amounts of abuse to reverse the beliefs that I accepted as a novice, I believe the experience from those years has been heavily responsible for the success we have been having. I understand the thinking of the pet trade because I was part of it. I believe we are more credible as a source of objective information specifically because we came from the place in which our opponents remain entrenched.

I genuinely hope that over time their thinking will change the way mine has done. In the meantime, I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart all of the many wonderful vol-
unteers and thousands of generous financial supporters and “Advocats” without whose hard work we would not be seeing the recent successes.
Cats & Links
CAT LINKS

From this link you can see photos of and read the stories of all the cats that call Big Cat Rescue home. http://bigcatrescue.org/catbio/

Abuse Issues and Our Beliefs: http://bigcatrescue.org/abuse-issues/

Ways You Can Get Involved: http://bigcatrescue.org/get-involved/

Watch over 400 videos about the cats here: http://bigcatrescue.org/videos/

Various ways to donate: http://bigcatrescue.org/donate/

Big Cat Attacks: http://bigcatrescue.org/big-cat-attacks/

Big Cat News: http://bigcatrescue.org/pressroom/