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## FACT SHEET

- Big Cat Rescue is the largest accredited sanctuary in the world dedicated to rescuing and providing a permanent home to abused and abandoned big cats.
- The nonprofit 501 c 3 sanctuary began in 1992.
- The sanctuary is home to more than 100 exotic big cats.
- 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
  - Orphaned cubs and kittens
- Big Cat Rescue has 14 species of cats, many of whom are threatened or endangered now in the wild, including:
  - Tigers, Lions, Leopards, Cougars, Bobcats, Lynx, Caracals
  - Servals, Ocelots, Sand Cats, Geoffrey Cats, Jungle Cats
- Big Cat Rescue's dual mission is to provide the best home we can for the animals in our care and to teach people about the plight of big cats, both in captivity and in the wild.
- The non-profit organization is:
  - Accredited by the Global Federation of Sanctuaries
  - Certified by Independent Charities of America as a "Best in America Charity"
  - Member of the World Society for Protection of Animals
  - Rated 4 Stars (highest rating) by Charity Navigator
- The sanctuary is situated on 70 acres in the Citrus Park area of north Tampa.
- Located at 12802 Easy Street, Tampa, FL 33625.
- Carole Baskin is Founder and CEO.
- For more information, email [info@BigCatRescue.org](mailto:info@BigCatRescue.org) or visit [www.BigCatRescue.org](http://www.BigCatRescue.org).
- To take action for big cats, visit [www.CatLaws.com](http://www.CatLaws.com).