



# Exotic Feline Rescue Center Cat Tales

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## Bear Hospitalize

Bear, one of the California leopards who was featured in Volume 16 newsletter, developed severe anemia and renal problems this past winter. He was the second leopard from the Weinhart cats to experience an extended stay in our clinic where he received daily sub-q fluids and was closely monitored for several weeks. With this treatment his renal problems improved but he remained severely anemic. In an effort to treat his anemia our board member, Dr. David Nibel, contacted oncologist, Dr. Gerry Hippensteel who donated procrat for his treatment. Procrat is an expensive drug used to treat anemia resulting from chemotherapy in cancer patients. The procrat was very effective in treating Bear's anemia. He is back in his enclosure with the other leopards.

We want to thank Dr. Nible and Dr. Hippensteel for providing procrat.

## Kashka

Kashka, a 22 year old former circus tiger, arrived here in 1997 along with nine other tigers. The circus experience had taken its toll on the teeth of several of the cats. Kashka had serious dental needs resulting from deep grooves cut into her canine teeth from chewing on a cable in the less than 4' x 8' cage where she was kept. Shortly after arriving she required extensive dental care including root canal surgery.

It became apparent that she was again having problems with her teeth. An appointment was made at U of I where during a 4 1/2 hour procedure the lower left canine and retained mesial root of a lower premolar were removed. This was a procedure much too complex to be performed in our clinic requiring the facilities and expertise of the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital. We are grateful for the wonderful care provided by Dr. Manfra, Dr. Grimm, and Dr. Tranquille.

## New Arrivals

*Kayla & Navi*

Kayla and Navi are among two animals recently placed here by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Both are leopards that were illegally sold in interstate commerce for the pet market prior to being confiscated. There are strict laws regulating the sale and interstate transportation of endangered species. The government provides no money for the many animals it places here.

## OCELOTS

Ocelots are a small exotic cat weighing 15 to 30 pounds. Once found in southern North America, Central America, and South America, today they are restricted to a few in Texas, parts of Mexico and Central America and into South America as far as Argentina. It is estimated that as few as 80 – 100 wild ocelots survive in the United States today.

These cats lead largely solitary lives occupying non-overlapping territory in a broad range of habitats. They are nocturnal, hunting on the ground at night or during dawn and dusk. Like the tigers ocelots love the water.

We have been asked by the Beardsley Zoo in Connecticut to give a home to two ocelots that are being retired from the SSP (species survival program). With this addition our ocelot population will increase to five. We need to raise \$5,000 to build a habitat for these beautiful cats.



Kashka relaxing on her climbing tower

## The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

Is a 501 (C) 3 Not-For-Profit Corporation that:

- Neither buys nor sells cats
- Gives animals a home for life
- Provides stable social groups
- Provides enhanced environments
- Provides the best veterinary care



## CAT TALES

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## Habitat Construction

Enclosures are an ongoing process. The need for new larger habitats as well as repair and maintenance on existing enclosures never ceases. The land is not a problem but the money to build is a continuous need. Since our last newsletter we have completed a temporary habitat for two young lions, four temporary holding areas, a permanent enclosure for two spotted leopards and we are working on a new leopard enclosure.

Once the leopard enclosure is finished we have no space left in our existing developed area for future habitats. Any cats now living in temporary habitats and any new cats that might arrive will need to be housed in the new area across the road. Through the efforts of board member, David Snapp, we have installed electricity and moved debris from a large area in preparation for new site construction. We have started to set poles for the perimeter fence. The next step is to raise the money needed for fencing and the water system which includes drilling another well and running water lines. We hope to have cats there in new enclosures soon.



## EVENTS FOR 2005

During the months of February and March we had three successful Chili Suppers in Terre Haute, New Albany and Bloomington. We plan to make these annual events and hope that they will continue to grow in success. The following people were particularly responsible for the success:

Debbie Butler and Linda Claybo in New Albany  
Kathy Criss in Terre Haute  
Cathy Howell and Julie Hennessy in Bloomington.

Another first time event was our 5K run/walk held on May 14 organized by Gary Anderson and Dr. Fred Froderman. With the help of numerous volunteers and sponsors we had over 250 people turn out on a rainy Saturday morning to participate in Run Through the Jungle. There was live music, food, and a lot of enthusiasm for this event. We plan to make this an annual affair.

The following weekend we had our second annual **Spring Fling** organized by Kathy Criss. It too was very successful with many new people coming to visit our center. Jeanne Carr was present on Sunday to give demonstrations and explain some of the new equipment provided by Clarian Hospital for the veterinary clinic.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch our website for details on the following special events that will occur throughout 2005!

### JUNE

- June 25 – Evening Roar (adults only)

### JULY

- July 30 & 31 - Summer Safari

### AUGUST

- August 20 – Evening Roar (adults only)

### SEPTEMBER

- Steak dinner in Vincennes

### OCTOBER

- October 1 – Annual membership meeting
- October 22 – Fall Fest

### NOVEMBER

- Pumpkins for the cats

### DECEMBER

- December 16, 17, 18, 23, 30 – Winter Wonderland

## NEW STAFF

Rebecca Rizzo is our newest full time keeper. She came to us last May after graduating from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in Biological Sciences.



Rebecca Rizzo

## GUEST QUARTERS

*Come stay at the EFRC. Guest quarters accommodate 2 adults. No children and no pets are allowed. Watch tigers, a leopard and a cougar from your window. See other cats that are not on the regular tour. Have access to the grounds during times normally closed to the general public. Want more information? Call: 812-835-1130*



Guest Quarters

## Educational Opportunities

Check our website for educational opportunities:

- Classroom presentations
- Public Education
- Fieldtrips
- Internships

## THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who has given time, materials, and money to help care for these deserving cats. Without your help it would not be possible. Our existence is dependent upon your continued financial support. Please Help!

*Special Thank You* to Crossroads communications for providing on going promotional advertisement of our facility and special events.



David Snapp for arranging donations for equipment and supplies from Union Hospital, arranging electrical supplies from Sycamore Engineering, and his hours of labor in preparing the new area for fundraising events and new cage construction.

Sycamore Engineering for donating electrical equipment for the new area.

B.C. Porter, Inc. for the continued use of heavy equipment and the transport of the office trailer donated by Union Hospital.

Jeanne Carr for her ongoing effort to procure medical equipment for the clinic.

Pat Barth for managing the booth at Pet Fest in Indianapolis.

Stan and Debbie Butler for donating a 21' boat and trailer for us to sell.

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*We want to assure all of our supporters that we do not share our mailing list including sponsorship and membership information with any other organization.*

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## DIRECTIONS

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41/2 miles south of I-70, exit 23 (Brazil/Linton) on State Road 59. Turn left at the Ashboro Church and go 21/2 miles east on Ashboro Road.

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