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CAT TALES

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care

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Chloe & The Cubs

The Lakewood Zoo in Wisconsin had been closed for quite a while. All of the animals had been placed except for four tigers. Alerted to this situation by members of the FCF (Feline Conservation Federation) and after phone calls from municipal officials we left the sunshine of Indiana and headed for the snow of Wisconsin.

We arrived in the late afternoon but were able to go to the zoo and see the tigers to assess the situation. The tigers all appeared healthy and well fed. Two tigers, Chloe and Nemo, lived together the other two tigers, Athena and Barbie, lived alone. While the tigers looked good, the general situation did not. We were surprised by the amount of snow and ice, but we were prepared for it. While we couldn't get our truck and cages close to the existing cages we were able to set up in a cleared parking lot. The owner fortunately had a 4wd truck to help navigate this situation. We immobilized all four tigers, gave them a quick physical exam, vaccinated them, drew blood and gave them all 3 liters of warmed subcutaneous fluids. We then were able to quickly and smoothly transfer the immobilized cats from their cage into his pickup truck and then to our truck where we covered them with straw to keep them warm. Then came the seven hour return drive, much of it through blinding rain.

We had cages prepared for three of the tigers and were able to move them right into their new enclosures. Athena was considered a security risk so we kept her transport cage in the meat processing building while we topped an empty cage. Within days all of the tigers were out and doing well. In a few weeks we noticed Chloe had gained some weight in certain areas of her body. After several weeks when her physical appearance didn't change we decided this must be a false pregnancy. We were wrong! On June 22 she gave birth to five female cubs.

Chloe was a very good mother. She did everything right and didn't mind our monitoring the cubs on a regular basis. Three of the cubs were about the same size while Bailey was the runt and Clare Bear was much larger. Then on August 7th it was obvious that Bailey had taken a downward turn. We pulled her and started feeding around the clock with formula and other dietary supplements. In four days she was making a terrific comeback. Three weeks later Chloe developed mastitis and her production of milk took a nosedive. We made the decision to pull all of the cubs who immediately went on an all meat diet.

When tiger cubs are born they weigh about 2 to 3 pounds, at 3 months they are about 30 pounds, at one year they will be about 200 pounds and 300 to 600 pounds as adults. These girls will probably be about 350 to 400 pounds. The cubs are currently on display during the public tour. There is no direct interaction by the general public with the cubs. Their safety and well-being and the safety of our guests are our primary concerns.



4 of Chloe's 5 tiger cubs, alert and playful

Sampson: Coming up on One Year at the EFRC

Meet Sampson, a F1 Savannah cat who was seized by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in New Hampshire. He arrived at the EFRC on December 27, 2012.

What is a Savannah Cat? A Savannah cat is a hybrid cat that is the offspring of an African serval and a domestic cat. Hybrid crosses are classified by filial generations: F1 are the children, cross an F1 with another domestic to get an F2 (the grandchildren), and cross an F2 with another domestic to get an F3 (the great-grandchildren of the serval).

Many, but not all, jurisdictions limit private ownership to F3 hybrids. They are banned as exotic animals in some parts of the United States. Savannah cats are known for their tall, slender bodies, big ears, and exotic-looking patterns retained from their serval heritage. They also retain another common serval trait—they can be unfriendly cats!

Servals tend to pair-bond with the first human they meet and if you're buying the cat, that's obviously not you. Savannah cats can cost \$3,000 or significantly more. There are plenty of affectionate cats that will love you back at your local humane society, and the only fee is usually the cost of the vaccines. Support cat rescues. These cats know and remember for life what you do for them.



Meet Our New Keepers!

The EFRC is pleased to announce the addition of four new staff members who will work with our cats as keepers, helping to meet the daily needs of our resident population. The keepers, Christina, Kerry, Krystal (pictured below) and Eve (not pictured), all share the EFRC's commitment to quality, life-long care for big cats. Both Kerry and Krystal worked as interns at the EFRC in 2007 and 2008, respectively. We also welcome back Eve, a former EFRC staff member who has relocated back to the area.. We are pleased to have such a hard-working and committed group of new staff members to bolster our capacities to better serve our big cat family.



Christina



Kerry



Krystal

10 Years Ago: The California Leopards

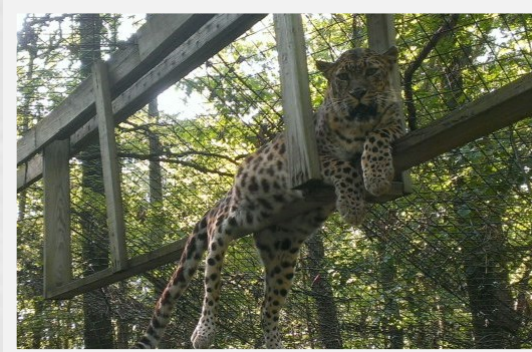
On August 2, 2003 we rescued eight leopards from a truly horrible situation in California. We had agreed to rescue all nine leopards but the vet on site felt one elderly male was too ill to survive the trip to Indiana and had to be euthanized.

At the California facility there were dead cats lying on the ground outside, dead cubs in freezers in the house, animal tranquilizers and hypodermic needles scattered everywhere, and mounds of trash and feces in every room. Awful living conditions and the health of the cats matched their environment: all were significantly underweight and had various medical problems including deformed spines, rotting teeth, torn ears, cataracts, and old injuries that were not properly cared for at the time they occurred. Awful living conditions for the 8-year old boy forced to live there as well. Yes, prison time resulted for the alleged adult responsible.



Once rescued the treatable medical issues, including dental and cataracts, were promptly addressed and most of the leopards who were healthy enough were immediately moved into their permanent enclosure. Their new outdoor home had plenty of vegetation, enough boxes for all to grab a bit of privacy, and plenty of keepers to continually care for them, feed them, and keep their home cleaned daily.

Three of the females arrived pregnant but unfortunately due to their malnutrition and other health issues resulting from the poor treatment in California the cubs born were not strong. Only Bagarra's cub Brumby survived to adulthood. Brumby is very feisty and quite attentive to the keepers every morning during the feeding and cleaning. All cat owners will, of course, immediately recognize the euphemistic language in the previous sentence. Like all cats Brumby has his own personality and that's why we love him as we do all of them.



The EFRC does not buy, sell, trade, give away, or breed cats. Once we agree to take a cat we agree to give it a home for life. This is a very good thing. The flip side to that coin means that the cats are here at the end of their lives. Through the passage of time Bagarra (photo) is the only California leopard remaining from that rescue. She remains a healthy happy cat fully engaged in proper cat behaviors, especially those involved in hiding from keepers most mornings as apparently that's funny. Leopard spots are excellent camouflage in vegetation and when she doesn't move it's very difficult for human eyes to spot her, even when we know she's in one of her favorite locations. Once she knows she's been seen she'll roll on her back and have her laugh. And eventually, maybe, slowly move into her small part to be fed and allow us in to clean.

Despite their physical ailments, the leopards flourished at the center. They were often seen chasing each other around the cage, jumping up on their spools and catwalks and cuddling together. Even though Bagarra is the last remaining, she can still be seen up on her catwalk.

Items Immediately Needed for the Winter!

Pick up truck (an urgent need!)

Rubbermaid 18 gallon Roughneck totes/tubs

Chicken leg quarters

Office supplies - stamps, HP Ink 951 or 951XL (all colors), Epson Ink black & colors #98 or #99, flash drives

Gravel

Cement

Plywood & Lumber

Telephone Poles

Special Events, Past , Present & New

One more special event in 2013, Winter Wonderland, scheduled for December 21st at 3:30 pm. We hope to see everyone there.

This year has been a record breaking year for fundraisers. The 2013 Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction in January reached a new philanthropic record and the 5K Run Through the Jungle (May) set a new attendance record! We also introduced two new events for our big cat lovers:

Camp Roar in July for children ages 8 to 11. This day camp was started by Melanie Bowling and will be expanded in 2014. Campers will enjoy learning about our lions, tigers, leopards, pumas, servals and other exotic cats while taking part in educational activities that will include big cat and endangered species facts, rescue stories, day to day care needed to run the center and veterinary needs. There is limited enrollment so watch our website for more information.



The inaugural Boomer Ball Bash at Sycamore Farm in Bloomington was held on October 6th. Even though it was a cold rainy day for an inaugural event we had a great turnout of supporters.

What are Boomer Balls? They are indestructible animal enrichment balls for zoo animals. They come in various sizes and colors and are made of non-toxic hard plastic with 5/8 inch sidewall thickness. The cats love them but they haven't been told they are indestructible.

Thank you to all our volunteers who spent countless hours and days organizing these events and for the many hundreds who participated. Your hard work and dedication in support of all our big cats is a big reason why we are able to provide food, habitats and veterinary care for them. Thank you!

2014 Special Events

Charity Auction	January 25
Spring Fling	April 12
5K Run Through the Jungle	May 5
Evening Roar I	June 21
Summer Safari	July 19
Camp Roar	July
Evening Roar II	August 16
Fall Fest	September 20
Boomer Ball Bash	October
Pumpkin Party	November 1
Winter Wonderland	December

AUCTION ALERT!

This year there will be a change in venue for the Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction, January 25, 2014.

It will be held from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at::

Palomino Ballroom, 481 County Road 1200 East, Zionsville, IN 46077

On behalf of the auction committee, staff and volunteers, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Nancy Irsay, who for so many years helped the EFRC by graciously allowing us to have this event at her pavilion!

Tiger Cubs From 1 Month to 4 Months



Chloe and Bailey



Kelala & Bailey (1 month)



Claire Bear & Bailey



Bailey (2 months)



Munka and Claire Bear (4 months)



Munka, Kizmin, Claire Bear, Kelala & Bailey (3 months)

The Perfect Gifts for the Cat Lover in Your Family!



New Tiger Cub T-Shirt



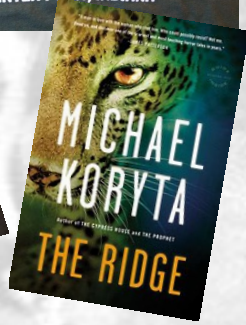
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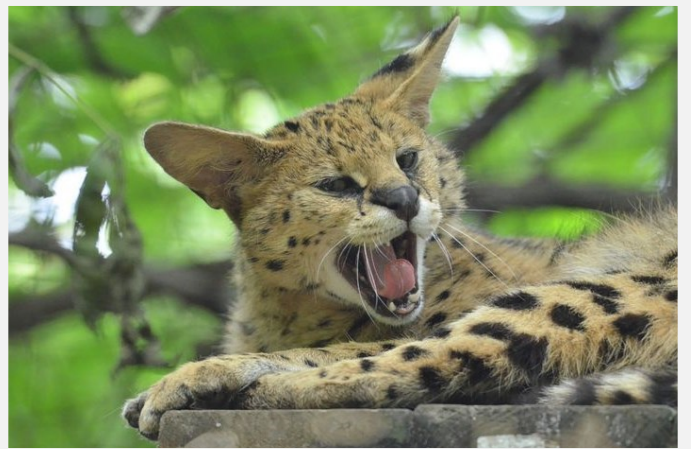
MICHAEL KORYTA THE RIDGE

Check out our website for great gift ideas! Apparel, books, calendars, magnets, key rings and much, much more!

www.exoticfelinecenter.org/gift



A GREAT GIFT FOR YOUR CAT LOVER!



Stay the night at the EFRC! Take advantage of this unique opportunity to spend the evening among lions, tigers and seven other exotic cat species!

The room includes touring the center both days of your stay and accompanying the keepers to restricted areas not open to the general public. The room has a private entrance, bathroom with shower and tub, queen size bed, microwave, refrigerator, satellite television and a coffee pot with coffee and tea provided.

The cost of this special adventure is \$175 for two adults (no children or pets allowed) per evening and advance reservations are required.



Annual Membership Levels

Pride Membership - \$10,000

Name Bearing Plaque & overnight

Lion Membership - \$5,000

8 passes & overnight

White Tiger Membership - \$2,500

8 passes & t-shirt or hat

Tiger Membership - \$1,000

6 passes & t-shirt or hat

Leopard Membership - \$500

6 passes

Cougar Membership - \$250

4 passes

Lynx Membership - \$150

2 passes

____ This is a gift only, as I do not wish to receive any of the above items.

EFRC 2013 Gift and Merchandise Form

Thank you for your support of the Exotic Feline Rescue Center. Your commitment to the ongoing care of our cats will help to provide them with the best possible life.

The EFRC is a 501c(3) organization and all gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law and annual limitations. Please consult with your tax advisor.

If you are supporting the EFRC with a membership please specify the level:

_____ Membership.

If you are adopting or sponsoring a cat please note the species or the specific name of the cat you prefer: cat name: _____ ; species: _____.

My gift to the EFRC is: \$ _____

Adopt a Cat - \$1,500

8 x 10 color photo of your cat, certificate of adoption, 10 passes, newsletter

Sponsor a Cat - \$50

5 x 7 photo of your cat, certificate of sponsorship, 1 pass, newsletter

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Available Merchandise (please visit our website for a more complete list of available items or to order online)

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT

SIZE _____ (from child's small to XXXL)

Adult _____ @ \$22.00 _____

Tiger (gray _____ orange _____) Bobcat (light green) _____ Tiger Cubs (white) **NEW!**

Child _____ @ \$18.00 _____

Lion (black) _____ Spotted Leopard (black) _____ Cougar (cedar red) _____

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT \$27.00 SWEATSHIRTS \$33.00 — Please phone or email to check on availability of long sleeve t-shirts and hoodies.

Ask about our new green bobcat sweatshirt and new cedar red hoodie featuring a puma!

HATS _____ @ \$17.00 _____

Lion (green) _____ Cougar (black) _____ Tiger (tan & black) _____ White tiger (denim) _____ Paw Print (orange) _____ Black Leopard (gold) _____

2014 CALENDAR _____ @ \$17.00 _____

Car Magnets: _____ Paw print _____ Ribbon with several cats _____ 4 cat rectangle _____ @ \$6.00 _____

Books The Ridge, by Michael Koryta _____ hardback @ \$27.00

Video EFRC 26 Minute Documentary , DVD _____ @ \$13.00 _____

Total gift and merchandise enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____ email: _____

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