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# CAT TALES

## The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care

August 2014

### Six Tigers Rescued from Facility in New York State

May 26 - 29, 2014: The EFRC was one of several organizations that participated in a seizure of more than twenty exotic animals from a facility called JNK-Call of the Wild Sanctuary in New York. One of the two owners passed away several months before and the sanctuary lost both their federal and state licenses, making it necessary to find new homes for their feline residents.

The Rescue Center took six tigers during the rescue. Four of the tigers appeared underweight, two have cataracts and several have dental problems. While all of the tigers successfully arrived at the Rescue Center, a small male died the morning after the return. The animal was necropsied to determine the exact cause of death; he had a heart condition and died of cardiac arrhythmia.

The New York rescue took four days. A team of five staff members left the Rescue Center on Monday (Memorial Day), arriving in New York at 1:30 in the morning and then attended a 6:00 am briefing Tuesday. The JNK facility was in shambles. The enclosures were pitifully small, covered in flies, smelling like rotten meat. By late Wednesday afternoon the tigers that would now call the EFRC home were loaded and ready for transport. After another long drive, the EFRC team arrived in Center Point at 1:30 am Thursday with the new residents (*they sure do like those early morning arrivals*).

Three of the tigers live together in a new enclosure (pictured above) including a climbing tower and a large water tank. The other two, Magic and Mystic, live together in an extensively renovated older tiger enclosure in a wooded area. You might be able to have a glimpse of them from Max and Kisa's area.

The professional staff and dedicated volunteers of the Rescue Center are thankful to be able to respond to situations such as these. We are also grateful to all of our friends who support our mission and make this meaningful work possible. We look forward to your next visit!



Three of our newly rescued tigers from the JNK facility in their new enclosure

## June Evening Roar a Great Event, Join Us For Our August Evening Roar!

Last month the EFRC hosted it's first of two Evening Roar events, which have always been one of our more unique ways offered to experience the EFRC. Around twilight our big cats naturally become more active—and more vocal! If you missed the first chance this summer to hear our big cats roar, be sure to join us on Saturday, August 16 for our Evening Roar finale! Enjoy an extended tour of our grounds and big cats, then enjoy some great food and a glass of wine with our staff and friends! Evening Roar attendees must be age 21 or over. Tickets are \$50 and available for immediate purchase.



Evening Roar II  
Saturday, August 16  
5:30 pm

**RESCUE RIDE August 23, 2014**

[www.exoticfelinecenter.org/rescue\\_ride.html](http://www.exoticfelinecenter.org/rescue_ride.html)

**FALL FEST September 20, 2014**

An evening of family fun beginning at 5:00.

**BOOMER BALL BASH October 5, 2014**

Please attend our 2nd Boomer Ball Bash, Bloomington, IN

[www.exoticfelinecenter.org/boomer-ball-bash\\_1.html](http://www.exoticfelinecenter.org/boomer-ball-bash_1.html)

**PUMPKIN PARTY November 1, 2014**



**EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

Please check out EFRC's YouTube channel!

You can watch a variety of videos about our resident cats.

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC423QScgsCGCqaobeF\\_eeLA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC423QScgsCGCqaobeF_eeLA)

[www.exoticfelinecenter.org](http://www.exoticfelinecenter.org)

## Reinvesting in the EFRC's Infrastructure; Water System Upgraded



In what was our largest infrastructure project ever, two aged, failing and highly overstressed water systems were replaced in the spring. This project included new and larger underground water mains throughout the entire northern portion of the facility (main area, far west, clinic and Munchkin areas). This upgrade allows everyone access to an abundant supply of clean water. Our keepers can now clean multiple water tanks at once!

The upgrade to this vital system was something that we knew would be needed sooner rather than later, as a reliable water system is imperative to the well-being of our cats.

While improvements like this are not readily visible to our guests when they visit the Rescue Center, everyone knows of the importance of water to life. What you might not think of though is the significant role water can play in the development of a cat's individual personality and the behavior of socialized groups of cats, in particular tigers.

You no doubt recall seeing numerous photos of many of our tigers lounging in water tanks as well as chasing each other in and out of water tanks. In fact, page four of this newsletter illustrates this point quite well. While most all of our cats use their water tanks and sources in one way or the other, our tigers seem to enjoy taking this to a whole new level. It is a source of play, rest and stimulation that cannot be overlooked as a factor in our success with our tiger population, especially our larger socialized groups.



### Items Immediately Needed!

Cement

Gravel

Plywood and Lumber

Telephone Poles

Office supplies - stamps, HP Ink 61 or 61XL (black & tri-color), HP Ink 951 or 951XL (all colors), Epson Ink black & colors #98 or #99

Laptop computer

Vacuum Cleaner

### PLAN-IT-X FEST

Thank you to Plan-It-X Fest 2013 for its generous donation to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center! Plan-It-X Fest is a semi-annual gathering of international musicians with a goal to celebrate friendship and music as well as raise money for local Indiana charities including the EFRC.

## Chloe's Cubs Update: What a Difference a Year Makes

Those of you who have visited the center in the past year or watched the "cub cam" on our website have been fortunate enough to see our five baby tigers growing up. A week before their first birthday we moved them to their new enclosure.

Bailey was the first to enter the travel cage and kept her sisters out! After she was moved she jumped back into the travel cage at every new arrival. Once in their new enclosure the adventuresome Bailey was the first to jump into their large new swimming pool!



You might recall the story of our cubs, but in April 2013 we went to northern Wisconsin to rescue four tigers from a roadside zoo that was closed. One of the tigers named Chloe came to us pregnant. In mid-June (6/22/13) she gave birth to 5 healthy cubs (Bailey, Claire, Kilala, Kizmin, and Munka).

You can see how they've grown from the picture at the right, to the two pictures above! In a typical tiger, the transformation from being a new born tiger to one-year old tiger sees it grow from about 2 lbs. to between 150 and 200 lbs. These tigers are happy and healthy—and not done growing.

For more pictures of Chloe's Cubs and info on their rescue, please visit our website and click on the link for "Chloe's Cubs".



## Who Needs Regular Summer Camp When There is Camp Roar!

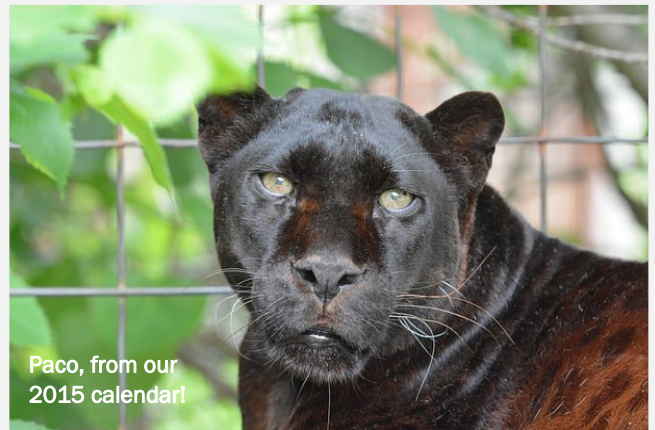


Camp Roar 2014 was a huge success. Our campers got to ride in a circus wagon, perform veterinary care (on a stuffed lion) in our clinic, make enrichment toys for the cubs and many other fun and educational activities.

We are so very pleased over the past few years how Camp Roar has grown and for the experience we are able to give our young campers! If you are looking for a great summer experience for your kids, come check us out!



Mark the date for Camp Roar on your new EFRC 2015 calendar, available Sept 1!



Paco, from our 2015 calendar!

## Tigers In America Honors EFRC

Tigers in America is an organization dedicated to helping unwanted or abused tigers in this country find a home. They identify and provide financial support to the best tiger sanctuaries in this country. Their motto is "No tiger shall die in this country because he or she cannot afford to see a doctor or get a ride home." Tigers in America has recently recognized the EFRC as one of the leading tiger sanctuaries in the United States.

Watch our website and December newsletter to see how TIGERS IN AMERICA can help you increase your charitable gift dollars to the EFRC!

[www.tigersinamerica.org/index.htm](http://www.tigersinamerica.org/index.htm)

## Another Reason the EFRC Exists...

Learn more about the exotic pet business as VICE (an international news organization) travels to Texas for an exotic livestock auction and as VICE follows Joe Taft and the EFRC staff at the Ohio rescue of Zoe, a cougar. Visit [www.vice.com](http://www.vice.com) to learn more.

### The Perfect Gifts for the Cat Lover in Your Family!



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

[www.exoticfelinecenter.org/gift](http://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

EFRC Newsletters included in all memberships

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

**EFRC 2014 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

**WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD & DISCOVER FOR ONLINE ORDERS AND ANNUAL GIFTS!**  
**WWW.EXOTICFELINERESCUECENTER.ORG**

**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) \_\_\_\_\_      **Child** \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$18.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion (black) \_\_\_\_\_ Spotted Leopard (black) \_\_\_\_\_ Cougar (tan) \_\_\_\_\_

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT \$27.00    SWEATSHIRTS \$38.00 — 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 (pink) \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger (tan & black) \_\_\_\_\_ Paw Print (yellow) \_\_\_\_\_ Black Leopard (gold) \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 CALENDAR (available Sept 1)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$17.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Magnets:** \_\_\_\_\_ Paw print \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon with three tigers \_\_\_\_\_ 4 cat rectangle \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$6.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Video**    EFRC 26 Minute Documentary , DVD \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$13.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total gift and merchandise enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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