



A 501(c)3 Organization

CAT TALES

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care

November 2014

Two Tigers from North Carolina

2014 was a busy year at the EFRC. We have taken in a total of 10 cats so far. The most recent rescue was two 17 year old tigers from North Carolina.

The tigers were taken in at a young age by a couple not willing to see them euthanized because of broken legs. Provided with veterinary care and nursed back to health the couple built one of the most beautiful tiger cages ever seen on a rescue. Located on the edge of a rock quarry this large enclosure was filled with trees, large boulders, natural caves and water pools.



New Boy in Town

Unfortunately a little over a year ago the wife died, the husband was confined to a wheel chair and the care of the tigers fell to their daughter who provided necessary care while looking for a home. Early October a group of staff and volunteers from the rescue center made the long trip to North Carolina where the tigers were successfully captured, crated and brought back to Indiana. Upon arrival they were given a complete physical exam.

The male had a severely swollen front paw and could barely walk. On being closely examined after his arrival he was found to have several ingrown claws, a condition not uncommon in older animals. Once his claws were trimmed the male began to adjust quickly. The female is beginning to come around. She is still learning to trust her new keepers while enjoying life in a big beautiful enclosure with a climbing tower and cement pond. Their enclosure is located on the peripheral of the property where their contact with strangers is limited.

Transportation for this rescue was funded by a grant from Tigers in America. See story on page 2.

TIGERS IN AMERICA MATCHING PROGRAM FOR ENCLOSURES OR RESCUES

Who are they:

In our last newsletter we introduced you to Tigers in America. They are 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 recognized the EFRC as one of the leading tiger sanctuaries in the United States.

What they will do:

With your donation of \$500 to \$5,000 Tigers in America will increase the amount by 50%. In other words if you send a check for \$500 they will add an additional \$250. There is currently no time limit on this matching donation.

What you need to do:

Write a check for \$500 to \$5,000 and make it out to Tigers in America but send it to us, Exotic Feline Rescue Center. Once a week the checks will be sent to Tigers in America and they will write one for us for the donated amount plus 50 percent.

The founders of this organization visit us and all of the sanctuaries they support on a regular basis and we talk to them even more frequently. They have made several donations to us since their founding and are dedicated to helping captive tigers. If you have any questions about this please call us at 812-835-1130. We are grateful for your support and theirs.

www.tigersinamerica.org/index.ht



Herman & Joey



Three of the cubs

www.exoticfeline rescuecenter.org

More work needed on infrastructure.

As older cats pass and existing cages become empty many of them need extensively remodeled including fencing strengthened and heightened, new climbing towers built and old ones rebuilt, new den boxes and other various improvements. The cost to remodel a cage is almost as expensive as building a new one.

Cages are not the only improvement this year. The water system in the main tour area has been completely redone which led to the regrading and resurfacing of existing roads. In turn the drainage was also improved. We are currently in the process of reburying electric lines and hope to have buried electric lines to all cages by winter. This will allow us to provide heated water and in some cases heated boxes when the coldest weather arrives.

Other kinds of improved infrastructure include hot and cold running water in the food processing building as well as an indoor bathroom for our employees, all of whom will miss the porta potty!

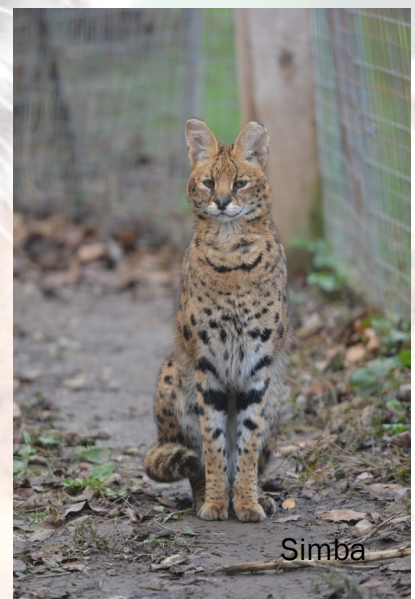
2014 has also seen the acquisition of a long sought after refrigerated semi trailer. We now have the ability to move large groups of cats in extreme weather conditions.



Leroy



Rose Hulman Baseball Team



Simba

WISH LIST

Golfcart

Plywood and Lumber

Construction grade wheelbarrows

Lawnmowers

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

Rubbermaid 18 gallon Roughneck totes/tubs

If you think you have something we might use ...give us a call and ask.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

OPEN

10 to 5 Tuesday—Sunday (closed on Monday)

\$10 adults & \$5 children 12 and under

Special rates for groups—schools, camps, churches, scouts

Educational programs available offsite

Internships

Thank you to everyone who visits, gives time, material or money to help care for these deserving cats.

Without your help our mission would not be possible.

Veterinary Care

With new arrivals and aging cats the need for Veterinary care continues to increase. We have our veterinarian scheduled one day a week and more often if needed. During this past year we have improved our ability to diagnose problems on site. Thanks to Dr. Froderman we now have a digital x ray and the ability to do blood chemistry and blood panels on sight. We need another large animal anesthesia machine and monitoring equipment.

Peter Emily foundation visits once or twice a year for extensive dental work on multiple cats but sometimes we have dental needs that cannot wait. This past week was one of those situations when one of our tigers showed symptoms of multiple dental problems. This is a cat with a history of bad teeth – 12 root canals. We had Dr. Froderman immobilize him and assess his problems. When it was apparent that two of the problem teeth were canine we called the University of Illinois for an appointment. Canine teeth in lions and tigers are extremely hard to extract and usually requires several hours of surgery. This increases the risk from anesthesia and required more than one person to work on the extraction. His tooth was successfully extracted and another small tooth was also removed. He is scheduled to have the second Canine tooth removed in December.



Ophthalmology is another problem that requires the University of Illinois. Sebastian, one of the recently rescued tigers from New York had severe eye problems. Doctors at the U of I found that his right eye had been severely damaged, (traumatic corneal perforation resulting corneal scarring, lens luxation, retinal detachment, secondary glaucoma and vision loss) that he had no sight in it and he was probably in pain. His left eye suffered from hypermature cataract (extensive cataract for a long time causing shrinking of the cataract resulting in damage to the eye) and lens subluxation resulting in little or no sight in this eye.

It was decided to attempt removing the cataract in the left eye in hopes of restoring some sight and removing the right eye to relieve the pain.

In the past 24 years we have had 100 percent success with the over 20 cataract surgery. However, this time his sight was not able to be restored. As sad as we were about the outcome he is recovering. Being completely blind it is doubtful that he will be able to live with his former cage mates leaving us to plan for a new cage designed to accommodate his condition.



Special events



****Last Event for 2014****

Winter Wonderland will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2014. The event will begin at 3:00 with a tour of the main area decorated for the holidays. Check out our gift store for last minute gifts. Refreshments will be served.

****First Event for 2015****

Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction

Saturday, January 24th from 3:00 to 7:30 PM at The Palms Banquet Center in Plainfield, IN. It is located just minutes off of I70—easy access even in a snow storm. Join us for cocktails, food and fun to support the big cats.

OTHER 2015 EVENTS

- April 18 *Spring Fling*
- May 9 *5K Run/Walk*
- June 13 *Evening Roar I*
- July *Camp Roar*
- July 18 *Summer Safari*
- August 15 *Evening Roar II*
- September *Rescue Ride*
- September 19 *Fall Fest*
- November 7 *Pumpkin Party*
- December 19 *Winter Wonderland*



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

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

See photos and videos of the cats on our website under Photos by Stephen

The Perfect Gifts for the Cat Lover in Your Family!



2015
Calendar

Check out our website for great gift ideas!

Apparel, calendars, magnets, key rings and much, much more!



www.exoticfeline rescuecenter.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, WiFi 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) _____

New Item: T-shirt with 3 tigers—white, orange and tabby _____ Watch our website for availability and color.

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT \$27.00 SWEATSHIRTS and HOODIES \$38.00 — Please phone or email to check on availability .

Long Sleeve: black lion, spotted leopard on black, tiger gray or orange/Hoodies: spotted leopard on black, tiger in gray or orange/Sweatshirts: bobcat green, lion black

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: _____

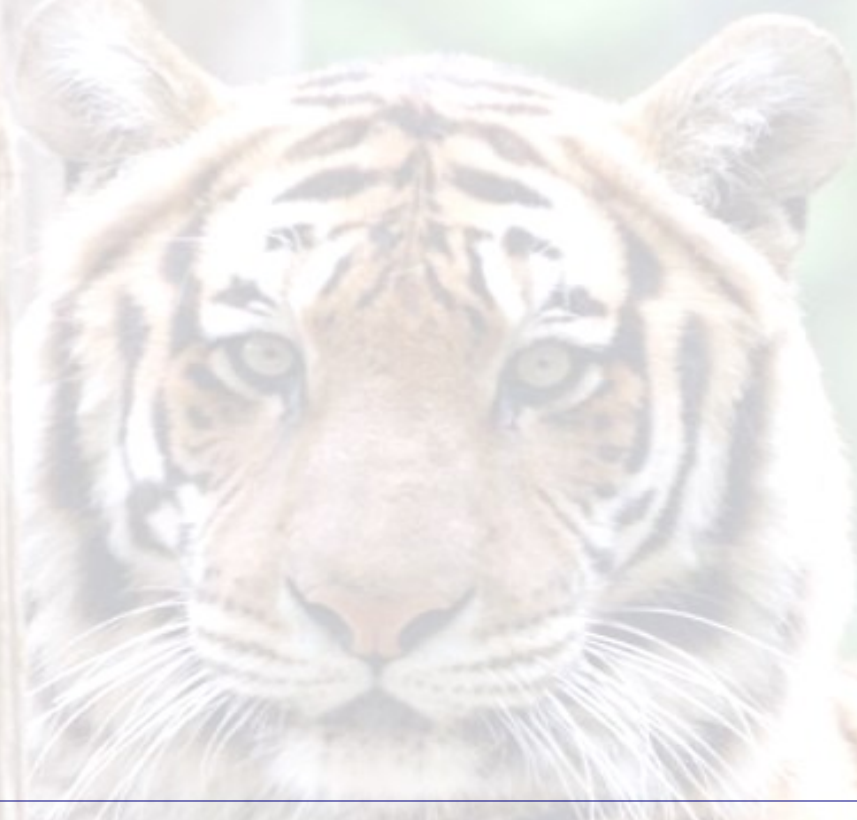
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