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CAT TALES

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care

July 2015

SIX NEW FACES ON TOUR

King and his family, Jasmine and Lauren, have now moved to our premier lion enclosure. Once a favorite with visitors they have not been on the public tour for over two years. Now they are among six cats to move to the public area. King, an unwanted pet from Minnesota, arrived July 22, 2001. A few days after accepting King we found out about a lioness, Jasmine, needing a home from a movie ranch in Idaho. (See December 2001 newsletter)

Since the passing of three 19 year old lions, Tucker, Parker and Tao, their enclosure has been extensively remodeled. A project that took eight months to complete. The Rose Hulman baseball team, EFRC staff and other volunteers participated in the renovations which included a new climbing tower, the setting of new telephone poles to heighten the fence, rebuilding the entryway, grading and adding gravel to improve drainage.

New to the front are two white tigers,



King, Jasmine and Lauren



Dusty

Dusty and Charlie Brown. Overnight guests might be familiar with Dusty who lived just outside the guest room. He along with 10 others came from an amusement park in northern Indiana that closed its doors. Charlie Brown came from a magic act in Branson, MO and could barely walk. Upon arrival Charlie was a mere 250 pounds, had open sores on his feet and lesions in his mouth. He lived next to the concession stand for a brief period of time (newsletter July 2011).

In August of 2012 Cera, lioness, arrived with seven other cats from Pennsylvania. These cats had been living at a facility run by a veterinarian near Pittsburgh after being rescued from an abusive situation in 2004. Because of failing health he was no longer able to maintain all of the animal in his care and he called us to provide a permanent home for his cats. We had taken three cats from this facility early in 2011.

REBUILDING OLDER ENCLOSURES

In an effort to up grade their quality of life two of our smaller cats have had their enclosures completely rebuilt. Mirage, one of three ocelots seized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2005 from New York and Swizzle, a bobcat, from New Mexico. Their spacious new shift areas include new boxes and trees. Their jungle like main areas include water tanks and large boulders. The upper reaches are crisscrossed with elevated platforms, ramps and walkways.

A special thanks to the people from Ryan Fire Protection for their assistance in completing this project.



UNUSUAL RESCUE

On April 24th some mushroom hunters heard a faint sound, followed it and found a baby bobcat that weighed just over 1/2 pound, eyes closed and half dead. They called then brought to baby to the EFRC. Since we are not licensed to rehabilitate native animals we called Wildcare in Bloomington. EFRC staff drove the kitten to Bloomington where we were met by the Wildcare staff and veterinarian, Jessica Snyder.

The kitten had a large hernia. Speculation is that it was abandoned by its mother, who was protecting other kittens from predators. Because of the hernia every time he was fed his intestines would expand, causing him pain and making him cry. Initially it was hoped he could gain weight to be about two pounds before surgery to repair the hernia. But Baby Bob was very sick, with less than a 25% chance for survival and surgery had to be done before gaining the weight. The surgery was done in the EFRC clinic by Dr. Froderman and Dr. Snyder. The kitten quit breathing at one point toward the end of the surgery but roused himself. Two weeks later he developed a secondary infection again requiring intense care.

The concern at Wildcare was the amount of handling necessary to care for this ill kitten that would hopefully return to the wild. To improve his chances of recovery and re releasing a call was put out to other rehab centers in Indiana for another abandoned bobcat kitten. While Baby Bob was recovering from the infection Wildcare was contacted about a kitten that was also a male. The new kitten had veterinary problems to overcome but they both are thriving.

If things continue to go smoothly Indiana will have two more bobcats in the wild next spring.



Baby Bob

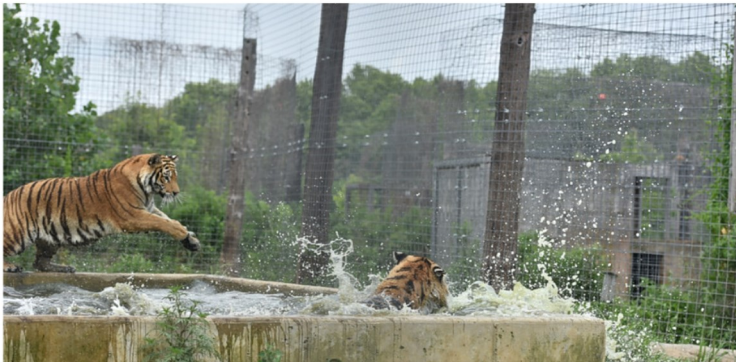


Bob II

To view Baby Bob's surgery go to:

Joe's Big Cat Kingdom* episode 4 on *Comcast Series

**A picture is worth 1,000 words—thank you Stephen for these great photos!
POOL PARTY**



See 200 more photos of this pool party on our website.

photos by Stephen

15-07-06 Chloe Cubs

WISH LIST

Golf cart

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

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 —Every day until Labor Day

then

10 to 5 Tuesday to Sunday—closed Monday

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

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

You must schedule in advance for group rates.

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

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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



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

TIGERS IN AMERICA

Thank you for continuing your matching funds program.

More information is available on our website or at www.tigersinamerica.org



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Special events

5K ALWAYS A FUN EVENT

This year we had over 400 runners/walkers as the threatening rain held off until the end. Thank you Gary Anderson, race director, volunteers and staff. It couldn't happen without you.



Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction 2015

We were all partial to the Irsay Pavilion but because of circumstances we were not able to use it the past two years. This year the event was location at The Palms Banquet Center in Plainfield. The food was fantastic and there was plenty of space for people and auction items.

If you missed it you will want to come

January 30, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2015

- August 15 *Evening Roar II*
- September 13 *Rescue Ride*
- September 19 *Fall Fest*
- November 7 *Pumpkin Party*
- November 14 *Masquerade Ball*
- December 19 *Winter Wonderland*

Paws and Claws Masquerade

November 14, 2015

IU Auditorium



Watch our website for more information about this new and exciting event.



Second Annual

Dinner in the Penthouse

This evening provided gourmet French cuisine, entertainment and a stunning view of INDY from Courses Restaurant.

The Perfect Gifts for the Cat Lover in Your Family!



2016 Calendars available September 1.

Check out our website for great gift ideas!

www.exoticfeline rescuecenter.org/gift



A GREAT GIFT FOR YOUR CAT LOVER!



Pauli Ann

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 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.



Tika

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 2015 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: \$ _____

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| <p>Adopt a Cat - \$1,500</p> <p>8 x 10 color photo of your cat, certificate of adoption, 6 passes, newsletter</p> | <p>Sponsor a Cat - \$50</p> <p>5 x 7 photo of your cat, certificate of sponsorship, 1 pass, newsletter</p> |
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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) _____ Bobcat (light green) _____ Lion (black) _____ Spotted Leopard (black) _____ **Child** _____ @ \$18.00 _____

New Items: T-shirt teal with 3 tigers—white, orange and tabby _____

T-shirt African Serval (Boi Pello) blue _____ **old gold** _____

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT \$27.00 - SWEATSHIRTS \$33.00 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
New tiger design available in short sleeve T-shirt, sweat shirt and hoodie. New serval design available in short sleeve.

New Item: FLIP BOOK—great for kids fun and educational. Three designs: Lion, Tiger and Puma group of any three \$20.00.

Lion _____ Tiger _____ Puma _____ @ \$20.00 _____

HATS
 Lion (green) _____ Cougar (pink) _____ Tiger (tan & black) _____ Black Leopard (gold) _____ @ \$17.00 _____

2016 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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