



# CAT TALES

A 501(c)3 Organization

## The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care

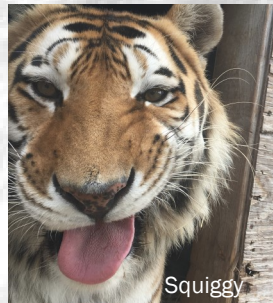
May 2017

### Michigan Rescue

We started 2017 with a trip to Michigan on January 3rd traveling to the northern part of the state, where we picked up 3 rescue tigers from a facility that needed to downsize.

Two 18 year old tigers, Squiggy and Lenny, who lived together were in good shape except for their teeth. Both of them were treated for multiple root canals and extractions by the PE foundation during their April mission. Older tigers are a little slower to adjust to a new home, but both are doing nicely especially after their visit to the dentist.

We also got Hank a 6 year old male tiger who is healthy and doing great.



### Serval rescue:

An older couple who had servals of their own as well as rescued servals ask us to take 8 cats they were no longer able to care for. They brought them to us driving more than 1,000 miles. The couple wish to remain anonymous but we can say the animals arrived here in good physical condition. They are located in the front but are not on public tour. Small cats have a harder time adjusting to new people but they are adapting nicely to their new home.

### Updates on recent rescues

#### Colorado Project:

On September 21st a Colorado based animal facility was closed and the fate of the animals was placed in the hands of Tigers In America.

In early November EFRC staff traveled to Colorado. We came back with five tigers all in need of veterinary care. (See November 2016 newsletter).

We returned to Colorado in December to pick up 2 more tigers, Stripes a 15 year old female and Shere Kahn an older male tiger. We also brought back 3 tigers for Black Pine Sanctuary in northern Indiana.

Sub 0 temperatures and truck problems on the way stranded the crew for several days in a small town in eastern Colorado.

Once the storm broke the project proceeded smoothly. Fortunately the return trip home was uneventful.

As with the other tigers from Colorado these two came to us with multiple health problems. Stripes underwent surgery on January 5, 2017 for pyometra (infected uterus). Then in April she had 3 root canal surgeries which were done by the Peter Emily Foundation. She has recovered nicely and is on the main tour.

As this newsletter goes to press we are preparing to go to South Carolina to rescue a tiger and a leopard.

## Indiana Facility:

Cotinga and Magpie (servals) who arrived in early November have become very comfortable in their new enclosure. Cotinga has lost some excess weight and both cats were recently treated for dental issues by the Peter Emily foundation.

Ana (bobcat) and Denali (Canada lynx) have also lost excess weight and have adapted to their new life. They have become favorites on the tour.



## Veterinary Dental Care Continues at the EFRC

Thank you to PEIVDF (Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation) and the University of Illinois Veterinary School for your continued dental care.

Six years ago, March 2011, the Peter Emily Foundation made it's maiden voyage to the EFRC. They weren't sure what to expect and neither were we. April 29th and 30th made their 10th visit to treat our cats who have dental problems. With each visit techniques and procedures are improved so that more cats can be treated. This visit we were able to treat 10 cats during the 2 day visit.

This included:

- 17 root canals,
- 13 extractions (including badly damaged teeth and retained roots of teeth),
- 3 surgical procedures
- 3 re-restoration of prior root canals therapies done many years ago.



Also present for this mission were Bill Nimmo and Kizmin Reeves from Tigers In America and Ellie Armstrong from Stanford University.

Tigers in America is a non-profit organization formed to help sanctuaries caring for captive tigers.

Ellie Armstrong at Stanford University is conducting DNA testing on tigers.

## DNA Research on Tigers

Ellie Armstrong and other researchers from the Hadly Lab at Stanford University are working with the EFRC to sequence DNA from sanctuary tigers. With this genetic information, they will be able to define the ancestry and relationship of the cats, which have been rescued from all over the country. For many of these cats, what sub-species of tiger and who they are related to remains a mystery. By using the DNA sequences, in addition to records collected by Tigers in America and the sanctuaries, the study hopes to further elucidate the networks behind the information to investigate the effects of captive



breeding and to understand how captive tiger diversity compares with wild tiger diversity. Ultimately, Ellie and her advisor Elizabeth Hadly, hope to be able to identify even forensic samples (such as tiger pelts, teeth and claws) using this technology, which would then prove which breeders are participating the illegal trade.

[www.exoticfeline rescuecenter.org](http://www.exoticfeline rescuecenter.org)

### *Mission Statement*

*Our Mission is to provide permanent homes for exotic felines that have been abused, abandoned or for some reason have nowhere to live out their lives, while educating the public about these beautiful cats.*

**We do not buy, sell or breed cats. We provide the best veterinary care.**

**We provide stable social groups. We give rescued animals a home for life.**

**We provide enhanced natural environments.**

**Without your help our mission would not be possible!**

## Volunteer Groups

We always welcome work groups to volunteer for a day or week. For the past few years Appalachian State has sent a group of students for an alternate spring break. They arrive in early March so they never know what the weather will be. Their students have consistently been hard working and safe volunteers.



Thank you Appalachian State we look forward to your return March 2018.



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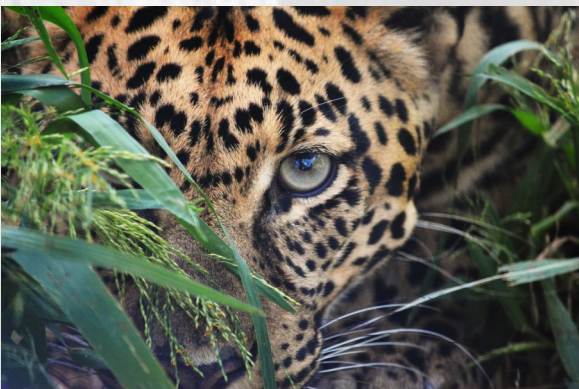
## New Habitats, Updates and Renovations

Stripes, one of the Colorado tigers, has moved into a completely renovated and improved enclosure in the main facility. The funding for this renovation was provided by the estate of Ronnie Kahn and family in her memory.

Two new small cat cages have been built in the main area to house the new servals. We consider these the nicest small cat cages that we have.

We have expanded the perimeter fence to enclose several more cages in the back.

Repairs and renovations are always on going.



**VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME**

**OPEN 10 to 5 Daily**

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

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

You must schedule in advance for group rates.

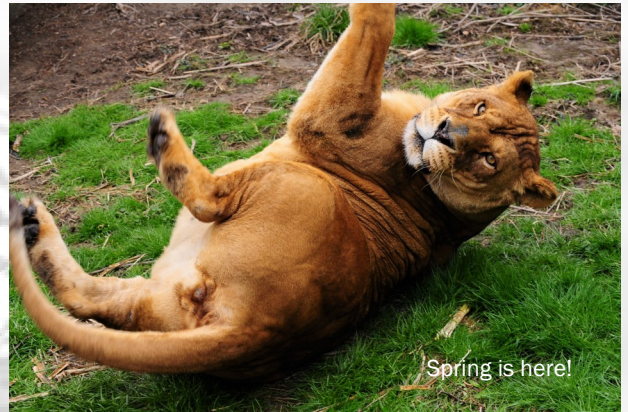
**Thank you to everyone who visits, gives time, material or money to help care for these deserving cats.**

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## 2017 EVENTS

- Charity Auction.....January 28
- Spring Fling.....April 22
- 5KRun/Walk.....May 20
- Evening Roar I (adults only).....June 10
- Camp Roar (8 to 11 year old campers)....June 28  
July 6  
July 12

**VISIT  
THE  
EFRC**



- Camp Roar ( 12 to 15 year old campers)....July 19
- Summer Safari..... July 15
- Evening Roar II (adults only).....September 16
- Fall Fest.....October 7
- Pumpkin Party.....November 4

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 or business.

## WISH LIST

- Straw for bedding
- Plywood and Lumber
- Baking soda
- Telephone poles
- Cat Litter (non clumping)
- Bleach
- Construction grade wheelbarrows

Office supplies - stamps, copy paper, HP Ink 60 or 61XL (black & tri-color), HP Ink 952 or 952XL (all colors), Epson Ink black & colors 98 or 99

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



EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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

2016 we received over \$6,000. from Kroger rewards!  
Sign up and shop at Kroger and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the EFRC.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram  
See photos and videos of the cats on our website.

### Spend the Night!

This is the ultimate gift for the cat lover in your family. A gift certificate for the overnight stay can be the perfect gift or treat yourself to this unique experience.

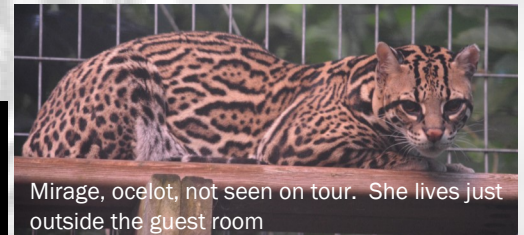
The room is available for **two adults (no children or pets)**. You will get to tour the main area as often as you like (during regular hours) and the morning of your visit you get to go with the keepers behind the scenes. There are cats you can watch from the window or pic-

nic table in the front yard.

Your room includes: a private entrance and bath, queen size bed, microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot with coffee and tea provided, direct TV and WIFI.

Advance reservations are mandatory and the nightly rate will be \$200. A non refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required at the time of your booking.

**Contact the EFRC to check room availability!**

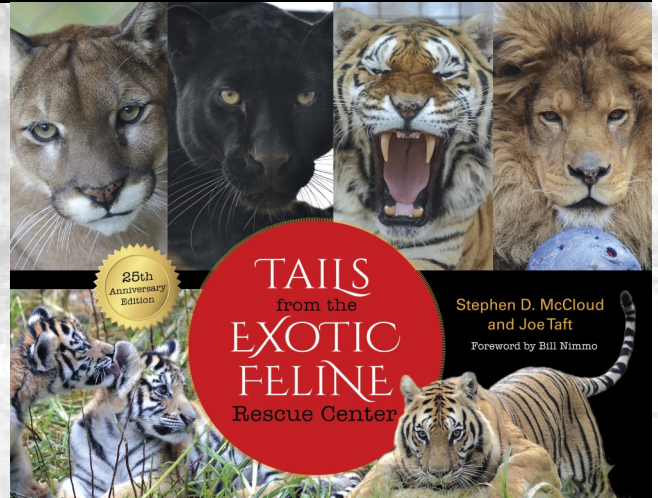


Mirage, ocelot, not seen on tour. She lives just outside the guest room

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Visit Our Online store



Our First 3 Cats: Kiki, Molly and BC



Iron on patch



Car magnets



Little Dude

t-shirts and tanks

We will be getting new car magnets and key chains soon. Watch our gift store for availability.

## EFRC 2017 Gift and Merchandise Form

### Annual Membership Levels

**Pride Membership - \$10,000**

Name Bearing Plaque, overnight, 10 passes

**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.

**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 & 6 passes

**Sponsor a Cat—\$50.**

5 x 7 photo of your cat

Certificate of sponsorship & 1 pass

**AVAILABLE MERCHANDISE:** Please visit our website for a more complete list of available items.



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**SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:**

**25th Anniversary Shirt featuring our first 3 cats—Kiki, Molly and BC on dark gray** \_\_\_\_\_

Child.....\$19.00

Tiger (gray) \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger (orange) \_\_\_\_\_ Lion (black) \_\_\_\_\_ Spotted Leopard (black) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult.....\$24.00

Little Dude (blue) \_\_\_\_\_ African Serval (old gold) \_\_\_\_\_ (blue) \_\_\_\_\_

2x & 3x...\$26.00

SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ from child's small to XXXL

**Sweatshirts: Child...\$29, Adult...\$34, 2&3X...\$39 Hoodies: Child...\$39, Adult...\$35, 2&3X...\$44**

(bobcat green, black lion, spotted leopard on black, dark gray 25th anniversary) (tiger gray or orange, spotted leopard on black, dark gray 25th anniversary)

**New Book: *Tails from the Exotic Feline Rescue Center* NOW AVAILABLE..... @27.00**

**Hats:** lion (green) \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger (tan & black) \_\_\_\_\_ Cougar (dark gray) \_\_\_\_\_ @18.50

**2017 Calendar** ..... @18.00

**CAR MAGNETS:** Paw Print \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon with three tigers \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Cats rectangle \_\_\_\_\_ @7.50

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

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

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

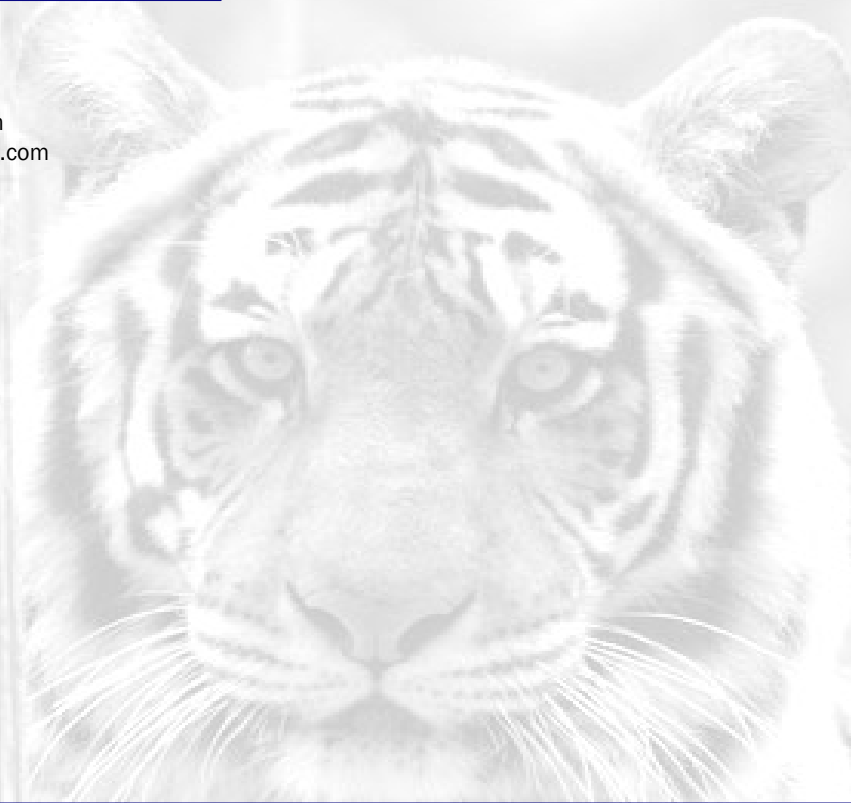
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