

FEBRUARY 2016 ENEWS FOR THE EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER

THE EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER



Giving Big Cats a Second Chance

A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER

In last month's ENEWS, we introduced our supporters to a volunteer, Brian Worley. It is with a very heavy heart that we announce Brian's passing. On January 6, 2016, we lost Brian to ALS. However, his wife, family, and friends believe he won the battle and is lounging with all the BIG CATS in heaven. Brian will be dearly missed at the rescue center and by his family and friends. Brian loved the BIG CATS and enjoyed his time greatly while at the center. To Brian's wife, Danielle Worley, we send our deepest condolences and we want her to know that Brian will always live in our hearts.



SAVING THE BIGCATS CHARITY AUCTION

We want to thank all the attendees of the 2016 Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction. It was a fun-filled afternoon of eating, drinking, and bidding. Our supporters came through as they always do by giving as much as they could towards our mission. [Click here for event photos.](#)



CAT TALES

Belle, a female tiger, has recently been moved to her new forever enclosure. Belle arrived in September 2015 from Greensburg, Indiana along with four other tigers. Upon arrival, Belle lived in a temporary enclosure near the merchandise building but has since moved to an enclosure that is located about half-way through the tour. Montana, male tiger, lived in Belle's enclosure until he passed away. Upon his passing, our

construction workers made updates to his enclosure. These updates include a wonderful three level climbing tower and an expansion of the enclosure. Belle is a beautiful tiger with light markings and a slight mane. When you make the turn to her enclosure, she can be quite striking especially if she is laying on her table.

She enjoys the many logs in her enclosure also by jumping over them, standing on them and running around them. The logs are example of enrichment that we provide our cats. Make sure to spend some time observing our beautiful Belle.



NEW KEEPER

The rescue center would like to welcome our newest keeper, Tom Coates. Tom came to us from New Jersey. He received his Biology degree from Centenary College of New Jersey. During college Tom worked for a rescue center in their reptile department. Although he liked working with reptiles, he wanted to work with a 'cooler' animal. He thought the coolest animals were the BIG CATS. (EFRC staff and volunteers would agree with the previous statement.) So Tom did what we all do when wanting to find information, he Googled 'big cat rescue centers' and the EFRC website popped up. After perusing the website, Tom decided that the EFRC was the place to work. Tom especially enjoys Zoe, female tiger. He admires her energy and playfulness. Outside of work, Tom has trained in Karate for the last 18 years and is a second degree black belt. If you meet Tom while at the center, be sure to say hi.

RUN THROUGH THE JUNGLE 5K

Please join us on May 21, 2016 for our Run Through the Jungle 5K. There will be live music, snacks and an awesome t-shirt. Registered runners and walkers will also receive an EFRC free pass. Registration is now open. [Please click here to join the fun](#)



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