

February 2019 Exotic Feline Rescue Center ENEWS

THE EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER



Giving Big Cats a Second Chance



SAVING THE BIG CATS CHARITY AUCTION

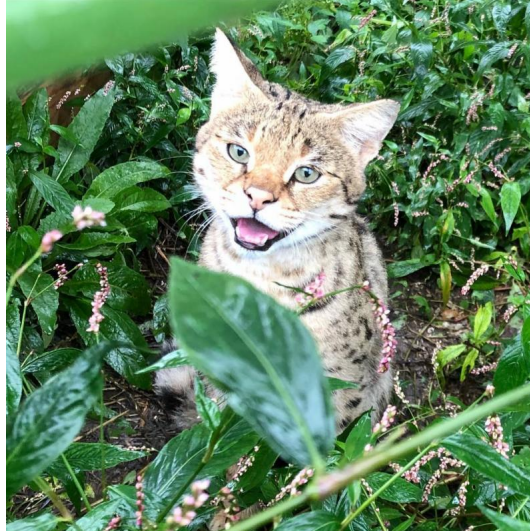
We want to thank everyone who attended our Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction on January 26. Without our supporters, we could not take care of over 150 cats that need a forever home, food, medicine and veterinary care. Again, thanks for caring about our BIG CATS!

[Photos from Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction](#)

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MEET GEORGIA

The center got a call about a cat running loose around Peoria, IL for months that they did not think was a domestic cat. People had been feeding the cat and the center agreed to take it if it could be captured. Once it was captured, our staff drove part way to Peoria to meet the woman and brought the Savannah back. Based on the markings we believe she is possibly an F2 Savannah. We had hoped to introduce her to the New York Savannahs but due to some personality conflicts she was moved to her own enclosure. She is a very good eater and is quite talkative with staff and volunteers.



EVENTS

CAMP ROAR 2019 We are excited to announce the dates for Camp Roar 2019. June 26 and July 17 are for 8-11 year old children and July 24 is for 12-15 year old children. This year campers will learn about the BIG CATS through educational activities that will include BIG CAT and endangered species facts, a simulated rescue of BIG CATS, rescue stories of our resident felines, and the day-to-day running of the rescue center. During these activities campers will use their creativity, problem solving skills, leadership skills and their ability to work together with a group. Along with some traditional activities, new activities will be introduced this year. The older group of campers will spend the morning with the keepers learning how they take care of our BIG CATS!! Cost is \$75.00 per child and registration will open on March 1.

Check out our website for other events at the rescue center.

[Special Events Details](#)



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jo Ann in her own words: I have volunteered at EFRC since January 2008. After moving to Bloomington, IN, I became aware that there was “some big cat facility” not far away. I did some research and drove out on a whim near year-end 2007 for a tour. I enjoyed it very much. I returned a few weeks later to deliver a donation check and while there, picked up the most recent newsletter. and saw there was a story about the upcoming January 2008 auction. I responded to an email address in the newsletter asking if by chance the committee



could use my help. Next thing I knew, I received an email response stating that the next meeting was Jan 5th and could I be in Carmel, IN at 11 AM. I hate walking into situations where I know no one---but the committee members made me feel so welcome. And at the completion of the meeting 2 hours later, I left Carmel with my minivan full of auction materials with a mission to “basket” them as best as I could. For a few weeks, I’d deliver completed baskets and receive in return the “raw materials” to make more. And, such great fun!

Now I’ve “graduated” to being Co-Chairperson, Ann Hedderick’s assistant for the auction, and from August through early February I keep myself very busy sending out donation requests, making up baskets, keeping track of all the donations, ensuring that the silent auction tables get setup properly and, at the end, prepare the thank you letters from EFRC. And I enjoy every moment.

I still volunteer at special monthly events and continue to meet other volunteers each time. I count myself lucky to have accidentally stumbled on such a rewarding place to assist in raising funds for the “big furry guys”.



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