

## THE EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER



Giving Big Cats a Second Chance



### Coo

Coo is a fun-loving, male mountain lion that has resided at the rescue center for several years. Coo came to the EFRC when he was four months old. He was initially sold at an auction house for \$125. The people who bought him did not have a permit to own an exotic animal so baby Coo was brought to us.

He is a very sweet cougar (unless it's food time) and loves to come up to greet guests. Most of the time you will hear him purring as he walks you down his path. Coo is also one of the few cats that the keepers can hide his food throughout his cage and he finds it quickly.

Coo does not reside on the main tour area of the facility, but you can see him on one of the many events we host or if you are an overnight guest! Follow the link below for more information about our overnight stay and to come see Coo.

[Overnight Stay](#)





## Happy New Year!

Here are our 2020 events and their tentative dates:

- Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction-March 14th
- Run through the Jungle 5K - May 9th
- Evening Roar I - June 13th
- Summer Safari - July 18th
- Evening Roar II - August 29th
- Fall Fest - October 3rd
- Pumpkin Party - November 7th
- Winter Wonderland - December 12th

### Winter Wonderland

On a cold December day, dozens of people faced the weather to support their favorite cats. We were dazzled by lights as we walked through the center decked in holiday cheer. We ate, we drank, and strutted our ugly sweaters. The winner of this year's contest was Brenda. She walked away with a bag full of goodies and Rescue Center merchandise!



### **New Merchandise!!!**

We recently got in travel mugs! They come in green (currently out of stock), teal, blue, red, and silver and feature six cats. These sleek designs are perfect for taking to work and supporting the EFRC on the go! They have been keeper tested and approved.

### Featured Employee: Travis

#### **Whitehead**

Travis is one of the maintenance guys here and he has been working for the rescue center (on and off) since he was 18. By



maintenance we mean all the odds and ends around the center. One of his main duties is the upkeep of enclosures, den boxes, and climbing towers.

His favorite part of the job is that he gets to build things and be with the cats. Travis gets to show off his creativity and skills everyday when a repair is needed.

Travis' favorite cat is JR the leopard. When asked why JR was his favorite cat, he responded, "I don't know. I just see him and I'm like, yeah, I like him." Now if anyone has come out to visit you quickly learn that JR isn't the nicest cat around, but he may or may not growl less at Travis. It is almost as hard to get a picture of JR as it is Travis.

## Drago's New Enclosure

This last month our maintenance crew worked diligently to finish the major updates to an old enclosure so that Drago could upgrade to a larger enclosure. After rescuing Drago at three months old, he was housed in a smaller, temporary enclosure built for new cats adjusting to life at the EFRC.

This enclosure was perfect for Drago as a baby to get use to people coming in for tours and get all the attention he needed. Drago grew up fast though and was eagerly awaiting his new home. His new enclosure has a brand new den box, climbing tower, water tank, and lots of room for him to run and play! Drago had no problem getting use to his new neighbors or the exciting new things in his enclosure (even making friends with his grumpy neighbor Elsa). You won't be missing out on any Drago fun, you can still see Drago on our main tour along with his awesome new enclosure.



Building these enclosures is no easy task, there is a lot of sweat, tears, and wood that goes into making them tiger proof (just ask the maintenance guys). They can also be very expensive to build. That's why we ask for your help! We have several items on our wish list, like lumber and gravel, that all go into bettering the facility and the lives of our cats. If you would like to donate, you can follow the link to our wish list where it has several other household items that we are in need of as well as instructions on how to donate. Thank you for contributing to our work here at the EFRC!

## Wish List

### Ana

Ana is one of our feisty, elderly cats that lives at the EFRC. Originally, Ana came from an educational center in Indianapolis. The program was shut down after it lost its grant funding and could not support its animals any longer. She was originally called Anaconda for her feisty demeanor, but has adopted the nickname "Ana" here at the Center. Ana is one of our pickier cats; she isn't a fan of steaks like most of the cats and prefers chicken or pork. You will often see Ana strutting on her climbing tower on the main tour, showing off for her adoring fans.



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