

# CAT TALES

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# **The Exotic Feline Rescue Center**

Giving Big Cats a Home for Life 2221 E. Ashboro Road

# 6 New Tigers:

Fall 2023

Due to the unexpected passing of magician, Dirk Arthur, the last exotic performing cats on the Las Vegas Strip has closed. Six tigers were in need of a home.

The cats arrived here at 4am Monday morning 4 days after the death of the magician, The animals were highly stressed. We were told the last few days in Vegas the cats were very stressed and 2 canine teeth were broken.

Upon unloading, two of the tigers jumped right in to their new big areas, while 4 were reluctant to leave the safety of the transport cages. By early afternoon all were safely unloaded and one of the new tigers was seen playing in their swimming pool. By the next morning, all of the cats were substantially calmer and they had all eaten. By their 4th day here everyone was calm and seemed to be enjoying their new large enclosures. Three of the tigers are sisters and we were told they could live together and they seem to be enjoying each others company. They are all responding well to our keepers and shifting. As more time passed it was apparent that they are sweet tigers and they had been much loved.

We will be closely monitoring their health. They have received all of the normal vaccinations. Several of them will be seen by Peter Emily Foundation on their next dental visit.

Coincidently, Jodi lives in an enclosure originally build for Jagger, a tiger who killed

his handler in Las Vegas.





Thanks to Tigers in America and Insync Exotics for their hard work and tireless efforts to be sure these tigers have a good permanent home.









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After the arrival of the six tigers on Monday we took in 2 foxes on Tuesday and by the end of the week another bobcat.

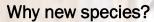
A wild born red fox that had been shot and then hit by a car was taken to TreeHouse Wildlife Center for rehab and treatment. The damage to one front leg was so severe that it had to be amputated. The bullet that hit this fox was removed and included in the packet of veterinary records that came with him.

The second fox also came from TreeHouse Wildlife Center. A young lady bought the fox as a baby, moved out of state and left the fox

with her mother who did not want to care for him.

The Bobcat was the first of several animals that we have agreed to take from an older gentleman in Southern Indiana who was referred to us by Indiana DNR. The bobcat's name if Fuzzy and appears to be adjusting well to his new home.





Since the EFRC was started in 1991 the captive animal world has made many changes. With few laws protecting big cats there were multiple people who had them and exploited them in many ways (animal acts, tiger petting etc.) Laws are getting better for cats and while we are still getting cats, we aren't getting them in the numbers that we did in the past. With fewer cats needing a home we have broaden our out reach to other species needing help. So in 2022 we took in our first non cat species, foxes. 5 foxes led to 7, then 9 to a total of 13 foxes. Nine of them were placed here by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. We have made the commitment to take in 2 more.

Rescues in 2023: 7 tigers, 3 cougars, 2 bengals, 1 snow leopard, 1 bobcat, 13 foxes

## New clinic update:

We are optimistic the clinic will be finished by the end of November: cabinets are in, plumbing finished, floors completed, cat holding areas near done.







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#### PEIVDF Twelfth Annual Recognition Award

- Given to a person who has demonstrated leadership and contribution to the PEIVDF.
- Includes a gold tiger pendant /lapel pin, created by Peter Emily, & an accompanying certificate!



This years receipant of the PEIVDF award is our founder and director

Joe Taft

"I wanted to let you know that the entire board of directors felt that Joe was extremely deserving of this award. He has been a long-time friend and ally to PEIVDF and to the cats that he cares for." Brianh Hewill

# 2024 Calendars are here.

Order now for your family and friends.



Nothing like a November swim with a new ball.

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.

### 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 give rescued animals a home for life.
We provide excellent veterinary care.
We provide stable social groups.
We provide enhanced natural
environments.

## Winter Wonderland

Saturday 12/9 and Sunday 12/17

Tickets are required and are available on line with more information

@ efrc.org.

Also, watch for our clinic openhouse.



# Without your help our mission would not be possible!

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cats

#### **EFRC Merchandise**

Go to our website, **EFRC.org**, to sponsor a cat, purchase our memberships, and browse merchandise that supports the life saving rescue work we do.

We have two online merchandise stores to meet all your EFRC needs:

We have the Online Store that we have always had that has merchandise that we also carry on-site and we have an online Specialty Store that now carries other specialty items that cannot be purchased on-site and ships directly to you.

#### **Kroger Rewards**

Thanks to you, we continue to get quarterly checks from Kroger.

3rd quarter check from Kroger \$1,469.41

Register your Kroger card online and select us as your organization. Then, shop at Kroger and a percentage of your purchases will benefit the Exotic Feline Rescue Center.



#### **Amazon Wishlist**

Check out our Amazon Wishlist to have critically needed items delivered right to the rescue center.

Go to **efrc.org/wishlist** to see the whole list.

Features items like:

Heavy Duty Printer
Totes 40 Gal Cartridges

Stamps HP 952XL, HP 61XL.

Bleach HP 64X

Soft Cat HP 910XL

Food And much more!

Other wish list items to help with our construction projects this coming year: Bucket Truck, Plywood, Lumber, Straw for bedding, and Quikret. Any questions about items to donate? Just give us a call.

