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CLINIC IS UP AND RUNNING!

Donated medical equipment from Union Hospital in Terre Haute and Clarian Health Partners in Indianapolis has allowed us to finally do surgical procedures on site.

Elsa, a young lioness, was the first cat to have surgery in the new clinic. Her spay was rapidly followed by several other spays, neuters, removal of a mammary tumor and complete exams. Many more procedures are scheduled. This is allowing us to provide much better veterinary care than in the past. Minor problems which have been too expensive to take to the University of Illinois can now be evaluated and treated here.

High on the list of the still needed medical equipment is a Veterinary Scan and Hematology Unit to do blood work. It currently has to be taken off site which can cause critical delays. Other needed equipment includes a large floor scale, spay packs, and an ultrasound machine.



Elsa being prepared for surgery

CALIFORNIA LEOPARDS

As the California leopards first anniversary approaches we are pleased they have passed their first year here so well. The third part of their enclosure is finished and they now have an even larger area in which to live. The newest area includes an elevated cat walk.

Bear, the only male, continues to do well as do most

of the females. Spot had a mammary tumor removed. Pathology reports show that it is malignant and will need close monitoring. Freckles had several broken and rotted teeth removed as well as some necrotic tissue from the end of her tail. Both of these females have severe arthritis and rigid spines. They all continue to be watched for ongoing dental decay and medical problems.

The four baby leopards that were born shortly after their arrival did quite well until early February when the three spotted cubs died quite suddenly leaving only the black male, Brumby. He grieved for his sisters and seemed quite despondent.

PAULI ANN ARRIVES

It was about this time that we received a call from a woman who was keeping a young cougar. Someone had given the cougar to her friend as an unexpected Christmas present. Not knowing what to do with the young animal she was enlisted to care for little Pauli Ann and search for a permanent home.

After a quarantine period to be sure that both cats were healthy Pauli arrived for introductions. It took about three supervised playtimes to know that we had made the right decision and they were going to be good for each other.

Their permanent enclosure has many elevated perches and is near the new house.



Pauli Ann

MONTANA II (MONTE)

Monte, a five year old male tiger, was bottle fed and lived in the house until he was five months old. He was then moved to an outside enclosure where he continued to be a family pet. Unfortunately for Monte his primary care giver developed serious medical problems and could no longer care for him. We agreed to take him.

Once here Monte missed his old home and refused to eat. After several days of offering him his favorite food we asked his previous owner to come visit. She did and got him to eat a little. Within a few days he began feeling more comfortable and began to eat well. She has been back to visit Monte and they are always happy to see each other.



Monte

CAGE COMPLETIONS

We are nearing completion of one of our premier cages. Constructed specifically for the Munchkins whom we consider to be the the most severely abused animals here. Work on this enclosure began over two years ago and has continued as we have had funds and labor to devote to it. It is a large wooded area with over 30 trees, a climbing tower and water tanks. It will provide a rich and stimulating environment.

RECAP OF MUNCHKIN HISTORY

There were seven fourteen month old cats, three lions and four tigers, locked in a dark basement in three tiny 5' x 5' areas with no food, no water, and the strong stench of urine and feces. They were all

malnourished weighing 50 to 80 pounds instead of 200 to 250 (the size of a healthy 14 month old cat). They were lethargic, weak from starvation, the four tigers were blind, several suffered from dental problems and one of the male lions had severe cellulites on his abdomen and genital area. The tigers have all had successful cataract surgery, the dental problems were solved and the cellulites treated leaving seven healthier cats.

They grew rapidly with a proper diet and space to play but they will never reach a size considered normal for an adult lion or tiger. We look forward to moving them into their special enclosure.

With the Munchkins moving into their permanent area we will be able upgrade two other groups of tigers (one group of eight and one group of nine) into bigger space.

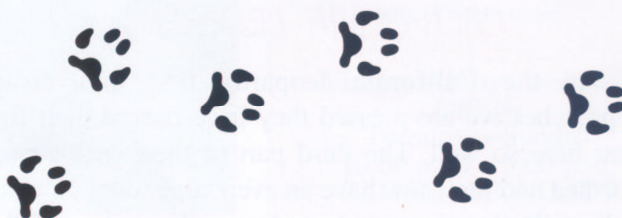
Other Cage Completions

Three other cages have been completed since our last newsletter:

- Brumby and Pauli Ann
- Schmar's group of eight tigers
- Lanky the Lynx



Two of the Munchkins playing



Guest Quarters

Come stay at the EFRC. Guest quarters accommodate 2 adults. No children and no pets are allowed. Watch tigers, Brumby, a young black leopard, and Pauli Ann from your room. Call for more information and reservations.

Summer Safari & Evening Roar

We plan to have a summer fundraiser August 28 and 29. You can get information from our website or call Kathy at 812-243-9992 for details. We do plan to have two tours on Saturday 10 and noon, and an evening tour for adults only requiring reservations. We will have two tours on Sunday noon and 2p.m.

October Events

Annual Membership and Board Meeting

October 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Fall Fundraiser,

Bonfire, Saturday, October 23.

Watch our website and listen to Crossroads Communications radio stations for more information.

SPRING FLING

The Spring Fling was one of our special events. Tours of the facility including areas not normally open to the public were held ending at the new building where guests enjoyed refreshments as they viewed the clinic and guest quarters. As with the fall fundraiser we hope to make this an annual event. With the help of the Crossroads Communication crew it was a big success.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM I-70:

4 1/2 miles south of I-70, exit 23 (Brazil/Linton) on State Road 59. Turn left at the Ashboro Church and go 2 1/2 miles east on Ashboro Road.

FROM BLOOMINGTON:

Take State Road 46 west about 35 miles. Three miles past Bowling Green turn right onto 200 E. Go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Ashboro Road.

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who has given time, material, and money to help care for these deserving cats. Without your help it would not be possible.

Our existence is dependent upon your continued financial support. Please Help!

A special thank you goes to:

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CHARITIES

Thank you for including us in your family of charities.

Telephone Poles

Jake Young for arranging for telephone poles.

Mayor, Tom Jones and Superintendent of Electronics Department, Nick House and the City of Linton for the donation.

Brad Porter owner of BC Porter, Inc. for providing the trucks and labor to move the poles from Linton to our facility.

Cage Building Project

Mark Unger from Freitag--Weinhardt, Inc.
and

Joe Osborne from Local 157 Plumbers and Steamfitters for organizing and building our cages.

Weddle Brothers Construction from Bloomington for supplying plywood.

Forest Products in Frankfort, IN for their continued corporate support.

We want to assure all of our supporters that we do not share our mailing list including sponsorship and membership information with any other organizations.



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NEW ITEMS:

- We have a new design in our T-shirts (spotted leopard on black)
This is one of the California leopards that we took in last fall.
This shirt comes in short sleeve, long sleeve or sweat shirt.
Sizes from children's small to adult 3x.

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT **SIZE** _____ @ **\$25.00** _____

Cougar design only grey cobblestone

Spotted Leopard (black only) _____

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT **SIZE** _____ @ **\$20.00** _____

Cougar _____ (grey _____ cobblestone _____)

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