



# CAT TALES

## The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care

A 501(c)3 Organization

May 2016

### UNUSUAL RESCUE—PART 3 Baby Bob returns to EFRC

#### One year ago:

On April 24th some mushroom hunters heard a faint sound, they followed it and found a baby bobcat that weighed just over 1/2 pound, eyes closed and half dead. They called then brought the baby to the EFRC where we had our veterinarian exam him. Dr. Froderman found a hernia that would eventually need surgery but until that time we contacted Wildcare in Bloomington, IN for help in rehabbing this native species for possible release.



Baby Bob prepared for surgery.



Baby Bob recovering.

After getting him to eat it became apparent the hernia was much larger than first thought. Wildcare brought him back to our clinic and emergency surgery was done.

#### His time at Wildcare :

Two weeks after surgery he developed a secondary infection again requiring close contact with people. While Baby Bob was recovering Wildcare received a call about another bobcat kitten that had been abandoned.

He got a "brother," Bob 2, and it was hoped they could be released together this spring. The last human contact was in May. Then they were moved to a secluded area with no human contact, learning to catch pray and preparing to become wild bob cats. This was looking good until this spring when the new bobs needed a remote place to recover and the staff at Wildcare was doing construction near the secluded area. Apparently Bob 2 acted like he should (he hid) and Baby Bob ran to the fence to see his previous care giver.

#### His Return to EFRC;

In early April Bob 2 was taken to a secret place and successfully released. Baby Bob was brought back to the EFRC to live the rest of his life. He is not on tour but can be seen from the concession stand. He greeted our staff with purrs and head butts and is getting acquainted with another rescued young bob cat, Furbeck.



Baby Bob



Bob 2



Shiloh aka Baby Bob upon his return.

## Veterinary Dental Care Continues at the EFRC

### Eight cats, 23 procedures, two days:

This included 14 root canal therapies, 6 extractions and 3 periodontal surgeries.

Dental care has always been our most difficult medical challenge in terms of magnitude, expertise, equipment and cost. Many of the cats at the EFRC experience dental problems because of neglect, poor diet or old age. The PEIVDF (Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation) has been instrumental in providing most of the dental care needed for our cats since their first mission in March 2011. They have continued to provide help once or twice a year through their missions.

It takes a team, planning and the cooperation of many people to make this happen. Our local veterinarian, Dr. Froderman, is needed to do the initial immobilization, the University of Illinois School of Veterinary medicine sends a team and extra equipment for anesthesiology, the PEIVDF provides dentists, support staff and custom made dental equipment for the procedures, Tigers in America provide the shipping of equipment and supplies and we have our clinic set up with two operating rooms



Hope, One of our recent rescues.

Prior to PEIVDF the cats had to be transported to U of I one at a time to get this care. This was stressful on the cat to make that long drive and limited the number of cats that received dental care. With their help we are able to have two operating rooms with two teams working simultaneously as well as two dentists working on the same cat when multiple problems occur.

### February Rescue

In February we completed another out-of-state rescue, traveling to Virginia to pick up three tigers – a male, Beaux, and two females, Susannah and Hope. These cats had previously been part of a minister's traveling exhibit in rural areas of Virginia and West Virginia. It was 1,200 miles round-trip, and an ice storm in the mountains slowed the travel, but the weather was fine bringing the cats back to their new homes. We also purchased transport cages from the previous owner, which will be used for transporting cats to and from the clinic for veterinary care.

The tigers had an interesting array of companions at their facility in Virginia – we encountered camels, goats, and one unusually aggressive turkey while loading the cats for the trip home.

They are separated by a wide age range: 14 months, 5 years, and 14 years. Beaux is the youngest. Susannah, the 14-year-old, was suffering from pyometra. This is an uterine infection that had leaked into the abdomen causing peritonitis. She was only able to enjoy her new home at the EFRC a few

weeks, but displayed a lot of joy in the time she had with us. Hope and Beaux are doing well and enjoying their new enclosures. Hope can be seen in the public tour area. The Virginia trip is just the latest reminder of the continued need for permanent homes for these animals. There are more than twice as many tigers in captivity in the United States alone than exist in the wild throughout the globe, and many of those cats face uncertain futures. The scope of that need is underscored by our growth in the past quarter century. While the cat population changes, our mission remains the same – to provide the best veterinary care and enhanced environments for the cats to live out their lives in happiness and safety. Your support in this endeavor is critical and very appreciated. Most rescues – including this most recent trip to Virginia – are funded by the EFRC and Tigers in America. Hope and Beaux benefited from the Peter Emily visit. They both had several bad teeth that were either extracted or had root canals.



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Later in the month Brooke, a 14 year old female lion, successfully had surgery. She had multiple occurrences of chronic constipation and not wanting to eat. She was immobilized, given a complete physical exam including enema, iv fluids, blood work, ultrasound and x ray. It was decided to do surgery to find the problem. Dr Froderman recruited help from three veterinarians from MedVet Indianapolis, Dr. Kate Fitzwater, Dr. Rebecca Ball and Dr. Laura Lemmons. They came to our clinic and performed surgery. It was discovered she suffered from a localized megacolon. She recovery in a transport cage for about two weeks before being returned to her enclosure. Antibiotics and pain medication were given during the rehab time.

### Our most recent rescue

On April 23rd in the middle of our Spring Fling fundraiser we received a call from ARF, a shelter for domestic animals.

They had received two baby kittens found in a garage. They sent us photos and we agreed they were not completely domestic. We immediately went to Muncie, IN to pick them up.

Upon their arrival they were weighed, examined and care began.

Their weight was only 2.25 oz and they looked to be only a few hours old. They were immediately started on sub q fluids, formula (every two hours) and placed in our incubator to keep a consistent temperature.

Unfortunately we lost the smaller of the two within the first 15 hours but the second one is still hanging in there. We have had him 1 week today and as our newsletter goes to print we are becoming more optimistic about his survival.



### New Habitats, Updates and Renovations

The EFRC operates in a continual mode of systematic renovation and construction of its habitat space. Occasionally groups of cats are moved into newly renovated habitats if that space will be a better fit for the group due to size or features.

Thanks to a grant from the **Tony Stewart Foundation** we just completed and upgraded a new space for George and Rodney (two leopards at the entrance). Their new area is on the main tour and features multiple vertical areas for climbing and enrichment. The move to the new area was May 3rd.

Blackie, our only black leopard on tour, will be moving into a much larger space. We have renovated one of our empty enclosures and hope to have him moved very soon. He will still be seen on the regular tour.



Recent visitor to EFRC, Representative, Larry Bucshon

### VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

#### OPEN

10 to 5 Tuesday to Sunday

Open everyday from Memorial Day to Labor Day

\$10 adults & \$5 children 12 and under

Special rates for groups—schools, camps, churches, scouts

You must schedule in advance for group rates.

**Thank you to everyone who visits, gives time, material or money to help care for these deserving cats.**

**Without your help our mission would not be possible.**



### Upcoming Special Events

5KRun/Walk.....May 21  
 Evening Roar I (adults only).....June 11  
 Camp Roar (for 8 to 11 yo).....July 6 & 13  
 Summer Safari.....July 16  
 Camp Roar (for 12 to 15 yo).....July 20

**VISIT  
THE  
EFRC!**

Evening Roar II (adults only).....August 20  
 Rescue Ride.....September 11  
 Fall Fest.....September 24  
 Pumpkin Party.....November 5  
 Masquerade Ball.....November  
 Winter Wonderland.....December 17



Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction was a huge success. Located again at The Palms in Plainfield, IN it was our most successful auction to date. The food was great, we had a diversity of auction items and everyone had a wonderful time while supporting our Big Cats.

We want to thank all of our hard working volunteers for making it happen and all of our loyal supporters for coming.



Saving the Big Cats Charity Auction ...Saturday, January 28, 2017 ... Save the Date

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**WISH LIST**

- Straw for bedding
- Telephone poles
- Baking soda
- Bleach
- Plywood and Lumber
- Construction grade wheelbarrows
- Office supplies - stamps, copy paper, HP Ink 60 or 61XL (black & tri-color), HP Ink 950 or 951XL (all colors), Epson Ink black & colors 98 or 99
- Rubbermaid 18 gallon Roughneck totes/tubs

If you think you have something we might use ...give us a call and ask.

**Follow us on Facebook and Instagram**  
 See photos and videos of the cats on our website under Photos by Stephen

### Spend the Night!

This is the ultimate gift for the cat lover in your family. A gift certificate for the overnight stay can be the perfect gift or treat yourself to this unique experience.

The room is available for two adults (no children or pets) for a one of a kind experience. You will get two all day passes to tour the main area as often as you like and the morning of your visit you get to go with the keepers behind the scenes to see the 120 cats not on the regular tour. There are also

cats in the front yard that you can watch from your window or from the picnic table. Your room includes: a private entrance and bath, queen size bed, microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot with coffee and tea provided, direct TV and WIFI.

Advance reservations are mandatory and beginning June 1st the nightly rate will be \$200. A non refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required at the time of your booking.



Contact the EFRC to check room availability!

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A few of the items available for sale



New Design

New book Available September 2016



Go to our website and browse our selection of EFRC t-shirts, hoodies, books, hats and other items to find the perfect gift.

### Annual Membership Levels

**Pride Membership - \$10,000**  
Name Bearing Plaque, overnight, 10 passes

**Lion Membership - \$5,000**  
8 passes & overnight

**White Tiger Membership - \$2,500**  
8 passes & t-shirt or hat

**Tiger Membership - \$1,000**  
6 passes & t-shirt or hat

**Leopard Membership - \$500**  
6 passes

**Cougar Membership—\$250**  
4 passes

**Lynx Membership—\$150**  
2 passes

EFRC Newsletters included in all memberships

This is a gift only, as I do not wish to receive any of the above items.

**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.**

**AVAILABLE MERCHANDISE:** Please visit our website for a more complete list of available items.



## EFRC 2015 Gift and Merchandise Form

Thank you for your support of the Exotic Feline Rescue Center. Your commitment to the ongoing care of our cats will help to provide them with the best possible life.

The EFRC is a 501c(3) organization and all gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law and annual limitations. Please consult with your tax advisor.

If you are supporting the EFRC with a membership please specify the level:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Membership.

If you are adopting or sponsoring a cat please note the species or the specific name of the cat you prefer:

**CAT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPECIES** \_\_\_\_\_

**My gift to the EFRC is:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Adopt a Cat—\$1,500.

8 x 10 color photo of your cat

Certificate of adoption & 6 passes

### Sponsor a Cat—\$50.

5 x 7 photo of your cat

Certificate of sponsorship & 1 pass

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### SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:

SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ from child's small to XXXL

New: 25th Anniversary Shirt featuring our first 3 cats—Kiki, Molly and BC on dark gray \_\_\_\_\_ Child.....\$19.00

Tiger (gray) \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger (orange) \_\_\_\_\_ Lion (black) \_\_\_\_\_ Spotted Leopard (black) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult.....\$24.00

3 Tigers (teal) \_\_\_\_\_ African Serval (old gold) \_\_\_\_\_ (blue) \_\_\_\_\_ 2x & 3x...\$26.00

**SWEATSHIRTS \$33.00 and HOODIES \$38.00 (Please phone or email to check on availability)**

### HATS:

Lion (green) \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger (tan & black) \_\_\_\_\_ Cougar (pink) \_\_\_\_\_ @\$18.50 \_\_\_\_\_

2016 Calendar \_\_\_\_\_ @\$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

DVD: *Joe's Big Cat Kingdom* (season 1)..... @\$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**CAR MAGNETS:** Paw Print \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon with three tigers \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Cats rectangle \_\_\_\_\_ @\$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_

New Book: *Tails from the Exotic Feline Rescue Center* should be available in September or October—watch our website.

**Total gift and merchandise:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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