

# CAT TALES

## The Exotic Feline Rescue Center A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care

A 501(c)3 Organization

November 2016

#### "Colorado Project"

In early November EFRC staff traveled to Colorado to retrieve the first of what promises to be several truck loads of tigers.

On September 21 a Colorado based animal facility was closed and the fate of the animals was placed in the hands of Tigers In America.

We are one of several sanctuaries collaborating to place these animals in safe forever homes. This is an enormous undertaking of cooperation and generosity in the animal sanctuary community.

It is an unprecedented showing of sanctuaries working together to make sure no big cat or exotic animal will be left behind.

Our first trip there we brought back five tigers. They all are in bad health and requiring extensive veterinary care.

Angel is a 15 yo female tiger who only has one eye and missing part of 1 ear.

Bella is a 17 yo female tiger who is blind and missing part o 1 ear.

Jamie is a 17 yo male tiger.

Timothy is a 13+ yo male tiger with a potentially cancerous mass on his jaw, a missing canine tooth and limps.

Phoebe is a 13+ yo female tiger whose feet have been injured by a bad declaw surgery.

One of our first priorities besides getting proper nutrition and an acceptable weight is a complete health evaluation. Blood has been drawn on allfive tigers and three of them are in severe renal failure. Other problems include malnourishment, broken and missing teeth, periodontal disease, abscess of unknown cause and complications from declawing. Dr. Froderman wants them to be stabilized before we immobilize them for more extensive evaluations.



They were poorly cared for, poorly housed and exploited for personal profiteering at their expense. All five tigers are now enjoying their new enclosures which includes boomer balls, water tanks, climbing towers and natural habitats.

After Thanksgiving we will be returning to Colorado for the next truck load of tigers.



#### **Veterinary Dental Care Continues at the EFRC**

Thank you to PEIVDF (Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation) and the University of Illinois Veterinary School for your continued dental care.

October 15 and 16th

8 cats received treatment: 11 root canals, 6 extractions, 6 restorations and 2 surgeries.

#### We look forward to their return in the spring

#### ELECTRICITY

Duke energy is nearing the completion of a project eliminating all of the overhead powerlines in the field, installing about a mile of underground cable (800 feet inside the perimeter fence) to feed 3 transformers spaced among the enclosures. From those transformers we will be able to bring electrical power to all of the cages.

Running power from the transformers will be a massive project. It will require several thousand feet of buried cable, conduit, breaker boxes, weather proof outlets and ending in the regrading and resurfacing of all of our roadways. This is the most wide reaching and important infrastructure improvement since the new water system was put in several years ago.

This will allow us to provide heated water tanks in the winter and circulated and filtered water in the summer to all of our cages. Having 24 hour access to fresh running water in the winter will provide life saving benefits especially to our older cats and those facing a decline of renal function.



We need your financial support to bring this project to completion.





ESTATE PLANNING



A great way to create a personal legacy at the EFRC is to consider naming it as a charitable beneficiary of your estate plan. Gifts such as these represent the future of what is possible at the EFRC.

In addition, knowing your commitment will make a difference in the lives of our exotic felines, a planned gift might have tangible benefits to you in the form of a possible reduction in federal estate taxes. We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor and tax professional prior to making a decision.

#### **Closing of an Indiana Facility**

A traveling animal show in central Indiana recently closed. As a result we were asked to take four cats who resided at the facility. On Monday November 7 we traveled to Thorntown, IN and picked up 1 bobcat, 1 lynx and 2 servals.



Ana is a 12 yo female Bobcat.

Denali is a 10 yo male Canada lynx.

Continga is a 17 yo female Serval.

Magpie "Maggie" is a 10 yo female Serval.

The lynx and bobcat live together and the bobcat is helping the blind lynx get to know his new surroundings. Even though we were told that Denali is blind we feel he has some sight. He also has neurological problems which will need further evaluation to see if he can be helped.

Three of the four cats suffer from obesity. This is usually not a problem that we have to address since so many of our arrivals are underweight and malnourished. Obesity can cause many health issues and loosing weight too fast can also be dangerous to their health.

This is where our staff of keepers are paramount in providing the correct nutritional blend to get them healthy.

## www.exoticfelinerescuecenter.org

#### **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 provide the best veterinary care.

We provide stable social groups. We give rescued animals a home for life.

We provide enhanced natural environments.

## Without your help our mission would not be possible!

#### Cat Tales, November 2016

#### **Two New Tigers**

Two tigers from a roadside zoo in Iowa find a new home at EFRC.

In June 2016 a Federal Judge in Iowa ordered the owners of a roadside zoo to deliver their tigers to the EFRC within 30 days, This order came from a court action brought about by multiple complaints regarding the condition of the tigers.

Keirhan is shy and initially had some difficulty adjusting to her neighbors but as time goes on she is becoming quite comfortable and can be seen on the regular tour.

Rajahn can be seen from the overnight room. He has become a favorite of many who spend the night. He is young, very playful and likes to talk to our visitors.



Keirhan is an 11 yo female tiger with a partial tail and Rajahn is a 4 yo male tiger.

Photo:

Rajahn greeting visitors at the overnight room.

## MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE: WWW.EXOTICFELINERESCUECENTER.ORG/GIFT

#### **New Habitats, Updates and Renovations**

Perimeter fence: The perimeter fence is required by federal law to enclose the entire center. In the back of the field we will be adding several hundred feet of perimeter fence which will enclose an area big enough for an additional 10 cages.

We have started construction on the first enclosure in this area thanks to a generous donation from the estate of the late Veronica Kann.

If you tour the EFRC you will see several fences that are still in place but open on the paths to let visitors through. Those are our old perimeter fences documenting our growth in the last 25 years.

Since our last newsletter we have remodeled, repaired and made improvement on numerous cages. We have rebuilt 3 old cages in the public area. The first houses the new bobcat and lynx ,Ana and Denali. The second houses one of our black leopards, Majae and the third is home to Keirhan, one of the tiger from lowa. We have also rebuilt 1 leopard cage and two tiger cages in the field.

#### VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME OPEN

10 to 5 Tuesday to Sunday

\$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.



#### **Upcoming Special Events**

## LAST EVENT FOR 2016

Saturday, December 17 at 3:00

#### WINTER WONDERLAND

There will be a tour of our main area decorated for the holidays with hot chocolate and cookies served in the office building where you can browse our merchandise for those last minute gifts.

## **2017 EVENTS**

Charity Auction	January 28.
Spring Fling	April 22
5KRun/Walk	May 20
Evening Roar I (adults only)	June 10
Camp Roar (check our website)	
Summer Safari	July 15
Evening Roar II (adults only)	September
Fall Fest	October 7
Pumpkin Party	November

Winter Wonderland......December 16



Sign up and shop at Kroger and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the EFRC.



community rewards

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## **FIRST EVENT FOR 2017** The 10th Annual Saving the Big Cats **Charity Auction**

#### Saturday, January 28, 2017

The Palms in Plainfield 2343 E. Perry Road Plainfield, IN

## WISH LIST

Straw for bedding

Telephone poles

Plywood and Lumber Cat Litter (non clumping) Baking soda Bleach

Construction grade wheelbarrows

Office supplies - stamps, copy paper, HP Ink 60 or 61XL (black & tricolor), HP Ink 950 or 951XL (all colors), Epson Ink black & colors 98 or 99

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

#### **EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

www.youtube.com/channel/UC423QScgsCGCqaobeF\_eeLA

## You Tube

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

See photos and videos of the cats on our website.



#### **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). You will get to tour the main area as often as you like (during regular hours) 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 cats you can watch from your window or from the picnic table in the front yard.

Your room includes: a private entrance and bath, queen size bed, microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot with coffee and tea provided, direct TV and WIFI.



Contact the EFRC to check room availability!

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Annual Membership Levels	EFRC 2016 Gift and Merchandise Form Thank you for your support of the Exotic Feline Rescue Center. Your commit- ment 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:	
Pride Membership - \$10,000 Name Bearing Plaque, overnight, 8 passes Lion Membership - \$5,000 8 passes & overnight		
White Tiger Membership - \$2,500 8 passes & t-shirt or hat		
<b>Tiger Membership - \$1,000</b> 6 passes & t-shirt or hat		
Leopard Membership - \$500 6 passes Cougar Membership—\$250		
4 passes	CAT NAME:	SPECIES
Lynx Membership—\$150 2 passes	My gift to the EFRC is:	\$
EFRC Newsletters included in all memberships		10
This is a gift only, as I do not wish to	Adopt a Cat-\$1,500.	Sponsor a Cat-\$50.
We want to assure all of our supporters that we	8 x 10 color photo of your cat	5 x 7 photo of your cat
do not share our mailing list including sponsor- ship and membership information with any other	Certificate of adoption & 6 passes	Certificate of sponsorship & 1 pass
our website for a more complete list of available items.	exoticfelinerescue	Center.org           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
		Adult\$24.00
Little Dude (blue) African Serval (old gold)	(blue)	2x & 3x\$29.00
Sweatshirts: Child\$25, Adult\$30, (bobcat green, black lion, spotted leopard on black, dark g		d\$30, Adult\$35, 2&3X\$40 Notted leopard on black, dark gray 25th anniversary)
New Book: Tails from the Exotic Feline	Rescue Center NOW AVAILABL	E@27.00
Hats: lion (green) Tiger (tan & black)	_ Cougar (dark gray)	@\$18.50
2017 Calendar		@\$18.00
DVD: Joe's Big Cat Kingdom (season 1)		@\$27.00
CAR MAGNETS: Paw Print Ribbon with three	e tigers 4 Cats rectangle	@\$7.50
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