



# CAT TALES

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## The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

*A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care*

2221 E. Ashboro Road  
Center Point, IN 47840

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### Six new cats since Christmas

**Christmas Cats:** On the cold Christmas eve morning we found ourselves in a snowy field in central Illinois looking at 2 very nervous tigers. The 1 1/2 year old siblings had somehow made their way from Biloxi, Mississippi. Illinois, however, does not allow people to keep tigers and we were told Christmas was the deadline for their leaving. Despite the large mesh size of the fencing we were able to pole syringe the larger male but that made his littermate more apprehensive. When she stopped pacing we were able to dart her.

Fifteen minutes later with both cats safely sedated we were able to start the loading process. First we assessed the level of sedation then both were examined, vaccinated, given warm fluids then carried to the truck and placed in transport cages. Our veterinarian then reversed the anesthetic drugs and we were on our way home.

They spent Christmas day in the meat building and the next day they were moved into their new enclosure. Now that they have been here four months they are shifting and are much calmer around the keepers. New people and things like the lawn mower stress them a great deal. It is doubtful that they will ever be in the public area.

**Valentines Day Cats:** Looking for love on Valentines Day? It came here in the form of three tigers brought by our friends from In-Sync Exotics. The three came from a "less than ideal" home in Houston. Two 4 year old brother and sister, Krixis and Kadira, had eyelid problems (see following story under veterinary care). The third, Gaia, a two year old female was very friendly. Over the first few days the girls explored their large new home. Krixis was slower to come out but within two weeks all three were hiding in the trees and climbing to the top of their tower.



Illie and Krixis

## Cosmo serval:

Cosmo, a seven year old serval arrived here in the pouring rain on March 9th. The rain would have been reason enough to put him in a transport cage in the clinic but he also had a large collar. There are many things that can get caught in a collar and injure the cat so Cosmo stayed inside until the veterinarian got here to sedate him. The collar was removed, he had a through exam, blood was drawn. Then Cosmo woke up in his new home collar free.

He came here from the Valparaiso area where was used to breed savannah cats ( mix of a serval and domestic).



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## 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.

Dr. White for joining our veterinary team

*Dr. Dandee White's family was originally from Brazil, IN She graduated from Oklahoma State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She has been practicing for 18 years with an emphasis on soft tissue surgery. "I'm passionate about fighting senseless companion animal euthanasia through spay/neuter efforts. In my personal time enjoy spending time with my twin sons and baking.*

We also want to thank Dr. Froderman for always being there for the cats and

Dr.Reid for her volunteer veterinary work

Thank you Tigers in America for your continued support!



Is this really a  
CAT?  
Meet Petey,  
our  
newest resident.



## Ophthalmology Surgery

Two of the three Texas tigers, Krixis and Kadira, arrived at the EFRC with inverted eyelids. Upon arrival it was very obvious that Krixis's condition was much worse than his sister and that he was in pain. It was also obvious that Kadira was in overall good health but suffered from a milder eyelid condition.

Upon examination by Dr. Froderman plans were set in motion to get an ophthalmology consultation and arrange for surgery on both cats. Dr. Froderman contacted Dr. Heidi Klein at IndyVet and a surgery date was set.

On April 3rd Dr. Klein arrived with two of her techs and a lot of specialized equipment to provide the surgery for these two cats. The surgery team also included Dr. Froderman and Dr. White for the initial immobilization, anesthesia and monitoring.



### Surgery Summary

They both had a defect in their upper central eyelid margin. The eyelid margin is a unique structure where the eyelid skin and the pink inner lining of the eyelid (conjunctiva) meet. This lack of eyelid margin was causing hairs to rub on their corneas (front of the eye) and causing exposure. To surgically correct this abnormality, I removed the abnormal lid without a margin by taking a wedge of tissue. I sutured the 2 edges together to create a normal eyelid margin. This restored the normal function of the eyelid and protected eye from hairs touching it. Because they are siblings with the same defect on both eyelids, I suspect this is a congenital problem (one they were born with) and is likely genetic.

We see a similar problem in domestic house cats.

Additionally on Krixis, we removed a crescent shape of skin below the eye to help roll out an eyelid that was rolling in (entropion).



## New Habitats, Updates and Renovations

Upgrades and improvement are on going at the EFRC on a daily basis, working on climbing towers, boxes, rebuilds and new construction.

- We have rebuilt 4 enclosure on the main tour more than doubling the size for Cash and Diamond. Beaux and Rocky have moved from the field area into large freshly remolded enclosures where visitors will be able to see them for the first time.
- We have finished one new habitat rich enclosure in the back of the field which houses the 3 Houston cats who arrived on Valentines Day.
- A new perimeter fence under construction will enclose several more acres.
- We have substantially rebuilt two more enclosures one that has Tiger Lily and another not yet occupied.



Beaux on his Climbing Tower



### Eagle Scout project helps the EFRC

Thank you August Mullins and the other scouts for coming out on a rainy day to help the EFRC with landscaping.



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### 11 years for Appalachian State

2019 made the 11th year that we have welcomed a group of students from Appalachian State University for their co-curricular program, Alternative Spring Break.

Coming to the EFRC from Boone, North Carolina, we were fortunate to once again welcome a terrific and genuinely excited group of students.

They spent the week hard at work by helping with habitats, assisting the staff and mucking boxes.

Thank you to Chuck and Kathy Lennox who graciously provided a cabin for these great students.



### 2019 EVENTS

- 5KRun/Walk.....May 18
- Evening Roar I (adults only).....June 15
- Camp Roar .....June 26  
July 17 & 24
- Summer Safari.....July 20
- Evening Roar II (adults only).....September 7
- Rescue Ride.....September 15
- Fall Fest.....October 5
- Pumpkin Party.....November 2
- Winter Wonderland ??



### VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

**OPEN 10 to 5 Daily**

\$10 adults & \$5 children 12 and under  
 Special rates for groups—schools, camps, churches, scouts  
 You must schedule in advance for group rates.

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.

### WISH LIST

- | TRUCK  | TRUCK                           | TRUCK       |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Straw for bedding                                    | Plywood and Lumber              | Baking soda |
| Telephone poles                                      | Construction grade wheelbarrows |             |
| Golf cart  | Bleach                          |             |
| Office supplies: stamps                              |                                 |             |
| Epson 410 or 410XL black, photo black and all colors |                                 |             |
| Epson 288XL black and all colors                     |                                 |             |
| HP 952 or 952XL black and all colors                 |                                 |             |
| HP 61XL  |                                 |             |
| Cannon 246 and 245 XL                                |                                 |             |



### Kroger Rewards

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

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

### EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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## 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.

There are cats you can watch from the window or 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, DIRECTV and WIFI.

Advance reservations are mandatory and the nightly rate will be \$225. A non refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required



**You must contact the EFRC to check room availability!**

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Go to our online gift store and check out what we have. Anything with a cat on it is our cat!

**Or, better yet, come visit!**



## 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!**

**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

**Bobcat 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.

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

**EFRC 2018 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 ITEM:** Black leopard (red) \_\_\_\_\_

Child.....\$19.00

Tiger (gray) \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger (orange) \_\_\_\_\_ The First Three (2 tigers/1 leopard Shirt \_\_\_\_\_

Adult.....\$24.00

Bobcat (gray) \_\_\_\_\_

2x & 3x...\$26.00

**Sweatshirts:** Child...\$35 Adult...\$40 2&3X...\$45 **Hoodies:** Child...\$40, Adult...\$50 2&3X...\$55

black leopard on red, spotted leopard on black, first three dark gray      black leopard on red, tiger gray or orange, spotted leopard on black, first 3 dark gray

**2020 calendars should be ready by October 1. Watch our website for more information.**

**Hats:** Lion (green) \_\_\_\_\_ Cougar (pink)- \_\_\_\_\_ Black leopard eyes on black \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.50 \_\_\_\_\_

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

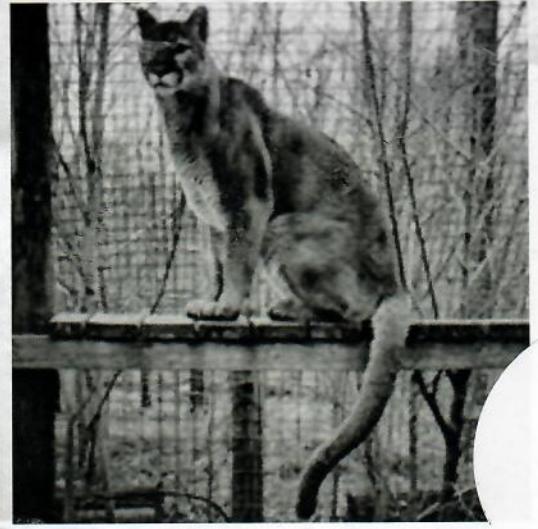
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Gabby II