



CAT TALES

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

A National Leader in Exotic Cat Rescue and Care Since 1991

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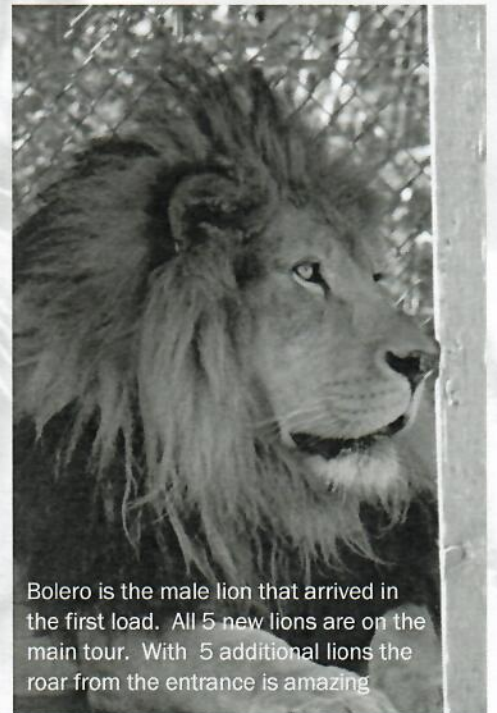
15 NEW CATS:

We are pleased to welcome 15 new cats from California's Wildlife Waystation. The press release from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife said:

"On August 11, 2019, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) was notified by the Wildlife Waystation, a wild animal refuge that houses exotic and domestic animals in Sylmar, that their Board of Directors had voted to surrender the facility's CDFW permit voluntarily and to close the facility.

The Wildlife Waystation was founded in 1976 and has been operating with a current permit issued by CDFW. The aging facility was extensively damaged in the 2017 Creek Fire and again in flooding in early 2019. Wildlife Waystation leadership is unable to repair the facility to current standards."

The CDFW was on site to oversee the facility until all of the animals could be placed. Placement of these cats in this rescue was



Bolero is the male lion that arrived in the first load. All 5 new lions are on the main tour. With 5 additional lions the roar from the entrance is amazing

coordinated through a nonprofit organization, Tigers in America. TIA focuses on organizing and funding rescues of Big Cats in this country.

The first 10 cats (4 cougars, 3 tigers and 3 lions) arrived September 8, 2019 after being driven 48 hours from Los Angeles to Indiana by a crew from In-Sync Exotics out of Wylie, TX. The second truck load arrived 3 weeks later after a grueling trip skirting one of the major fires as they left LA. The second load had 2 lions and 3 tigers. All 4 female lions had previously appeared in the Barnum and Bailey Circus and seem to be enjoying their retirement.



Unloading the first 10 cats.

AND ONE MORE SEPTEMBER CAT

Cairo is a neutered male Bengal cat. He roamed through a suburban community near Louisville, KY. Some neighborhood people helped provide him with food and attempted to locate his original owners. An apparently very expensive cat, no owner was ever found and we were contacted and asked to give him a home. Good Samaritans brought him half-way for the exchange.

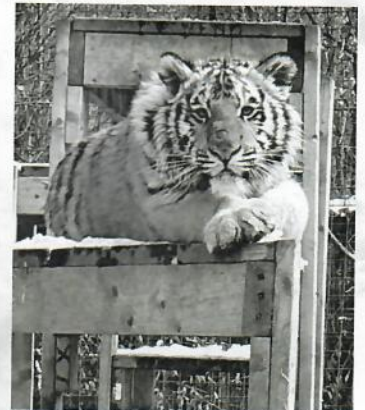
He is the second hybrid in the last year that has come here after running loose for a substantial period of time.



Drago

In May a team from the EFRC traveled to Chicago to bring back a 3 month old tiger cub. Drago was a privately owned pet whose owners realized the problems in raising and caring for a tiger. He had been well cared for and healthy. 6 months later at 150 pounds he still wants 2 bottles a day.

He is currently housed by the front gate where he entertains visitors who are waiting for a tour. He will soon be moving to his permanent area on the west side of the main tour.



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Year In Review— New Cats:

Christmas Eve morning: 2 tigers from Illinois—see Cat Tales May 2019 for story

Valentines Day Cats : 3 tigers from Texas. Two of them requiring eye surgery—see May 2019 for story

March 9: a 7 year old African Serval from Indiana—see Cat Tales May 2019 for story

May : 3 month old tiger cub, Drago

September: Cairo, Bengal Cat from Kentucky

September 8: 10 cats from California—4 pumas, 3 tigers and 3 lions

September 29: 5 more cats from California—2 lions and 3 tigers

More Year
in Review

EFRC's Brooke is a first for LIONS!

Stanford University Announces the first *de novo* Assembly of the African lion

For the past several years we have participated in DNA sequencing of tigers conducted by Ellie Armstrong, graduate student, of the Hadly and Petrov labs at Stanford University. We published our first results in the November 2017 Cat Tales Newsletter.

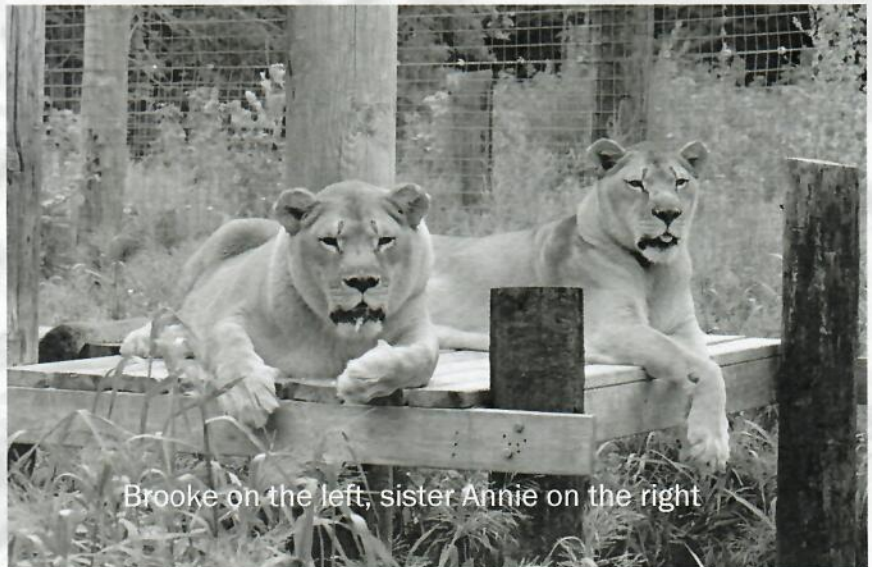
At that time a sample from Brooke the lion was obtained and she is the first lion genome to be constructed.

The genome of the African lion (*Panthera leo*) has been assembled *de-novo* for the first time. The Program for Conservation Genomics (PCG) at Stanford University (led by Prof. Dmitri Petrov) has collaborated with the Tigers in America organization in order to successfully sequence and assemble the full genome of a lion from the Exotic Feline Rescue Center. A lioness named Brooke was chosen. This assembly is one of the few chromosome-level genomes sequenced to date and is a pioneering achievement in establishing the most contiguous and complete genome for the African lion.

African lions are a species in peril. In the wild, their existence is threatened by habitat loss, human-lion conflict, trophy hunting and the trade in faux tiger bones to China. Their population has dropped by half since the 1990's. This genome assembly will help on-the-ground lion conservation organizations in their efforts to protect African lions in their natural habitat.

The link of the full paper is:

<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/705483v1>



Brooke on the left, sister Annie on the right

More Year in Review—Building

- Maintenance, repair, upgrading and new enclosures are on going at the EFRC.
- Beaux (white tiger): We turned 2 cages into 1 with a long elevated walkway connecting the 2 climbing towers.
- Rocky (tiger): We rebuilt another enclosure in the main area. We added a climbing tower, rebuilt his shift cage and rebuilt a second box and added elevated platforms. He was moved him from a smaller area in the field to his new home.
- Cash (tiger): We combined Cash's enclosure to that of his late father which more than doubled his area.
- Kalahari and Mombassa (new lions) moved into a double enclosure with added space.

Veterinary Care: Our veterinary needs are ongoing, both routine and the unexpected.

Eye surgery on two new tigers from Texas (Krixis and Kadira).

PEIVDF made two visits for dental care.

Mickey (white tiger) removed an eye to treat ocular melanoma (cancer of the eye).

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!

WINTER WONDERLAND

December 14, 2019

Tour begins at 4:00

Last event for 2019. Come early and finish your Holiday Shopping for those last minute gifts.

2020 Calendar Available



Indiana Historical Society's

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Every year the Indiana Historical Society in Downtown Indianapolis holds a festival of Christmas trees. This year our keepers and two of our volunteers have entered an Exotic Feline Rescue Center tree. The trees will be on display starting November 15, 2019 and ending on January 4, 2020. The historical society is located at 450 west Ohio Street. Take part of a day and come see and enjoy our tree!

CHARITY AUCTION

New date—new location

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Montage

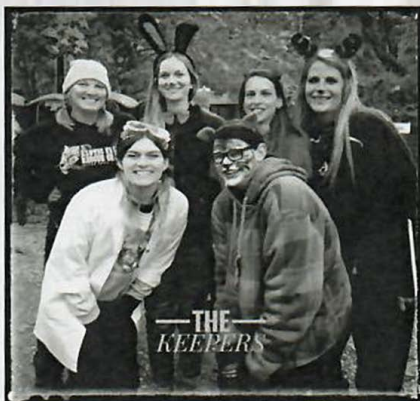
8580 Allisonville Road Indianapolis, IN

MORE YEAR IN REVIEW....LAND.

An unexpected opportunity for EFRC future.

We are acquiring 140 acres of land adjoining our current property. This will protect the center from residential encroachment and will be the future site for expanded medical facilities

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



PUMPKIN PARTY

Always a Fun Event



2020 EVENTS

- Charity Auction....., ,,,March 14
- 5KRun/Walk..... .May 9
- Evening Roar I (adults only).....June 13
- Camp RoarJune
- July
- Summer Safari..... July 18
- Evening Roar II (adults only).....,August 29
- Rescue Ride.....September 13
- Fall Fest..... ..October 3
- Pumpkin Party..... ..November 7
- Winter Wonderland.....December

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.

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

WISH LIST

Office Building: Full size Refrigerator and Stove

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| Straw for bedding | Plywood and Lumber | Baking soda |
| Telephone poles | Bleach | quikrete |

Folding chairs and tables for events.

Office supplies: stamps , 4x6 photo paper, laminating supplies
 Epson 410 or 410XL , Epson 288XL, HP 952 or 952XL, HP 61XL
 Canon 246 and 245 XL—colors and black and white needed.

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



Thanks to you we continue to get quarterly checks from Kroger.
 Sign up, shop at Kroger and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the EFRC.

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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, satellite and WIFI.

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



You must contact the EFRC to check room availability!

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Estate Planning

In a typical year in the United States, up to 70% of the people who pass away do so without a will. This means that all of your assets, from your home to your investments will be distributed according to the laws of the state in which you reside. In addition to losing control of determining your own legacy, your estate may face avoidable tax liabilities.

In addition to taking care of family, friends and loved ones, your estate planning process can also benefit organizations that you believe in supporting. The EFRC has been fortunate through the years in that many of our friends have planned wills and remembered the EFRC.

By remembering the EFRC, you can establish a legacy of generosity for our big cats.

Your qualified estate planning attorney can provide you with the guidance that is best for your own situation. Many assets and tax deferred instruments are a smart choice for charitable planned gifts.

Thank you for thinking of the EFRC in this way and for all that your generosity can make possible.

Feel free to contact the EFRC for any information you may need.

Without your help, our mission would not be possible!

Veterinary Dental Care Continues at EFRC

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

Dr. Froderman, Dr. White, Dr. Reid and Tigers in America

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 2020 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

WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTER AND DISCOVER CARDS FOR ONLINE ORDERS AND ANNUAL GIFTS

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SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:

SIZE _____ from child's small to XXXL

Tiger (gray) _____ Tiger (orange) _____ The First Three (2 tigers/1 leopard (dark gray)
Black leopard (dark red) _____ Spotted leopards(green) _____

Child.....\$21.00
Shirts _____ Adult.....\$26.00
2x & 3x...\$28.00

Sweatshirts: Child...\$37 Adult...\$42 2&3X...\$47 Hoodies: Child...\$42, Adult...\$52 2&3X...\$57

spotted leopard on black, first three dark gray

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

2020 calendars are here!..... @ \$22.00-_____

Hats: Lion (green) _____ Tiger (tan and black) _____ Black leopard eyes on black _____ @ \$20.00 _____

CAR MAGNETS: Paw Print _____ Ribbon with three tigers _____ 4 Cats rectangle _____ @ \$9.00 _____

Total gift and merchandise: \$ _____

MORE SELECTIONS AVAILABLE ON LINE OR ON SITE.

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

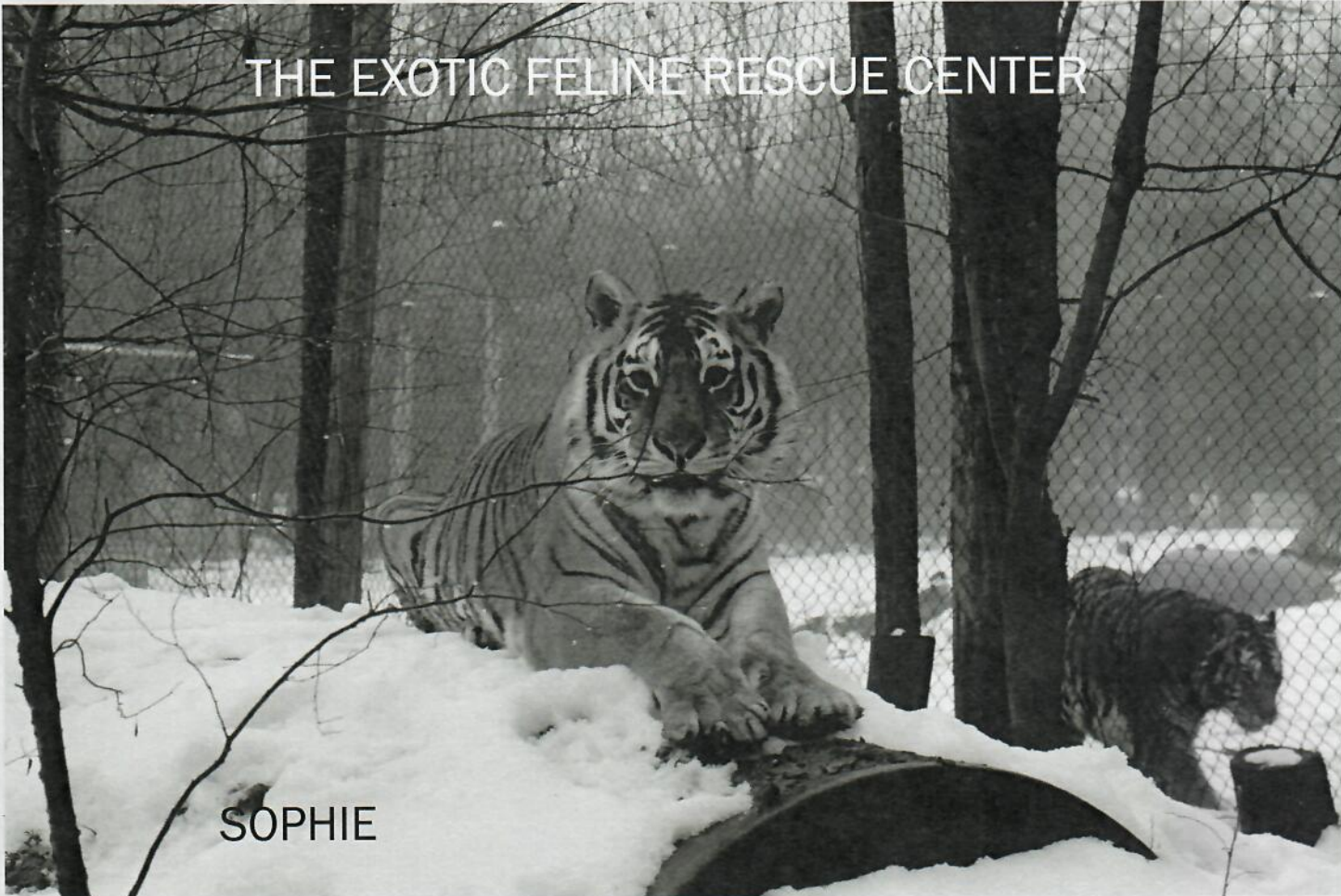
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