

# CAT TALES

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## The Exotic Feline Rescue Center Giving Big Cats a Home for Life 2221 E. Ashboro Road Center Point, IN 47840

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**NE 110** NE 110 is one of 19 young male cougars trapped and radio collared in the Niobrara river valley in northern Nebraska in November of 2021. Eighteen of those young males stayed in Nebraska. Not 110, he made his way east in search of a mate and home range. Swimming the Missouri river he continued east and south through lowa then into Illinois crossing the Mississippi river. Wildlife biologists tracking him from Nebraska kept authorities informed of his movements so it was no surprise when he arrived on the outskirts of Springfield, IL.

If he would have gone 15 degrees north or south he would have bypassed the city and could have gone his own way for a long time. But he went straight into town. At this point he was being closely watched by Illinois and federal officials. Moving toward more heavily populated areas he came to a busy road where he stopped for two days before crossing and moving into densely populated neighborhoods.

This is when Springfield police as well as other state and federal officials decided he "posed an imminent threat to residents" and had to be removed. Nebraska would not allow him to be sent back and Illinois did not want him relocated in their state.

This is when we got the call. DNR and USDA wildlife personal were on the ground watching NE 110 and if we could take him they would immobilize him and bring him within the next few hours. An hour later he had been darted, the radio collar removed and he was in the center of a three vehicle caravan headed to our facility.





Once here he spent the next three days in the meat building while we reinforced an enclosure that had previously held three cougars. When that was ready we immobilized him again for a complete medical exam which revealed a scar running the length of his back and multiple ticks. He was treated for the tick infestation, vaccinated then taken to what will be his home for the winter.

Our current plan is to construct a 50 thousand square foot enclosure near the site of the new clinic where he will have an enriched habitat and a lot of privacy.

Follow his progress and construction updates on our website, efrc.org.

# Fishing Cat's New Enclosure

Two of the Fishing Cats are now on tour. They arrived in September 2020 but have never been in an area accessible to the public. Their new area has multiple climbing ramps, crosswalks and a water tub. They will soon have two new neighbors, Serabi and Jade.

# **NEW CLINIC**

Work is about to begin on our new medical facility. The new almost 7,000 sq ft building will have operating rooms, conference rooms, x ray area, offices, five large indoor/outdoor recovery and long term care rooms for large cats and several for smaller cats.

The soil engineer has come out to take core samples for the septic system permits. Construction should begin shortly after that permit is issued.

The clinic is being donated by Gwen and David Huck and made possible by all of the people and organizations who have enabled us to purchase the land.





# **5 NEW FOXES ON TOUR**

We have three new foxes from a rehab center in Illinois and will soon have two more. All of them were taken from illegal breeding operations.

One is silver, one white and one marbled. All are color variations of the red fox.







ASHBORO ROAD

PROFERINGS

Their enclosure will be on tour behind the Fishing Cats and the new area for Sarabi and Jade.

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.

# **New Cats:** All of these cats had been privately owned and voluntarily brought to us.

Meet Sarabi, a two year old Geoffroy's cat who came to us from New Jersey, She is living in Joe's house for the winter and getting acquainted with her soon to be roommate Jade. Jade is a two year old Asian leopard cat who arrived when she was only six months old. Their new enclosure is being built on the main tour next to the Fishing Cats.

Felix, a bobcat, came to us after he went after the owners three year old daughter. He lives in the front area with another bobcat, Furbeck. He is bringing his shy roommate out of her shell and he loves socializing with his serval neighbor.

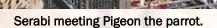
Azul, is another serval living near the front. He did not have a roommate but quickly became friends with his neighbor Vigo. They are now roommates.

**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 excellent 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! MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE: efrc.org

Go to our website, EFRC.org, to purchase your annual memberships, sponsorships and merchandise. We now have two stores : We have the store that we have always had that has merchandise that we also carry on site and we have a new on line store that now carries other items that cannot be purchased on site.



On September 24 & 25 the dental team of the Peter Emily Foundation, University of Illinois anesthesia department, Dr. Froderman and Dr. White were again on site to provide dental care for our cats. They were able to care for a record number (19) patients in the two days. While receiving root canals during the Peter Emily visit it was determined that Krixis needed a

second surgery on the eyelid for a reoccurring congenital defect. Dr. Froderman was able to perform that surgery.



It is with sadness that we share the passing of Dr. Emily. He was founder of the Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation whose mission is to promote oral and dental health of domestic and captive animals around the world. Thank you from not only our cats but all of the other animals you have helped.

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