

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



Montana

Species: Tiger (*Panthera tigris*)

Sex: Male

Born March 14, 2010



Mission Statement: To provide lifetime refuge for abused and neglected “Big Cats” with emphasis on tigers, lions, leopards, and cougars.

Vision Statement: Through public education we work to end the Big Cat Trade. Together, we can preserve and protect these magnificent predators in the wild for our children’s future.

To Fulfill this Mission and Vision our Goals are:

EDUCATION, PRESERVATION AND COMPASSION

Education:

TCWR is evolving how we educate today’s youth, in classroom visits, onsite programming, and around the world through our virtual classes and tours.

Our Certified Wildlife Interpreters introduce students to our animal residents and their stories along with the workings of a true sanctuary to teach why predators should never be made pets or exploited for entertainment. Through Public Education we can foster advocacy and environmental stewardship to end the Big Cat Trade in our lifetime.

Preservation:

Turpentine Creek is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) licensed facility for exotic and native wildlife, accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and a member of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance (BSCA), and the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK). We rescue animals from exploitation, neglect and abuse, providing them a safe lifelong home with exceptional care, while working to preserve endangered species in the wild through Public Education and Advocacy.

Compassion:

We believe Big Cats and Bear are predators, not pets or entertainment for the masses. They and other exotic and native wildlife deserve to live out their lives with dignity, allowed to be the wild animals they instinctively are. We will continue to be their voice, both for those forced to live in captivity and those struggling for survival in the wild.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Over the past 31 years, we have accomplished some incredible things together for big cats. This past year was a landmark achievement for us. While habitat expansion has been part of our strategic plan for years, the long-awaited passage of the Big Cat Public Safety Act (BCPSA) in December 2022 made us realize that large-scale rescues could occur anytime. Then, last January, a Florida sanctuary requested we take in their 33 wild cats by year's end. Our 44 Habitat Freedom Field expansion became a pressing reality, and the race was on for our team.

Despite many obstacles, we welcomed all 33 cats to their new homes in Freedom Field by the end of 2023! I am proud of how our team came together to make this happen, and I am deeply grateful to each of you who generously supported this critical project. With your continued support, we'll complete the remaining habitats in time to celebrate 32 years of rescue together this Spring and be prepared to rescue more animals.

Our organization received worldwide recognition this past year along with this groundbreaking achievement. At the London Natural History Museum awards ceremony, TCWR was featured in Wildlife Photographer of the Year Steve Winter's documentary. The film will play daily at the museum through fall and hopefully spark international interest in our work.

As we kick off 2024, we must focus on expanding TCWR's Public Education outreach. Both to increase our virtual offerings for our international audience and to ensure that US officials will get critical public assistance to enforce the BCPSA. This year's goal is to fund the construction of the TCWR Education Center & Museum. This critical educational center will triple our educational outreach and make it possible through increased revenues to offer lifetimes of care and freedom to the animals we all love and want to help.

Here are just a few things we accomplished in 2023 . . .

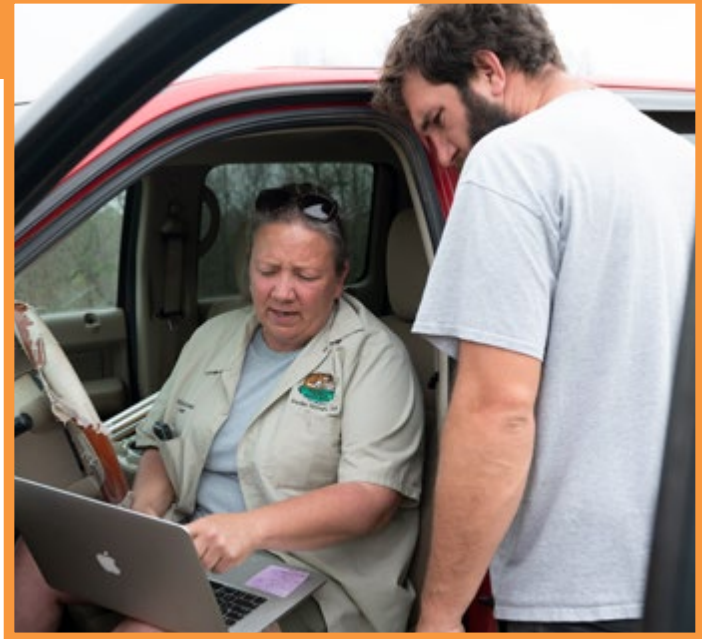
AFFILIATES



2023: INFRASTRUCTURE

In January 2023, an accredited sanctuary in Florida that was closing its rescue operations contacted us to take in their remaining 30+ aging cats. Immediately, our team swung into action to make our 14-acre Freedom Field expansion a reality! First, the plans had to be drawn.

TCWR Curator Emily McCormack drove to the field almost every night after work with her dogs, walking up and down the perimeter slopes to envision the layout. Using Google Earth photos, she drew her vision for future habitats. She sent them to TCWR President Tanya Smith and Vice President Scott Smith for input before returning to implement them in renderings, a painstaking process involving dozens of revisions as she considered each species the habitats would need to accommodate. These 44 habitats would be the largest cat habitats at the Refuge, averaging ½ acre (just under 23,000 SF!) for big cats, 3,480 SF for medium, and 2,500 SF for small cats with double-night houses to help accommodate large-scale rescues.



Curator Emily McCormack and Maintenance Coordinator Victor Smith going over Freedom Field layout.



Before any construction could commence, an access road had to be cut. Over the following weeks, TCWR Maintenance personnel dug ditches for 3,454 ft. of electrical line, 3,214 ft. of water line, and 150 ft. of propane line. Next, they planted 64 fast-growing oak trees in the field to provide future shade, watering them weekly to ensure growth. As the fence company arrived to install thousands of feet of perimeter and habitat fencing, Emily was in the field, flagging out each line and turn for fencing, roads, and night houses for the construction teams. The heated night houses for small African cats proved challenging to level with the sloping ground.



Max



Simba



By year's end, we finished the necessary habitats to welcome all 33 cats to their new forever homes. Due to the generous support of donors, we have just ten remaining habitats to fund. This additional habitat space is critical if we are to say 'yes' to other animals desperately waiting for rescue.

Upon completing our new 44 Freedom Field Habitats, TCWR will have 102 Natural Habitats to offer lives of freedom for captive wildlife. You can impact their future by becoming a Habitat Naming Rights Sponsor.



EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:

- Painted habitat fencing in 20+ habitats to prevent rust erosion for GFAS & USDA safety standards.
- Repaired dozens of habitat benches and repainted them to keep these vital enrichment platforms safe for our animal residents – big cats and bears are rough on wooden boards.
- Processed over 1,200 pounds of meat, fruits, and veggies daily in our commissary.



2023: EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Since 2018, our Education Team has presented their STEM-focused programming in person and virtually to over 400,580 children and adults through onsite and in-classroom presentations.



In 2023, our Education Department continued to spread awareness to 115,531 people of all ages in person and virtually. TCWR offers the only non-formal STEM-focused curriculum that teaches how to tell if a facility treats their animals well, why predators should never be pets, the alarming details of the US “big cat crisis,” and how children and their families can help preserve apex predators and their ecosystems. **If you know of a local event coming up where you feel our Education Team would add value, please have their organization contact shayleen@tcwr.org.**

- **38,715 People of All Ages by the TCWR Education Team**
- **18,936 Participated in Special Onsite Educational Talks & Programs**
- **35,289 School Group Students Educated Onsite**
- **15,444 Group Students Educated Offsite**
- **Virtual Classes Educated 427 Classrooms in 5 Different States**

Our lack of indoor facilities and budget restraints constrain our efforts to expand TCWR’s educational outreach. TCWR children’s day camps are restricted to the milder month of June due to our lack of indoor classrooms. The construction of the TCWR Education Center & Museum will **triple** our educational outreach. You can become a part of the solution by becoming a Naming Rights Sponsor for our center!

SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS

- **Impressions: 73,084,918**
- **Engagement: 6,095,948**
- **Audience: 233,622**
- **Video Views: 27,561,844**
- **Most Viral Cats (individual posts): Luna, Savanna, Glacier, Jasmine 2, Tigger/Floyd**



2023: HELPING US SPREAD AWARENESS - LOCALLY



TCWR hosts events like **Kite Fest** to bring our community together. Opening our Festival Lawn to the public each March, we celebrate Spring with our neighbors and make people aware of what Refuge is all about. It's an excellent way for families to spend quality time together and experience one of our educational tours, where they meet the wild animals we rescue and learn how they can help them!



I want to extend a special thanks to all of you who joined us in our Discovery Area this past April 29 to celebrate our **31st Anniversary and Feast with the Beasts**. It was a festive afternoon with a special tram tour, a fantastic dinner, live and silent auctions, and live music that lasted into the evening. Together, we commemorated over three decades of rescuing big cats and celebrated our newly begun Freedom Field habitat expansion. Our team is grateful to our media partners who covered this event.

On October 17 and 18, we hosted **Division of Arkansas Heritage (DAH)** members to discuss our expansion plans to accommodate more animals and educate more people. We want to thank Heritage and Tourism Director Marty Ryall, Arkansas Heritage Director Debra Fithen, DAH Grants Manager, and Daniel Cockerell, Director of Old State House Museum, for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit TCWR and learn about how we plan to better serve both animals and our community through our expansion. Our habitat expansion and education center & museum will raise TCWR's local economic impact to more than \$51M and create over 220 jobs in the hospitality industry alone! TCWR depends solely on private donations and would benefit significantly from governmental support.



In late summer, our team was at the Bentonville Brewery for our 2nd onsite **Dog Costume Contest and Fundraiser** to help spread awareness of our mission. We want to thank the dog owners and canines who participated, and a special thanks to all of you who donated! The Refuge is a beautiful family destination, and with the partnership of local businesses, we are able to attract more visitors and supporters throughout NW Arkansas. If you know of a company you feel would make a great TCWR event partner, please get in touch with cheryl@tcwr.org.

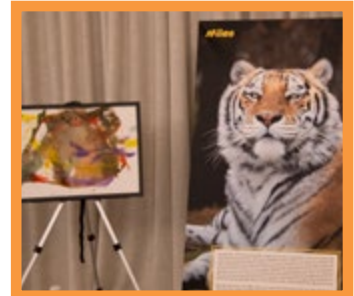
2023: HELPING US SPREAD AWARENESS - NATIONALLY

In October, our Curator, Emily McCormack, who served as Chair of the **Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance (BCSA)** in 2023, traveled to San Diego to attend the BCSA conference. President Tanya Smith chaired their Rescue Committee in 2023. BCSA sanctuary members work together on nationwide rescues and strive to better the care of captive big cats. Tanya will continue to sit on the Rescue Committee in 2024, while Emily will continue to serve on their board and event committee.



This past year, our Assistant Curator, Laurie Vanderwal, served as Secretary of the Board for the **Bear Care Group (BCG)**. BCG is a non-partisan group that welcomes bear caregivers worldwide from zoos, sanctuaries, rehab, and fieldwork. Its purpose is to share knowledge and to improve the lives of all bears. BCG has helped Turpentine Creek become a leader in bear welfare, care, and rescue, just as we have been for big cats for over 31 years.

In November, our team traveled to Kansas City, MO, to meet with supporters and guests. Attendees learned more about our ongoing habitat expansion and our plans to educate more people through our Education Center & Museum. We featured an auction of our animal artists' paw paintings and an exclusive peek of our new "Finding Freedom" documentary.



This past year, we continued our **Fireside Virtual Chats**, which allow our newsletter readers to have their questions answered directly by our senior team members. These chats are hosted by President Tanya Smith, Vice President Scott Smith, Animal Curator Emily McCormack, and Veterinarian Dr. Kellyn in a live Zoom Q&A. Check our website under events to get your sign-on information for upcoming chats!

INTERNATIONALLY

In October of 2023, TCWR was featured in a short documentary by Wildlife Photographer of the Year, Steve Winter, that will play in the London Natural History Museum through the summer of 2024. Steve was awarded for his photography in the explosive National Geographic article by Sharon Guynup, **"The Tigers Next Door,"** which ran in the December 2019 issue and featured TCWR as an example of a true sanctuary. The article spotlighted the seedy players within the big cat trade and drew the US Department of Justice's (DOJ) attention. The DOJ's crackdown on notorious breeders within the big cat trade led to major rescues involving TCWR and helped facilitate the eventual passage of the Big Cat Public Safety Act. TCWR President Tanya Smith and Vice President Scott Smith attended the exclusive award ceremony, where they networked with prestigious individuals to spread TCWR's mission.



2023: WITH YOUR HELP

TCWR'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Begun in 1996, this 6-month program is designed for college graduates who have obtained a degree in zoology, biology, or other animal-related disciplines, helping to spread TCWR standards of care worldwide. Many of our interns reapply and continue their dedication for 2, 3 & 4 internships, gaining priceless experience and building resumes. Over 84% of TCWR internship graduates stay in the animal care field, working for reputable zoos, sanctuaries, or field studies. Several have become excellent veterinarians, including our Staff Veterinarian, Dr. Kellyn Sweeley!

- **Spring 2023 interns: 12 total**
7 were reapplicants, 2 graduated, 2 were hired as staff.
- **Fall 2023 interns: 17 total**
9 were reapplicants, 10 graduated, 1 was hired as staff.



RESCUES/ANIMAL CARE

As of January 2024, TCWR cares for 114 animals!

- 2 rescued, 33 rehomed - 35 animals came to enjoy lifelong care at TCWR.
- Performed 30 wellness exams for individually tailored health plans.
- 22 *Emergent exams (compared to 8 emergent exams in 2022).
*An exam when urgent immobilization was deemed necessary to give the animal the best possible outcome and to relieve suffering.
- Performed 13 full dental exams with cleaning and treatment & 1 partial exam.
- Performed 7 minor surgeries and 5 major surgeries.
- Used small animal anesthesia machine 9 times.
- Used large animal anesthesia machine 7 times.
- Ran blood work using our in-house blood work machines 57 times.
- Took 194 radiographs (x-rays) & 4 dental radiography series.
- Gave 84 vaccinations.



2023 FIGURES

- We fed our animals 184,110 lbs. of meat (an average of 550 lbs. of meat per day!), including Nebraska's specialty diet.
- Fed our animals 11,000 lbs of produce.

2023: WITH YOUR HELP

EVENT AND ONLINE FUNDRAISING

- 2023 NWA Gives: \$48,572
- “Finding Freedom Part 1” Screening: \$1,476.27
- Tiger day: \$1,027.56
- Giving Tuesday: \$94,597 thanks to a \$48,000 Matching Gift from supporter Maggie W.
- Online Auctions: \$4,121 (Before Expenses)
- 30th Anniversary: \$50,492 (Before Expenses)
- Kite Fest: \$250 (Before Expenses)
- AR 500: \$8,627 (Before Expenses)
- Cats on Canvas: \$13,826

VOLUNTEERING

- 2020: 47 volunteers
- 2021: Hosted three youth groups during Winter & Spring Breaks
- 2022: 84 volunteers for a total of 1179.5 hours
- 2023: 140 volunteers for a total of 11,365 hours

MAJOR PROGRAM EXPENSES

- Habitat Construction/Repairs/Maintenance: \$38,430
- Animal Food: \$312,959 (including freezer storage of \$28,379)
- Animal Enrichment (treats & toys): \$2,763
- Animal Care/Veterinary/Medications: \$61,715
- Average cost to heat animal dens last winter: \$730
- Education program expenses: \$11,912
- Grounds maintenance/landscaping: \$24,612
- Building maintenance: \$42,669

FINANCIAL TOTALS

- Dedicated funds donated:
 1. Capital Campaign: \$2,294,394
 2. Inground pool enrichment project: \$22,500
- Foundation support: \$65,951 (GRANTS)
- Private Donations: \$1,224,014
- In-Kind Donations: \$1,320,930
- Adoptions: \$58,310
- Sponsorships: \$135,651
- Memberships: \$223,293
- Lodging: \$338,775
- Admission: \$840,904
- Special Tours: \$50,106
- Other Revenue Streams: \$600,313



TOTAL REVENUE: \$7,175,141

- **TOTAL OTHER REVENUE: \$162,174**
\$118,094.75 consisting of: ERC Tax Credit payment of \$113,345.35, a roof insurance claim payment of \$4,405.43 and unclaimed property credit of \$343.97
\$45,516.32 listed as “Interest”; -\$1,436.95 listed as Unrealized Gain (Loss) in Invest
- **TOTAL EXPENSES: \$4,045,118**
- **NET OPERATING REVENUE: \$3,292,200**

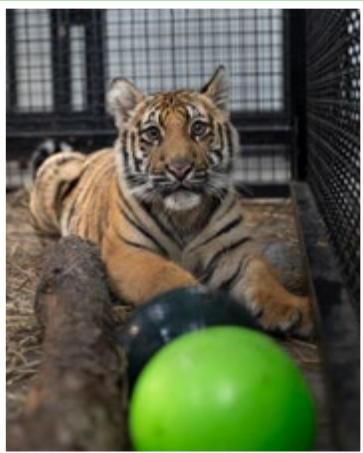
ANIMAL RESCUES

2023



In late January, TCWR received a call from a Missouri farmer who had seen an exotic-looking cat and humanely trapped it. Even though the Big Cat Public Safety Act became national legislation in December 2022, it does not protect small wild cats like servals.

Our serval habitats differ in design from the big cat habitats, with a heated night house to keep these African natives comfortable during the winter. We add roofs to secure the fierce hunters, who can jump nine feet to grab a bird in flight. Mondo, which means 'serval' in Swahili, was named by two of our supporters in Missouri, who have committed to providing her lifelong care.



On April 28, TCWR rescued a male tiger cub under witness protection. Fred was named by two of our longtime supporters in Rogers, AR, who vowed to sponsor him for his lifetime. We still cannot reveal the details of his origin due to a pending legal case in enforcement of the Big Cat Public Safety Act. As he grows, Fred behaves increasingly like a tiger, eagerly stalking and running at any target he sees. He loves charging across his spacious habitat or through his pool and fearlessly interacts with his larger neighbors through the fence. Sometimes, they will join him in play, running along the fence line.



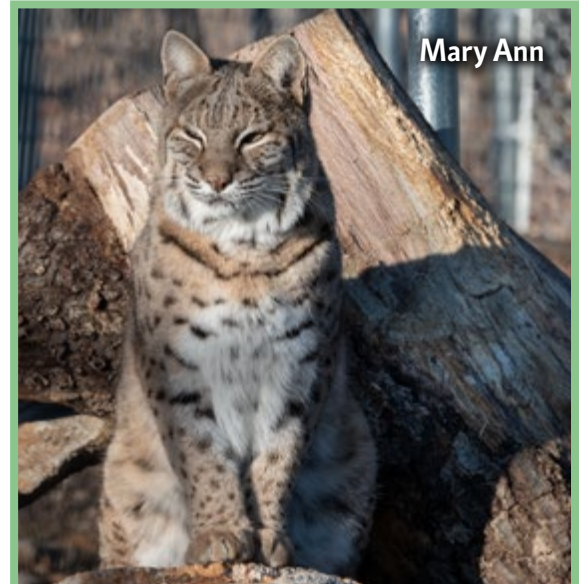
We also rehomed 33 cats from a closing accredited Florida sanctuary to Freedom Field in 2023. We welcomed each group as we completed their new habitats, starting with the tigers in September and ending with the last of the small cats in December. Since their arrival, all the cats have enjoyed exploring their spacious habitats and have developed trust in their care team.

ANIMAL RESCUES

2023



Followed by Aria, Dutchess, and Jasmine on October 20.



On November 29, we welcomed bobcats Max, Mary Ann, Kewlona, Dryden, Sioux, Lakota, Val, and Ariel.

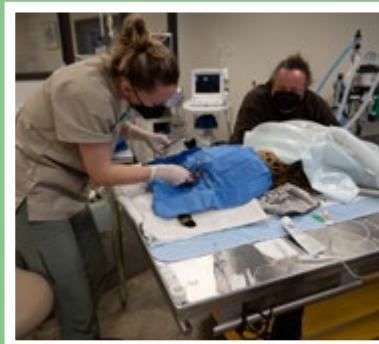
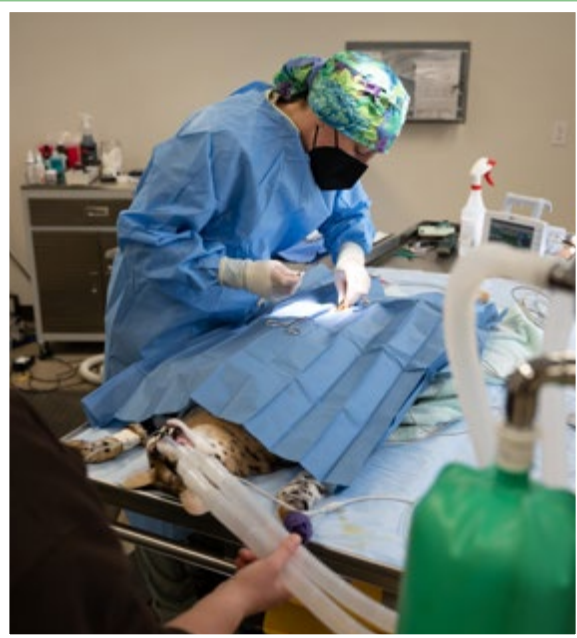
The remaining ten bobcats, two caracals, five servals, and two Savannah cats arrived in December, but we'll wait to introduce you to them in our summer issue of the Big Cat Chronicles!

ADVANCES IN ANIMAL CARE

2023

New Regulations as TCWR Prepares for Future Rescues

To ensure we can utilize each of our 102 habitats, TCWR increased our USDA licensing to allow us to hold up to 200 animals this past year. This extra step in preparation for large-scale rescues will ensure we can respond immediately to animals in need.



In Mondo's first exam after her rescue on January 23, Dr. Kellyn treated her for an infected toe and performed a partial tail amputation. We brought Mondo back to the hospital on February 19 for her spay procedure to allow us to introduce her to other servals eventually.



On February 20, Dr. Kellyn performed a wellness exam on Abigail before her move to Rescue Ridge and discovered the beginning stages of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) along with arthritis. She started Abigail on meds to slow down the CKD progression and pain management for her arthritis. The flat ground of Rescue Ridge will be much easier for the 16-year-old tigress to navigate.

ADVANCES IN ANIMAL CARE

2023

On May 22, we sedated Chief for a routine exam and claw trim. Without knowing at the time, Chief was already in a state of hypovolemic shock. Predators like lions are excellent at masking illness. Dr. Kellyn diagnosed him with Addison's disease. Due to Chief's trust, he allowed us to continually give him subcutaneous fluids throughout three weeks while we waited for his meds to take effect. Thankfully, he responded well to the treatment.



Dr. Kellyn did a follow-up exam in October, and his diagnostics all looked good. We continue to monitor the regal old lion daily and will give him hormone replacement for the rest of his life. At 17 years old, Chief still enjoys an excellent quality of life at Rescue Ridge.



On September 19, we brought Glacier to the hospital because of the dark growths his care team had spotted on his ear. Dr. Kellyn successfully removed the tumors, which turned out to be melanoma.

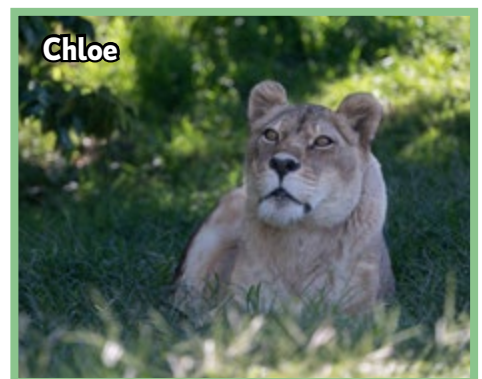


During the year, Dr. Kellyn also performed neuter surgeries on Jake serval, Jinx, DOJ tigers, and wellness exams.



Due to their habitat moves, other wellness exam patients included Chuff, Athena, and Chloe. Chloe's behavior indicated she was not feeling well, but our team moved her after Dr. Kellyn found no underlying cause. Chloe started feeling better once in Rescue Ridge and loves flirting with Simba!

Dr. Kellyn performs wellness exams, prescribes medications, and performs procedures on our animal residents throughout the year to ensure they can enjoy their best possible quality of life. When we have exhausted all means to grant them that quality, our team will not let any animal live in misery. That is why we observe each animal daily and promptly bring them in for a thorough exam when we notice any sign of illness, injury, or change in behavior. Your generosity allows us to give our animal residents long and happy lives.



ANIMAL HIGHLIGHTS

2023



Koda and Xena came to live at TCWR as adolescents in 2016; they were unfamiliar with how wild bears live due to having spent their formative months in the captive animal trade. Since being released into our wooded natural bear habitat acreage in 2018, the girls' wild instincts have emerged. Koda and Xena both enjoy supplementing the scientifically formulated diet we provide by foraging in the woods and have gained the ability to climb trees, where they love to sit and gaze at the surrounding beauty of the Ozarks. You can observe these bears living free on one of our Caravan or Coffee With the Curator Tours!



August 10 is World Lion Day. Eight lions currently live at TCWR, free from exploitation and neglect. Our overnight visitors delight in listening to their caroling, usually led by lioness Ungowwa, whom we rescued from wildlife abuser Tim Stark in 2020. Male lion, Simba, was one of the 68 animals seized by the US Department of Justice from Tiger King Park. Your generosity grants our lions proper diets, weekly enrichment, heated dens, and regular wellness exams. Due to rising care costs, animals rescued since January 2020 can have multiple sponsors - please call if you do not see the animal you wish to sponsor on our website dropdown menu!

TCWR's Oldest Animal Residents

Amber is our oldest big cat at 19 years old. She suffered for 12 years in the big cat trade before we rescued her along with 114 other animals during our Colorado Project in 2016. Luckily, Amber was one of the few in relatively good health and immediately came to love her new freedom at the Refuge.

This regal tigress is an avid stalker and enjoys quietly observing her surroundings. Along with a raw meat diet, we provide Amber with glucosamine and cod liver oil supplements to help her mobility and any chronic inflammation as she ages. You can visit Amber on one of our Caravan or Curator tours!

Other venerable TCWR residents include Bailey Bobcat (20 years), Chloe Lioness (19 years), Payson Tigress - (19 years).



In Memoriam

In 2023, we sadly bid farewell to several of our beloved animal residents. Thank you for giving them many years of happiness! Sometimes, no matter how well we care for them, the neglect they suffered in their earlier lives, combined with bad breeding practices, causes medical conditions we cannot mend. Among the several elderly animals whose passing we realized was inevitable, three younger cats stand out.



Snowball

Snowball was just a year old when we rescued him during our Colorado Project 2016. Watching him over the years as he exercised every part of his natural, wild instincts by ‘hunting’ and destroying his enrichment ‘prey’ was a privilege. Snowball was so hard on enrichment that one of our supporters generously funded a custom-made toy for Snowball with extra thick plastic walls and an eyelet hook for us to tether in his habitat!

When the big cat’s appetite was ‘off’ for a couple of days, we brought him in for an exam, which revealed a fever and elevated blood components. Dr. Kellyn began lung X-rays to rule out a blockage, and he stopped breathing. Though we performed every possible life-saving measure, we could not revive Snowball. Lab reports revealed acute Leukemia. Snowball lived life on his terms, and we are grateful to you for making that possible.

At four years old, we rescued Frankie in 2019 from an Oklahoma man who claimed he’d saved the tigers from cub petting. Instead, he exploited them as roadside attractions. Like the other four tigers from that property, Frankie was extremely obese but became much healthier with a proper diet and the freedom to run around his expansive, hilly habitat.

Frankie loved stalking his neighbors and keepers and played for hours in his pool during the summer. When the eight-year-old tiger skipped dinner for two nights, Dr. Kellyn performed an exam. She found a severe intestinal blockage caused by a condition called mega-colon, which quickly led to renal failure. A true predator, he had given no other sign of being in distress. Frankie fully embraced every day of the life we all gave him.



Frankie



Priscilla

Priscilla was one of 68 big cats seized by the US Department of Justice from Tiger King Park in 2021. Just 12 days after her rescue, she birthed three tiger cubs (DOJ, Jinx, and Rosie), who suffered flexural tendon contracture in their hind limbs, rendering them unable to walk. Priscilla surprised us by immediately nursing and caring for the triplets after years of having cubs ripped away after birth. She then trusted our team to take and return her cubs each day for weeks on end while we performed physical therapy to save their lives. Ultimately, we restored the cubs’ mobility, and Priscilla was an incredible mother to her rambunctious cubs for the next two years.

Last November, our Curator, Emily McCormack noticed Priscilla not eating or drinking properly. Tests showed signs of infection; we immediately began antibiotics to see if she would rally, but sadly, that did not happen. When the infection led to kidney failure, we had to make the impossible decision to end her suffering. Priscilla’s cubs will live in freedom due to receiving the medical care only possible with your monthly support.

In 2023 we also had to bid farewell to these beloved animal residents:



B.B. King (age 16)



Thurston Tiger (age 16)

See articles in our Winter Big Cat Chronicles on B.B. King and Thurston.



Michael Bear (age 16)



Ty Tiger (age 25)



Spyke Leopard (age 15)



Tiger Bobcat (age 15)



CeCe Serval (age 10)



Stevie Tigress (age 9)



Tsavo Lion (age 18)



Lady Lioness (age 17)

MAJOR IN-KIND DONATIONS

2023



For over 31 years, **Tyson Foods** has donated most of the meat we feed our animal residents. We cannot thank them enough for giving the animals we rescue the best care possible in captivity! In 2023, Tyson Foods donated 205,541 lbs. of meat valued at \$1,015,371.



We greatly appreciate **Google Ads** for donating Google advertising valued at over \$195,000.



We are also highly grateful to **Harvest Food Distributors**, who donated 11,000 pounds of meat for our animals this past year valued at \$14,080.

We also wish to offer the following donors for their significant in-kind contributions:

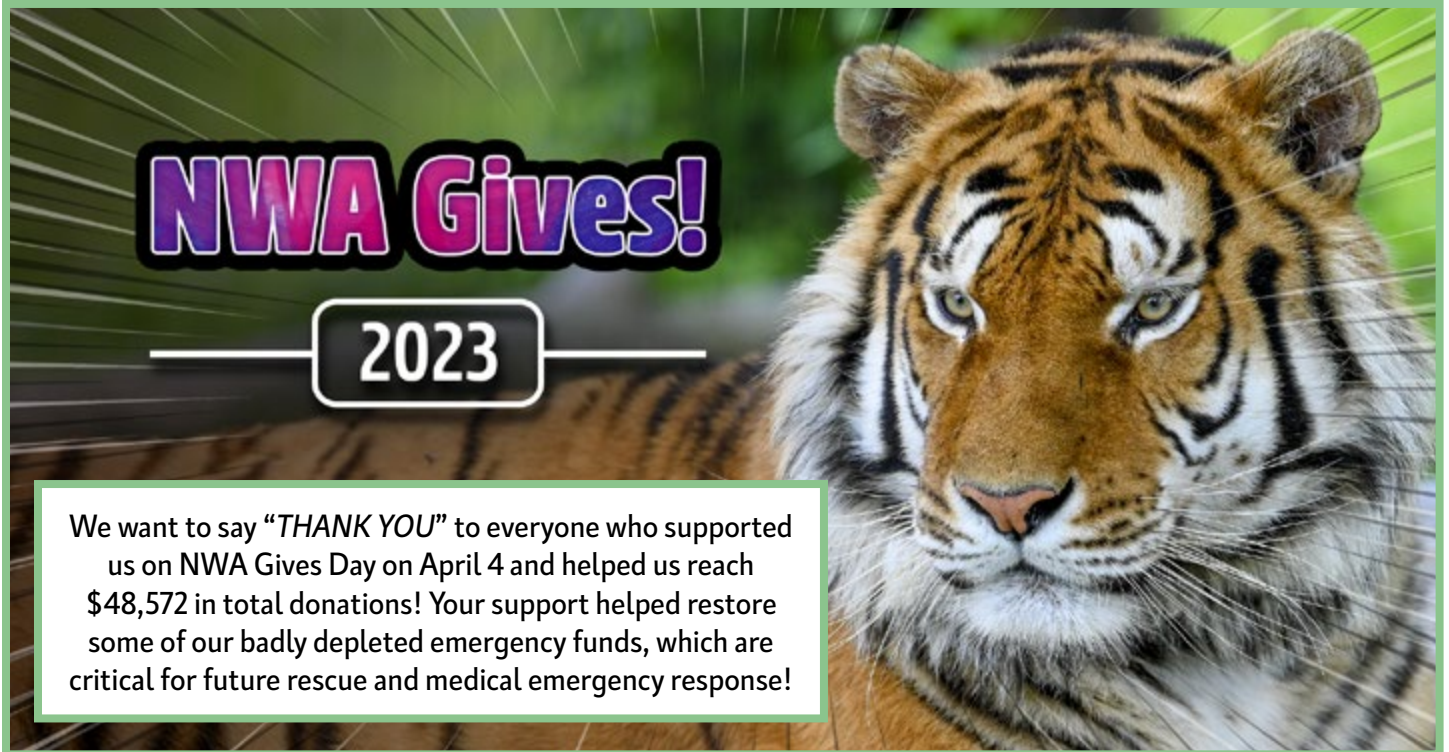
- Connie F.** - 1998 Toyota 4-Runner; \$9,500.
- Tim G.** - office desks for our team; \$5,000.
- C Mayo Sheet Metal** - 30% off the food bowls for our Freedom Field habitats; \$4,494.
- Jason and Amy G.** - meat for animals; \$4,000
- Pel-Freez** - rabbit meat for animals; \$3,268
- Artist Clint B.** - Framed artwork for Feast with the Beasts; \$3,000
- The Cliffs at Long Creek** - linens; \$2,500
- Community Care Center** - produce; \$1,760
- TCWR donors via Amazon** - animal care supplies; \$1,560
- Jim T.** - cow; \$1,500
- Manthan R.** - power tools, hardware, weed eaters & leaf blowers; \$1,500
- Adjacent Properties LLC** - billboard rental; \$1,500
- Eldon B.** - deep freezer; \$850
- Beemer Ranch** - rabbit meat for animals; \$800
- Anthony L.** - cow; \$750
- Brightwater Culinary School** - meat for animals; \$544
- Travis & Heather A.** - billboard rental; \$500



Of course, we also want to thank each of you who donated to our auctions and helped them succeed!

NWA GIVES

2023



We want to say *"THANK YOU"* to everyone who supported us on NWA Gives Day on April 4 and helped us reach \$48,572 in total donations! Your support helped restore some of our badly depleted emergency funds, which are critical for future rescue and medical emergency response!

GIVING TUESDAY

2023



You showed up Tuesday, November 28, to help TCWR raise over \$94,597 towards our Freedom Field Expansion. Special thanks to a \$48,000 Matching Gift from supporter Maggie W! Your generosity will help us give freedom and dignity for years to come.

*We would like to extend a special
Thank You to all our Membership Level Donors*

The members of the Hilda Jackson Society, the Kenny Fellowship, the Bam Bam Benefactors, and the Friends of India include Turpentine Creek's most committed members who support TCWR's rescue and education initiatives. By enrolling in a membership tier and pledging to give again, these dedicated stewards enable us to budget for more significant projects and projects with further impact in the coming years. Our humble thanks also go to all who declined membership benefits but chose to give at a Tier level. We could not have survived this past year without your fantastic support.

Thank you.



The Hilda Jackson Society

Annual Donation of \$10,000+

Jeanette H. & Linda T.

Julie & Jacy H.

James & Linda J.

Vicki and Scott J.

Nancy (Amy) P.

Fred and Sherry S.

Francine T.



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