

# Big Cat Chronicles

Winter 2020



**WE NEED YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT  
DURING THESE  
TOUGH TIMES**

## Selbit

Species: Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)

Sex: Male

Born: October 11, 2007

Rescued: October 10, 2016

**Read more about Selbit on page 14.**





# Letter from the President

Co-Founder Tanya Smith

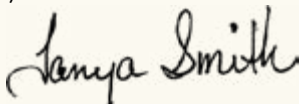
As we head into Winter 2020 I want each of you to know how grateful I am for your loyal support throughout this unpredictable and chaotic year. I also want to offer a special thanks to those of you who have committed to monthly donations. No matter the size, your contributions are helping to ensure the future of Turpentine Creek! In this issue, we'll tell you ways to maximize your contributions to TCWR through employer matching donations and through gifts of security shares that can also benefit you at tax time. We didn't see this pandemic coming, but building a strong foundation is key to allowing our mission to continue, despite what may happen next in the world around us.

Having to close last March for three months of COVID quarantine completely depleted our emergency fund. While we reopened on June 1st, with new safety measures in place, I cannot see visitor numbers returning to 'normal' anytime soon, and winter's quiet is just around the corner. Now is the time we need you the most! With another eight big cats to care for since our recent Wildlife In Need rescue, we are facing an additional \$80,000 in yearly expenses for their basic care. This winter, your help will ensure that all our animal residents have a snug den with fresh mulch (with heaters for all our African and elderly animals), proper diet, and necessary veterinary care. Please remember the animals of Turpentine Creek on Giving Tuesday, December 1st!

Also, keep in mind, as more of you speak out to elected officials to request the passage of the Big Cat Public Safety Act (H.R. 1380 & S. 2561) and refuse to support places that abuse and exploit wildlife, we will see more of those places closing for good. You can read more about our recent Wildlife In Need rescue of four tigers and four lions starting on pages 6 and 7. A federal judge asked us to take possession of the big cats on September 18, after they shut down the notorious breeding and cub-petting operation owned by Tiger King associate Tim Stark in Indiana. These eight cats are now experiencing grass and open skies for the first time in their lives, and are finally receiving the vet care and nutrition they need. We anticipate that rescue calls will continue, thanks to successful lawsuits establishing precedent against animal welfare violators. Because of your support, the animals we rescue no longer suffer from the neglect they endured in their past lives. They realize they are safe, allowed to live each day on their own terms, respected and cared for as wild animals. We couldn't do this for them without you.

My thoughts are with each one of you in our Turpentine Creek Family, hoping you and your loved ones stay safe and well this winter. Please remember, when you are feeling the effects of cabin fever, the Refuge is a safe destination for your family to enjoy some fresh air. Come let our animal residents and their stories lift your spirits and restore hope that the coming year will be better! While the pandemic has caused much suffering and interruption to our daily lives, Your FOCUS to Build A Strong Base will ensure our 2020 Vision of a safe and bright future for big cats.

Until next time,



Tanya Smith, President & Co-Founder



**The recent Wildlife In Need Rescue took a lot of teamwork, but now many animals have brighter futures!**



# You Can Help 2020 End On a Pawsitive Note

## The Big Cat Public Safety Act



This year, and the 116th session of Congress, is coming to an end. Over the past two years, we have made large strides towards ending hands-on interaction and private ownership of big cats in the USA. The Big Cat Public Safety Act (H.R. 1380 and S. 2561) has had more support this session than we have ever seen!

In the House of Representatives, 230 Representatives have signed on as co-sponsors; that is more than the needed majority! The bill passed through the subcommittee and was assigned to the Union Calendar in June, but has seen no further progress. If the bill is presented on the floor before the session ends on January 3, 2021 it will pass in the House!

The Senate is a bit behind the House with the bill not having been assigned to any subcommittee yet, but it already has 30 co-sponsors. We are only 21 co-sponsors away from having a majority vote if it were to be presented! With just over a month left in the 116th session of congress, there is still plenty of time to get the 21 co-sponsors needed and for the bill to potentially go to vote! The Senate is scheduled to be in session from November 30th-December 18th, but co-sponsors can sign up at any time.

With your help, we can bring attention to the Big Cat Public Safety Act and get the Senate to call for a vote before the year is up! Visit [TCWR.org/advocacy](https://TCWR.org/advocacy) to reach out to your Senators today and tell them to support the Big Cat Public Safety Act!

**Take action NOW before it is too late!**

## Increase Your Impact

Did you know many companies offer matching donations, that will let you double or even triple your gift to TCWR? Some even offer grants to recognize when you volunteer with us.

More than ever, matching gifts and volunteer grants are an easy way to help the Refuge. Our visitor numbers have been down in 2020 due to COVID, and the winter season is fast approaching. It only takes a moment! Please visit our 'support us' page today to find out if your company will match your donation. You'll be able to access the appropriate forms and guidelines - just call Amanda at 479-253-5841 option 5 if you have any questions or need additional help!

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# Remembering Goober, 1986 - 2020

In a place filled with lions and tigers, one tiny Rhesus Macaque made a mark at TCWR that will last a lifetime. Goober captured the hearts of many team members, visitors, and volunteers throughout the 29 years he called Turpentine Creek home. To be tolerated by Goober was a privilege, to be loved by him was the highest honor. Only a select few earned his trust, but everyone who met him fell in love with the Refuge's resident "grumpy old man."

Much like many of the best humans, Goober had a rough start in life. He was privately owned by a couple and harshly abused for the few years he was in their 'care'. Goober survived the experience with badly broken and poorly-healed fingers after being thrown against a wall. With some convincing, the couple finally made the right choice and surrendered him to a baboon rescue. Sadly, the rescue was more equipped for larger primates, and little Goober repeatedly escaped from their caging. His canine teeth were taken from him as punishment for biting a woman during one of his escapes. In March of 1993, the baboon rescue reached its limits with the then six-and-half-year-old Goober, and reached out to Turpentine Creek.

Though he was free of abuse and punishment, Goober remained wary of people. Through time and patience, he formed a special bond with Hilda, our Co-Founder (RIP), Emily, our Animal Care Curator, and Pat Quinn, a retired TCWR employee and board member. Pat, Hilda, and Emily became part of his "Macaque family" or troop. They cared for him, and he cared for them by approaching the fence and tenderly gazing at them with loving eyes, brightening even their darkest days.

In the wild, Rhesus Macaques typically only live to be about 25-30 years old. Goober had his 34th birthday party the day before he passed. He soaked up every ounce of love and joy emitted from his caregivers during his final celebration. Despite his health issues and rough start he managed to outlive his wild counterparts.

At the Refuge, love and science come together, making each stage of an animal's life the best it can be. Especially during his last few years, Goober received as much love and care as possible. After developing diabetes, Behavioral Management Training with his beloved troop-mate, Emily, helped us administer medication and shots as needed without stressing him out. We prepared him delicious, healthy meals and snacks to keep his insulin levels in check. Supplements and other therapies were incorporated into his pain management plan to relieve the arthritis in his once-broken and poorly-healed hands, and control other age-related health issues.

When the moment came, even nature knew it was time for Goober to pass. On a stormy October day, the decision was made. It was time to say goodbye to our sole primate. The rainstorms briefly stopped and the sky brightened, as if to allow us to enjoy our last moments with this precious primate. Surrounded by people who loved him, he passed peacefully on October 20, 2020.

Our team mourns the loss of Goober, a very special animal. For years he lived his life surrounded by big cats, bears, and other large carnivores. Despite all this, he was truly the king of Turpentine Creek, earning the hearts and respect of everyone who met him. There is now a hole at Turpentine Creek that can never be filled. In his memory, we will carry on and work to protect other animals from abuse, abandonment and neglect.

Give home, give health, give hope and donate today!

Share your love of TCWR, tell a friend about our mission, share our social media.

# Letter from the Curator

Emily McCormack

Rescuing animals is one of the most dangerous parts of our job. Not only due to the species we rescue, but also the people who might be involved. When rescuing, we do not typically know what the situation is, how enclosures look, or the health condition of the animals. This time, in addition to these unknowns, we did know that the animals would also be stressed.

Prior to the rescue of these big cats, a state case mandated the removal of 200 other animals. You can imagine the stress that they felt as their whole world changed. This stress can cause animals to shut down or become aggressive.

Some of the animals, such as Avalanche, had to be sedated for transport due to aggression, stress, fear, or issues with caging access. Luckily, after giving him some space and time he has settled in at the Refuge. Avalanche is completely different from the aggressive and stressed cat he was during rescue, learn more about his transformation on page 17. Five of the eight animals had to be sedated for transport back to the Refuge, while the other three loaded with a little prompting and treat-meat enticement.

One of our new rescues, a 13-year-old male lion named 'Chief,' had not eaten in a week nor even moved in two days. He was extremely dehydrated and his physical body condition was very poor. It would have been very dangerous to sedate him under these circumstances. Chief was basically shutting down. We were able to administer a bag of subcutaneous fluids through the fence without sedation, which again indicated how bad his situation was. While administering, we talked to him trying to make him feel some sort of safety and comfort. Before the fluids had even absorbed, he stood up, stretched and began to eat the treat meat that we offered. He eventually walked to the roll cage and got in. He had been rubbing on the fence and making lion noises back to us. You can imagine our tears of joy as we watched this lion, within minutes, give us his trust.

Shortly after his arrival, Chief was sedated and brought to our veterinary hospital for a full physical exam. Both Chief and his mate Mauri had a severe worm infestation which could have been detrimental for Chief's condition. They were treated, and we began a hardy diet for Chief so he could gain weight. His severe dehydration subsided and now he and Mauri are thriving.

For every animal we rescue, an individual plan has to be developed for their adjustment at the sanctuary. Whether they need medical treatment or are stressed, we change our daily animal care to best fit their needs while they adapt to their new forever home. All of the cats were dewormed, which is our protocol for new residents. After analysis everyone's fecal samples showed eggs present from samples taken during rescue. Since their arrival, we have seen vast improvements in the mental and physical health of our eight new residents.

These animals now have an amazing future ahead of them. Thanks to your support they finally are getting the freedom they deserve! They have a safe home where they will get proper care for the rest of their lives. Thank you to everyone who donated to save these eight big cats and continues to donate for their ongoing care. Your support saves lives! Please donate today to help provide a lifetime of care for the over 90 animals that call the Refuge home.



**Curator Emily McCormack and President Tanya Smith give new rescue, Chief, fluids. He was severely dehydrated and could not move when the team arrived at Wildlife In Need to begin the rescue.**

Visit TCWR big cats are more active in the cooler months!



# Wildlife In Need of a New Home



**A**fter years of court battles, abuse, and neglect, one of Netflix Tiger King's cohorts, Tim Stark, has been put out of business!

Since 2017, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has fought to get justice for the animals that were in Stark's possession. His rampant violations of the Endangered Species Act were brought to light throughout the case. A federal court judge deemed the declawing of big cats without medical necessity and the intentional removal of cubs from their mothers immediately after birth as violations of the Endangered Species Act. Also, for the first time in history the federal judge included hybrids (ligers, tigons, li-ligers, ti-ligers) in the ruling! Many of these notorious animal breeders and abusers have always circumvented the Endangered Species Act by hybridizing animals, either by crossing species or subspecies.

The state of Indiana revoked Stark's license months ago, but the facility remained open despite this. Finally, in September, a federal court judge ruled to relocate eight big cats to permanent care at Turpentine Creek. The remainder of the big cats at the Indiana facility went to another Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries approved facility. Throughout the rescue there were at least 20 US Marshals along with local law enforcement escorting for protection from Stark, who had made threats against the rescuers, and protesting crowds gathered outside the facility. Each day the property also had to be fully swept by a SWAT team to check for grenades and bombs.

On September 18, 2020, Turpentine Creek's court appointed rescue date, our team was called into action! The day before we packed our bags, secured our transport cages, and loaded our trailers to drive the nearly 600 miles to Indiana to bring home eight of the big cats that once called Stark's road-side-zoo home. Four lions and four tigers' lives have been changed forever and they are now safe, living the rest of their lives at Turpentine Creek.

In the two weeks preceding our rescue Stark's facility had also been involved in another state court case mandating removal of over 200 animals on the property. For two weeks, the facility was inundated with dozens of people, trucks, trailers, roll cages, crates, and a lot of noise and commotion. All of this happened before the start of our own rescue, which can be very stressful for animals. Big cats can become extremely aggressive or completely shut down due to fear, which makes the situation particularly dangerous for loading and traveling during a rescue..



# - Rescuing 8 Big Cats from Indiana



Throughout our rescue day, three of our new residents loaded without sedation but the rest had to be sedated. We always try to avoid this route, but sometimes for the safety of the animal it becomes a necessary action. Many circumstances during a rescue require sedation. The biggest one being the design of the cage. Proper doors are not present or in some circumstances doors don't exist.

There is a valuable opportunity when sedated as well. While they were sedated the team took blood samples, microchipped, trimmed claws (if they had claws), and vaccinated them. Thanks to a donation from IDEXX we had access to COVID testing supplies for any big cats that were showing symptoms or signs of the disease. All the rescues had severe infestations of worms and various other health issues that had to be addressed once we returned to the Refuge.

These animal abusers always justify what they are doing, never acknowledging that they are wrong, because they believe that animals are nothing more than property, not living, breathing, feeling creatures. All they see are dollar signs when looking at animals, how much profit the animal will generate, or how much it will cost to keep them. This is why so many cub-petting schemes and road-side-zoos exist.

Luckily, more people are becoming aware of the plight of big cats being abused in captivity. The government has also started to take a firmer stance on animal abuse and the proper treatment of these majestic animals. As facilities shut down, true sanctuaries, like Turpentine Creek, will need to step up to offer homes for the hundreds of animals in need. Amazing animal advocates, like you, will be called to donate to help provide for these animals, finally offering them the safety they deserve.

At this time, we only have limited space to offer new rescues. Luckily, we still have hundreds of acres of land left to be developed as needed. As changes are made, laws are passed, and road-side-zoos are shut down, Turpentine Creek will be here and ready to build, expand, and rescue as needed so that we can fulfill our mission to "Provide lifetime refuge for abused and neglected 'Big Cats' with an emphasis on tigers, lions, leopards, and cougars."

Donate today and help us care for our newest family members; it is only through your support we can offer them a forever home, safe from the abuse that they have only known so far in their lives.

See next pages for bios of these big cats!





**Male tiger born 7/19/2005, declawed**

Hurricane was born at the Indiana facility and declawed as a cub. He is a playful and friendly big cat. Hurricane is very vocal and loves to say hello to visitors. He loves enrichment and swimming in his pool during the warmer months. He gets along well with his brother but also likes to be the center of attention and will push his brother away if he is getting more attention than Hurricane. He likes to take naps on or under his bench and destroy any boxes the team members make him for enrichment. Hills and grass are a new experience for this big boy, and he has also been caught sliding down the hill rubbing against the grass. Unlike his brother, he quickly adapted to his new home and now likes to visit with team members who stop to say hello.



**Male tiger born 7/19/2005, declawed**

Avalanche was declawed and most likely was exploited as a cub for profit at the Indiana facility where he was born. Out of all the animals rescued from Indiana, Avalanche has taken the longest to adjust. This big boy keeps his distance from the team and likes his peace and quiet. He spends most days napping in his den or at the bottom of the habitat he shares his with his brother Hurricane. According to records, he has always been a bit of a loner and has never been a big fan of people. Whenever our photographers approach he hides behind the reedgrass or in his den. As he settles in we will continue to give him his space and let him be the big cat he was born to be.



**Female tiger born 9/19/2013**

Born at the facility in Indiana, Miles was most likely used for their cub-petting scheme. She had two siblings that were not present at rescue, and we are unaware of their fates. It took her a few days to settle in after arrival, but then her true personality came through. This crazy tigress is super playful! She loves to stalk, run, pounce, and swim. Confident and vocal, she doesn't know a stranger and will run up to chuff at anyone who says hello. She absolutely adores water and will splash in her pool and chase water hose streams until she flops over for a break. She spends her time alone rolling in the grass and sunning her belly. She likes Boomer Balls and destroying the occasional enrichment box. She quickly adapted to her new life at Turpentine Creek!



**Male Tiger born 3/19/2007**

Glacier is one of the most vocal cats at the Refuge. This boy loves to "talk" to anyone who will listen. When he sees someone he will come running! Reportedly, the facility in Indiana took him to many events including TV shows and commercials. He was born at the facility in Indiana and was most likely used in a cub-petting scheme. He has lived with his habitat mate Ungowwa for years. Glacier was neutered shortly after rescue and the two were reunited. Glacier enjoys his big habitat filled with trees. He loves rolling in the grass and playing with his toys. Most days he can be found taking naps in the shade.



**Ungowwa**



**Female lion born 5/10/08**

Ungowwa is a laid back lion that likes her alone time, which is understandable when you know her history. Ungowwa originally came from “Doc” Antle and was transferred to Tim Stark in 2008 when she was about five-months-old. Since both facilities offer hands-on interaction with big cats there is a good chance she was used for cub-petting. Although Ungowwa and Glacier have lived together for an extended time, it is reported that they have not had any cubs together. Tigon hybrids are more rare than their liger counterparts. Ungowwa spends most of her time relaxing in her new habitat and ignoring the people around her. She is the queen of her domain and she likes it that way.

**Chief**



**Male lion born 10/3/06**

Chief was very sick and would not have survived if the rescue was delayed. This handsome lion was dehydrated, malnourished, and severely infested with worms. Luckily, we were able to get him fluids during the rescue and, with the dedicated work of our team, he is quickly improving. Now that he is feeling better, Chief likes to run and play, something he reportedly did not do at his old home. Chief has had issues with his legs most of his life, according to documents, and we will be keeping a close eye on him due to this. Chief is very patient with his habitat mate Mauri, who is 10 years younger than him. He loves to carol and “talk” to anyone who will listen.

**Mauri**



**Female lion born 11/7/2016, declawed**

Mauri is a sweet lioness that currently shares a habitat with Chief. Although she is only four-years-old she has some major issues due to a very badly botched declawing procedure. She has a visible limp and the team is watching her very closely for typical declawing complications, such as claw shards and arthritis, and she will be on our pain management program for the rest of her life to help her cope with the pain caused by this unnecessary procedure. Despite this, she is still very playful and vocal. She talks with the team often and joins Chief and the other lions in daily carols. When rescued, Mauri had a severe infestation of worms. Luckily, with the help of our Veterinarian Dr. Kellyn Sweeley we were able to treat her and get her on the road to recovery. Mauri is very protective of Chief and any time the team has to work with him, she watches us closely.

**Savanna**



**Female lion born 10/8/12**

Savanna is an eight-year-old lioness that lives by herself. According to her records, she lived with a male lion at the facility in Indiana until he passed away a few years ago. Although she is a very playful lioness, she isn't a big fan of her neighboring lions and tends to keep her distance from them when possible. This beautiful lioness is enjoying the single life. She hasn't quite got the hang of joining in on the daily caroling but she does on occasion carol on her own. She loves to play with a big red 'jingle' ball that came with her during the rescue. Her favorite things to do is stalk the team members and chase them up and down her habitat's hill. She is always interested in what is going on around her and seems to be a very curious lion.



# Growing Young Together: Shasta & Detroit

While it's normal and healthy for big cats to sleep 18 hours a day, ensuring they engage in regular exercise is an important part of keeping them fit, especially as they age. Despite being given a variety of enrichment, Shasta and Detroit have been each other's best motivation to stay active.

Shasta and Detroit are not habitat mates, but neighbors. They lived side-by-side until June 2020. After a few months of separation due to habitat reconfiguration as a result of COVID-19 and rescues, they landed back together at Rescue Ridge.

There is something about this relationship that we didn't fully appreciate until their separation. Shasta always displayed interest in Detroit. This isn't uncommon; we have a host of nosy animals, but Shasta showed conflicting behaviors. She would intently watch the large male tiger as she crept up and down her fence line, marking her territory. This is why we do not introduce the two; she is highly territorial, a natural instinct for her species. Shasta would keep an eye out for any movement from Detroit. Sometimes, she would stalk him but other times, they would walk along the fence together "chuffing" and playing. Anywhere he picked to nap, she would choose a spot parallel to him so they could slumber together.

When Detroit moved, we assumed Shasta would continue her funny behavior with other neighbors, but she did not seem as interested. Detroit also seemed less active; he was happy to run and play in the mornings, but later spent much more time snoozing.

We caught wind of a new rescue weeks later, and had to again plan habitat relocations. Shasta was a good candidate to move to Rescue Ridge; her paws were starting to ache from aging and the declawing from her previous owners. Rescue Ridge also seemed to be the best place for Detroit so we were excited to see how they would respond.

Shasta moved to Rescue Ridge first. When we started down the hill with Detroit in tow, she perked up from her night house immediately. Her eyes locked on the handsome tiger. The moment his paw touched the ground, Shasta immediately began showing off! She threw her head back, chuffing loudly. She darted around her habitat, intermittently tossing herself



**Shasta and Detroit were neighbors for many years. Since their reunion at Rescue Ridge, both have become more happy and playful again.**

on the ground to roll, only to jump back up, chuff some more, rub on the fence, mark her territory, then do it all again!

Since then, Shasta and Detroit have been confirming there is something special about their bond. Both serve as a type of well-rounded enrichment for one another, encouraging natural behaviors and engaging all senses. While Shasta is the instigator of most activity, Detroit responds positively. Both have been moving much more than before, chatting, and playing. While the flat ground at Rescue Ridge probably helps, the best medicine for these older cats seems to be each other.

When donating, adopting, or sponsoring, please do not forget about the amazing animals that call Rescue Ridge home. These senior animals also enjoy special treats, Boomer Balls, and fun Big Cat Callout enrichments! Your donation helps provide for animals of all ages that call the Refuge home!



**Due to our new rescue and his advancing age, Detroit was moved to Rescue Ridge recently, where he was reunited with his old neighbor, Shasta. The pair was very happy to be reunited again!**



**This spirited senior lady was recently moved to Rescue Ridge so that she could enjoy flatter ground. She was declawed by her previous owners and as she ages it can become more difficult to get up and down our hills.**



# Update on B.B. King's Chemotherapy Treatments

Dr. Kellyn Sweeley

During a routine wellness exam in June, we removed a mass from the tongue of B.B. King, a 12-year-old tiger. After sending it off to Kansas State University for testing, they diagnosed that the mass was hemangiosarcoma, a type of cancer that affects the blood vessels. We removed the mass but could not get all the margins so some of the cancer remained. There was concern that it could be aggressive and spread. We consulted a veterinary oncologist, and they recommended that we proceed with chemotherapy treatment. This is the first time, that we know of, that chemotherapy has been used to treat a tiger.

Unlike human chemotherapy, veterinary chemotherapy tends to cause less side effects and patients tend to handle treatments well. B.B. would have four to six treatments of intravenous doxorubicin given every three weeks.

At the time of writing, B.B. has received five total treatments with no visible adverse effects experienced and successful regression of the remaining mass on his tongue. For each treatment, he has voluntarily moved via transfer trailer to our veterinary hospital. As chemotherapeutics are hazardous waste, personal protective equipment is worn by staff during treatments.

Prior to beginning, blood work and a urinalysis are performed. B.B. is sedated and his vitals are monitored closely throughout the procedure. An intravenous catheter is placed through which the chemotherapy is administered directly into one of his veins.

We are pleased to see that it is working to clear the cancer from B.B.'s tongue. B.B. will have annual follow-up exams to closely monitor his health, but we are encouraged by the results and hope to have a healthy B.B. King around for many years to come.



BB King was diagnosed with cancer, hemangiosarcoma, in June. We removed the tumor but could not get it all so, after consulting with a veterinary oncologist, it was decided to start chemo. BB King has done well with treatments and the outlook is good for him to live a long life here at the Refuge.



## Give Them Security. Get Peace of Mind

With tax cutoff time fast approaching, you can make your donations work harder for the animals by transferring securities to Turpentine Creek. By doing so, you will increase your charitable contributions deduction without depleting your cash reserves! When TCWR receives a donation of stock shares, we sell the stocks immediately after they are dispersed to our brokerage account. That way, we ensure no loss is taken.

**Let us explain:** Giving \$100 dollars today will certainly help the animals of Turpentine Creek and also result in a nice \$100 tax deduction at the end of the year. However, that hundred dollars you invested 15 years ago in securities could now be worth thousands of dollars for the animals! Donating the present-day value of those stock shares not only multiplies the value of support you are providing to the animals of TCWR, it also increases the value of your tax deduction! For simple DTC instructions on transferring securities just contact Amanda Smith (479) 253-5958 ext 5, or [Amanda@tcwr.org](mailto:Amanda@tcwr.org).

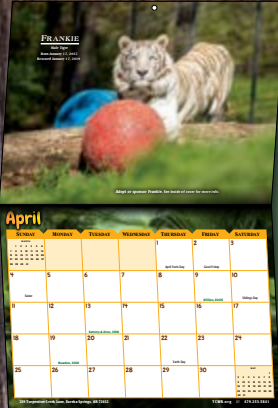
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Get your holiday gifts here and help the animals that call our refuge home. Please order early as we have a limited supply available. If we run out, we will reorder to fulfill all orders. Also, you **must order on or before December 10th** to get these items delivered to you before Christmas! Place orders using the form on page 12 or see our online store: [Shop.TurpentineCreek.org](http://Shop.TurpentineCreek.org)



**\$20** - 2021 12" x 9" Calendar  
Get your 2020 calendar full of photos of the animals you love at Turpentine Creek, animal birthdays, and animal holidays! Nothing makes a more purrfect gift than a calendar from TCWR.

**Big Cat Bucks** - \$5+ \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100  
Don't know what to get? Have someone that is impossible to shop for? Get them a reloadable Turpentine Creek Gift Card. This card can be used for any purchases made at the refuge including gift shop products, admission, memberships, etc. These cannot be used for online purchases.



Item codes: **BCB-10, BCB-25, BCB-50, BCB-100**



**\$15** - Knit beanie, diamond pattern with embroidered lion silhouette & namedrop. Gray or Blue.  
Item code: **KDB**



**\$15** - Turpentine Creek Tiger Socks! Approx. size 6-11 (women) and 5-12 (men).  
Item code: **TLS**



**\$10** - 2-ply cotton face mask. Black, with tiger face and name drop.  
Item code: **BFM**



**\$18** - Fuzzy tiger hat with attached mittens. Adult sized.  
Item code: **FTH**

## Digital Gift Ideas!

### Online Only Gift Card

Shopping for someone else but not sure what to give them? Give them the gift of choice with a Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge online gift card. These gift cards are delivered by email with instructions to redeem them at checkout. No additional processing fees. Online purchases of items in our online store only. Available at [Shop.TurpentineCreek.org](http://Shop.TurpentineCreek.org)

### \$150 Digital Adoptions

Upon popular demand, we are now offering a new adoption option! To make delivery faster for those last minute holiday gifts, we will be offering digital file adoptions of our animals. Upon purchase you will receive a downloadable file. Print your certificate and write in the recipient's name! They make a perfect holiday gift and are available at [Shop.TurpentineCreek.org](http://Shop.TurpentineCreek.org) Printed and mailed adoptions are still available.



### Lodging Gift Certificates

Give the gift of a totally wild get away! Buy a Lodging Gift Certificate for any amount, from \$175 for a 1 night stay for 2 people or even multiple nights for the whole family! Get your gift certificate delivered to your email immediately!  
[TCWR.org/Lodging-Gift-Certificates](http://TCWR.org/Lodging-Gift-Certificates)



**Yes, I will help the animals! Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution of:**

**Donations:**  \$25  \$35  \$50  \$100 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**2021 Calendars:** \$20 each X \_\_\_ calendars + \$5 S/H = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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# Featured Animal - Selbit

**Species:** Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)

**Sex:** Male

**Born:** October 11, 2007

**Rescued:** October 10, 2016

Some people might realize that Turpentine Creek has not one but two leopards! Although Selbit might not be as popular as Spyke, this grumbly leopard has a unique personality of his own! He was rescued during the Colorado Project in 2016, from a pseudo roadside zoo that had 115 animals living on less than 11 acres. Selbit was unsure of his rescuers when our team arrived at the facility and of his new surroundings once arriving at TCWR. Since his arrival, he has really begun to come out of his shell and is growing more comfortable around people. Usually, he can be found in his night house building on days when there are more people around; however, he will venture outside and enjoy his habitat when he is in the mood. Since finding his forever home with us, Selbit has begun to participate in our behavioral management training.

As his trainer, Meg Keller states, "Working with Selbit through behavioral management training has been quite an honor. The training we've been doing is not so much to see how he can progress and learn new behaviors but, more so, getting him comfortable enough to come up and willing to stay around a keeper and slowly build trust. Seeing him grow bolder in his willingness to want to participate and interact with a caretaker after all he has been through has been the coolest thing to see him work through and overcome."

We are here giving these majestic animals the life they deserve, letting them adjust at their own rate, and giving them the freedom to be the wild animal they are. So next time you visit TCWR, you might not get a chance to see this handsome leopard but remember you are helping us to help them.





# Donor Spotlight: Julie and David Howard

Julie and David Howard first overnighted at TCWR in the summer of 2019. They decided to donate before experiencing our 'Coffee with the Curator' tour; after seeing Rescue Ridge and Jackson Memorial Veterinary Hospital, the need became incredibly clear to Julie. "The daily care TCWR provides is a labor of love, but most rescued animals have been mistreated and abused in their past lives and have needs beyond simple feeding and watering that must be met regardless of the number of visitors that tour each day."

Wanting to pass on how they have been blessed to the animals of Turpentine Creek prompted their decision to become monthly recurring donors at the Kenny Fellowship level. "We often say how nice it feels to give our own rescued animals a good home; a peaceful, healthy, and loved life." "We cannot be there to provide the TCWR animals love and care directly, so providing money every month to help those who can is the next best thing."

Julie stressed that the pandemic illustrates why visitors cannot be the major revenue provider for TCWR. "A dependable monthly income is necessary for the Refuge to be able to plan and care for the rescued animals, no matter what else may be happening in the world."

Supporters like Julie and David help ensure that Turpentine Creek can continue transforming lives. You can make a difference, by becoming a recurring donor at [TCWR.org/donate](https://www.tcwr.org/donate).



Julie saw Xena during their 'Coffee with the Curator' tour; seeing the black bears in their natural environment, using their wild behaviors, stole her heart.



Spyke became David's favorite after learning this leopard's playful and trusting nature stems from having grown up at the Refuge, respected and cared for as a wild animal.

## Welcome, Jordan Pieper, to the Maintenance Team!



Love brought Jordan to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Three years ago, he met Miranda Smith, Hospitality Coordinator for TCWR, and would by now be her husband had it not been for COVID-19. Their September wedding was postponed until next spring, but when the opportunity to work here at the Refuge occurred this past March, he was thrilled to become a part of the larger family.

"Had you asked me five years ago where I would be today, I would never have guessed it would be at this beautiful sanctuary tucked away in the Ozark hills. I have always loved working on things, and I have always loved animals. Getting to see the cats and other animal residents every day really brings me a sense of joy. This wonderful place is now my forever home, just like the animals we care for."

Donate to create a better future for the animals that call TCWR home.



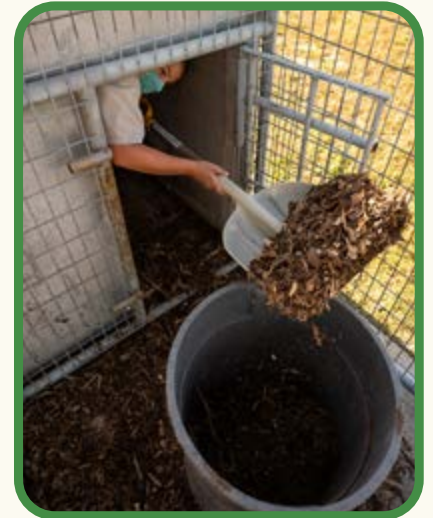
# Preparing for Winter Weather at TCWR

As the seasons change at TCWR so does our animal care routine. As temperatures drop we will begin to provide the animals with mulch and heated areas to escape the elements. We will also change their diets based on their species needs.

Unlike tigers and bears, African cats, like the lions and servals are not physiologically built to sustain such cold temperatures. Tigers and bears will naturally gain thicker, warmer winter coats. The African cats are provided with either heated buildings or heated dens. In 2018, we ran electric through Rescue Ridge and half of our habitat field, providing heat emitting lamps to 28 dens. The lamps enable the dens to heat quickly without giving off light, creating a comfortable environment for our warmer temperate and geriatric animals. Every animal at the refuge is given a soft substrate to rest on in their dens in the colder seasons. This is especially convenient for the bears, who use it to create dens of their own. The mulch is provided by a local tree service and gives the refuge many uses. Not only do we use the fresh mulch for the dens, but we will re-use any mulch that comes out of the animal dens for our compost piles. The piles take anywhere from 6-18 months to fully compost. Once the material is composted, we can turn it over and repurpose it!

As the temperature drops the amount of food we go through in a day will increase. In the winter, we can feed up to 750 pounds a day! Cats need more food consumption in the winter in order to burn metabolic energy to stay warm and active. However, bears are the opposite. Our bears do not go into a full hibernate state, but more of a stupor. Mimicking their lifestyle in the wild, they will remain in their dens and slow down, both physically and metabolically.

During the winter we incur extra expenses as we do our best to keep the animals safe and warm. Larger food portions, heated dens, and mulch beds are additional expenses that accumulate during the cooler months. Please donate today to help us provide plenty of food and warmth for our animals this winter!



We provide all our animals with warm dens filled with mulch in the winter. Some dens, especially those at Rescue Ridge and for our African animals, even have heaters to help keep the residents warm!



Tigers, like Peyton, tend to grow fluffy winter coats to help keep them warm during the Arkansas winters.

## Our Legacy for The Animals

**Supporters of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge can continue their legacy by leaving a portion of their estates to the Refuge, and thereby ensuring that all of the present and future animals rescued will be well cared for and live out their lives in peace. Please speak with your attorney today and consider setting up your legacy by providing the information below.**

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# Beyond the Rescue: Avalanche and Hurricane

In September 2020, TCWR welcomed 8 new rescues to their forever home, including the 15-year old pair of brothers, Hurricane and Avalanche. Upon arrival at the facility in Indiana, our team had to assess the situation with many of the animals.

Avalanche was extremely aggressive during rescue due to his fear over the past couple of chaotic weeks. He came running, growling, and would charge the fence at anyone who walked past. This of course would mean sedation for him, but due to the aggression it would have to be administered with a dart. We always try to not have to go this route, but sometimes for the safety of the animal it becomes a necessary action.

Avalanche's behavior left us wondering how the large cat would change after he settled into his new home. The caretakers at the facility had told us that he was a very laid back cat normally and that this behavior was not normal. We were not sure what to expect of Avalanche and his brother Hurricane in the coming days and weeks as they settled in.

When we returned to Turpentine Creek we moved them into individual night houses, which are connected to each other, sharing a wall and the same large grassy habitat. Because of their temperament and fear, we decided to keep them separated from each other and in their night houses to see how they reacted as they got acclimated to their new surroundings for a few days. Our routine is extremely consistent, so the animals know exactly what to expect from us and what time frame we will be doing it in.

After a few days we gave them access to each other in the night house area and Avalanche ran right over to his brother Hurricane with lots of chuffs and rubbing. Once they had access to each other, they were given access to their habitat. They both took about a full day to leave the night house area and begin exploring their new domain. Hurricane was the first to come out of his shell; he began following animal care and greeting them with chuffs and whining, while Avalanche watched from a distance.

We continued our daily routine, giving them space, and allowing them to come to us. Sure enough, over the next few days, Avalanche made his way over and began chuffing.

Avalanche currently loves to spend his days at the bottom of the habitat sleeping in the shade and watching the trolley tour go by. Hurricane enjoys surveying his land on top of their bench and laying in the sunshine. They both love being in their pool and greeting TCWR staff with chuffs and whines.

Every animal after every rescue adjusts at their own pace; at TCWR we always give the animal the respect that they deserve as they begin to trust again. We are so excited to continue to see progress with Hurricane and Avalanche and we can't wait to see how they continue to adjust and settle into their forever home!



**These brothers have completely changed since their rescue from Wildlife In Need in Indiana. Both spend their days sleeping in the sunshine and enjoying the view of the Ozark mountains.**



**Hurricane**

**Although we released them into their new habitat together, Avalanche took a little longer to adjust. During rescue he was very stressed and aggressive but after a few weeks he has calmed down.**

**Hurricane quickly adapted to his new surroundings! This big boy loves to chuff and say hello to anyone who will listen.**



**Avalanche**



# Adapt and Overcome: Frankie Finds His Perfect Fit at Turpentine Creek

Frankie the white tiger may be smaller than the others he was rescued with, but he has a big attitude. When he first came to the Refuge in January 2019, he lived with Tommie and Robbie, both of whom were substantially larger than he was! (For reference, Robbie came to us weighing almost 700 pounds!) Eventually, we noticed the three white tigers bickering more and more, and realized Frankie was typically the instigator.

Groups of animals who live together at the Refuge generally grew up together; tigers are naturally territorial and unlike lions, they don't congregate in the wild. Sometimes, tigers at the Refuge live together their entire lives, but at other times, their natural instincts outweigh their desire to have habitat-mates. This was certainly the case of Frankie and his friends!

We made the decision to separate Frankie from Tommie and Robbie, causing the fighting to cease. In Fall of that year, he once again moved to a habitat near the white tiger couple, Bosco and Shikira II, and Tsavo the lion. He loved snooping on his neighbors and listening to Tsavo carol! This tiny fellow, who already loved life, blossomed even more with a pool all to himself and a leaf pile he could curl up in without running his former roommates off, first!

Frankie is open to new adventures- as long as he gets to retain his space! Due to our September Indiana rescue, he was moved to a larger habitat in the Lower's section on the tour loop. He loaded into the roll cage with ease, chatting with his caregivers along the way, and did not hesitate to step into his new enclosure. Some animals are too anxious to relocate, but not Frankie! He treats his moves like enrichment and loves getting different views of his home.

It's amazing how calm Frankie is on his own. He's currently made friends with Karma the liger, who lives next door. They flirt through the fence, but Frankie has made it clear he's not into roommates or commitment! He needs his space to observe the tram tours go by and serve as the "neighborhood watch," ensuring the animals residents in the surrounding habitats are behaving.

Seeing an animal's true personality shine through when conditions are made perfect for them is one of the best parts of working at TCWR. When Frankie was rescued, he was so anxious that this little tiger, who currently loads into a roll-cage with ease, had to be sedated. Like Tommie and Robbie, he was carrying extra pounds that made him lethargic and had not been getting the proper nutrients needed for him to feel well enough for bullying his brothers or flirting with pretty ligers. He also hated sharing his territory. As we resolved each issue, we were introduced to the real Frankie.

Please help us create the best environment for each unique animal we rescue by becoming a recurring donor at [TCWR.org/donate](https://www.tcwr.org/donate). They all have a story, they all have specific needs, and they all deserve the best.





# No Place Like Home

## Habitat Relocation Enriching Animals' Lives

If you are able to visit multiple times in a year, you may notice that animals are in new habitats, or your favorite animal has moved to Rescue Ridge. This year especially has had a lot of moves! Our animal care team works to ensure that our animal residents are in the best possible habitat for them. When a move needs to happen, such as when a rescue occurs, they consider multiple factors before making a decision. Some of these factors include characteristics of the habitat, while others consider the health and age of the animal.

The habitats at Turpentine Creek are species-specific, meaning they are built with specific characteristics making them better suited for one species over another. You may see a roof on some of the habitats; these are for animals who can climb or jump great distances. For animals who are not as adapted to the colder weather conditions, such as the lions and leopards, a heating element is added to their den or building to keep them warm.

Not only does the animal care team ensure the habitat is built for the species, but they also think about the specific animal. Health and age are major factors when determining where an animal can live. Since residents at Turpentine Creek come from the entertainment industry (cub petting, interactive facilities, etc.) and private ownership, many have underlying health issues that are cared for every day. Several of the cats at the Refuge were previously declawed to “make them safer” to be handled or kept as pets. Cats of any size who are declawed tend to develop arthritis earlier than other cats. Some of our habitats are built on hills, and even with pain management for their arthritis, the animals tend to begin utilizing only part of their habitat. Many of our arthritic animals are moved to Rescue Ridge to give them a chance to be more active.

Rescue Ridge is a part of Turpentine Creek that was built in 2012 in order to rescue 28 big cats from Mountainburg, AR. Because this area is entirely flat many of our older cats as well as arthritic cats live here to make it more comfortable for them. All of the dens are heated, keeping them nice and warm. Other differences in these habitats include benches and pools which are lower to the ground, making it easier for the animals to jump up or in!

One animal who moved this year was Thunder 2. You may recognize him as the tiger who likes to spray tours. He turned 17 years old this year and our animal care team decided it was a good time for him to move to Rescue Ridge. This opened his habitat up for Tigger and Floyd, two tigers who were rescued in 2019. Floyd is much more comfortable in his new home and can be seen utilizing his habitat a lot more, especially to lay under the trees!



Donner and his brother, Roman, were moved to make room for our newest rescues. Although they only moved a few habitats over, this relocation allowed them to receive a wellness exam, experience a new place and meet different neighboring animals.



As a senior cat, Thunder II benefits from a relocation to Rescue Ridge. The flatter ground is easier on aging bodies and helps with arthritis.



# Africa Cats in Arkansas

**T**urpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge is home to various animal species, some of which are African animals that are native to much warmer climates. We have multiple techniques to help them during the cold winter months, from their heated dens to mulch and more. Read more about how our animal care team preps for the winter on page 3.

Even though the animals that call TCWR home were born in captivity, and never lived in the wild, they still react to seasonal changes. During the winter months, you are less likely to see most of the African animals in their habitats than you would the cats who like the cooler temperatures.

While on tour, you might get a glimpse of the lions peeking out of their den or see them laying at the top of their hillside, close enough for a short walk back into the warmth. Usually, most of our servals, who are native to Africa, will not be seen except for a few who might come out and take a walk around their habitat to only venture back inside. Our leopards may be heard from inside their night house building. Spyke is unusual and likes to venture into his habitat in the cold, even when it's snowing! We always leave the doors open to their grassy habitat should they choose to venture outside.

Winters in Arkansas can be very cold or very mild; we never know if the winter season will bring snow, ice, or nothing at all. While visiting Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in the winter months, be sure to keep an eye out for a glimpse of those who might not be too thrilled with the chill in the air.



**Lions, like Daniel, tend to spend most of the cooler winter months napping in their den. On warmer days, you may spot them soaking up the sunshine in their habitats.**



**Bowden and our other servals prefer the warmer months; they are native to Africa and the Ozark winters are a little too cool for their tastes.**

## Welcome, Cheryl King, Assist. Promotions & Marketing Coordinator!



We want everyone to welcome our new TCWR staff addition, Promotion and Events Coordinator Cheryl King of Medina, NY. Cheryl's background in e-Business through the University of Phoenix and a thirty-year career in telecommunications left her wanting her next job to be more meaningful. "At the end of my life, it isn't about what I've done or earned, but what difference I made and how I applied my abilities." Cheryl uses her skills in developing traditional advertising relationships and digital marketing to expand TCWR recognition.

According to Cheryl, she once dreamed of being a veterinarian, and her home always had a cat in attendance. "Being able to help the exotic cats at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge is a dream come true I never knew I still harbored until fate brought our paths together." She feels the TCWR team is united by their shared love of these majestic animals. "When people are passionate about what they do they can do the unimaginable and it is magical to be a part of that."



# Growing Up Free: Tanya & Kizmin

If you have the pleasure of seeing a box tower of enrichment perched atop Tanya and Kizmin's habitat bench before it goes tumbling down from the white tiger sisters' enthusiasm, you are truly lucky! This temporary tower doesn't last long once the girls are released from their nighthouse to enjoy!

With their unending vigor and curiosity, we sometimes forget Tanya and Kizmin have grown from the tiny cubs we rescued in Colorado to adolescent big cats. Usually, we don't get to watch animals grow over the course of their entire lifetime, but with these sisters, it's different. They were born to Shakira II and Bosco the day we arrived at the Colorado pseudo-sanctuary back in 2016. Unlike Shakira II's and Bosco's other babies, these little cubs were never exposed to the horrors of cub petting.

From the moment their eyes opened, these ladies have been feisty, and now at age four they show no signs of slowing down. Tanya has always been more high-energy than her sister; Kizmin is okay with the occasional slow afternoon of people-watching and belly-up napping in the sun. Tanya much prefers a never-ending stream of prowling and playing. It doesn't take much for her to encourage Kizmin to stop relaxing and join in!

These two enjoy interacting with neighbors and team members from their side of the enclosure. Positioned in the habitat directly across from Bam Bam, the beloved grizzly, the pair will instigate a game of stalk-and-chase with the bear. When neighbors, Lakota, Joey, Khaleesi, and Aurora are playing, Tanya and Kizmin join in as if there are no barriers in place. They will lovingly "chuff" at team members then pounce the moment a back is turned.



Despite the fact that these sisters might look a lot alike, they have unique personalities and distinctive strip patterns that help us tell them apart!



Kizmin and Tanya might have been born at a cub-petting facility, but they never had to suffer from exploitation, because their birthday was also the day that Turpentine Creek took over the facility and shut it down for good.



These two sisters love destroying enrichment, especially tall piles of it!

All their rambunctious energy is best channeled through their truly favorite type of play: tall-tier enrichment! Animal Care Team members will swatch boxes with non-toxic paint, spritz perfume and sometimes add a few treats inside then pile them atop the tallest portion of Tanya and Kizmin's habitat bench. The girls are temporarily locked inside their night house area while staff sets up, but the young tigers watch every moment with wide eyes; they know what is about to happen. Groaning, chuffing, and almost dancing with excitement, the girls explode out of their night house area the moment the door opens and leap with an incredible bound onto the habitat bench! Boxes fly, and occasionally, the sisters will get so overwhelmed with glee that they will almost follow suit!

Tanya and Kizmin have never known anything but quality care; they have always had the freedom to play and act out without being treated like a pet, prop, or plaything, themselves. They will always be safe at their forever home at Turpentine Creek. You can provide continued, lifelong care for Tanya, Kizmin, and other Survivors of the Big Cat Trade by becoming a recurring donor. Five dollars a month can replenish paint, paper, and some treat supplies used to create enrichment to keep these wild cats engaged.

Please visit [TCWR.org/donate](https://www.tcwr.org/donate) to learn more.

**Our donation means more than ever for the animals depending on us; donate today!**



# Enjoy Winter Safely - with Tigers!

Winter time typically makes us gravitate towards more indoor activities for socializing, at movie theaters, shopping malls, and restaurants. This year, everything is different. Due to COVID, we all know that outside in fresh air is the safest place for families and friends to gather. So, layer up the family, grab a couple cozy blankets and come out to Turpentine Creek this winter to let our animal residents and their stories of hope lift your spirits and inspire you!

Rest assured, we'll safely distance you from other groups while you snuggle together on our tram tour. Make Lasting memories with your loved ones as you take in the beauty of our Ozark wooded hills while observing and learning about our animal residents, some of whom especially enjoy this season: Tigers LOVE the cooler temps! On a bright winter's day, you'll likely find them basking in the sun, playing together, or stalking you on the tram (a favorite pastime that encourages their natural instincts).

Don't let a little precipitation keep you away, it just means another form of enrichment for them to play in, and the tram has a roof. After your guided tour, we encourage you to peruse our educational gifts on your way out to take home a memento that will bring back memories of all of the incredible animals you met at the Refuge, with 100% of proceeds going towards their care!



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