HABITAT OPENING:
Emily McCormack & Carrie Trudeau

2004 has proved to be a very successful year in construction, producing three natural habitats. This year alone, 11 animals have been released into these new large enclosures. The most recent release on October 16th allowed Bonnie and Vain, two tigers, to explore their new home. On rotation in this habitat are two more tigers, Pretzel and Siam, who were released two days later. A total of 14 habitats housing 47 animals have been built since the project started in 1998. In addition to the habitat construction, we have also enlarged the living space of 10 animals living in the main compound.

These expansions and improvements are essential to provide our current population of cats the lifestyle they deserve. However, it is impossible to ignore the many other cats in search of a safe home. This past year we have exhausted our building supplies, and have very little room to take in more cats. We try to refer people to other facilities, however we are one of very few refuges that take in cats for free, rather than charging the previous owner a large sum of money. TCWR is determined to continue with our mission of rescuing these cats in need. To do so we need your support in replenishing our building supplies. By donating wire, pipe, rebar, welding materials, or making a monetary donation to our habitat fund you will help make these rescues possible. We extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated this year, supporters both old and new. Accept our challenge, and make 2005 even more productive so our success can continue to grow.

Letter From The President
By Tanya Smith

What a wonderful summer season for TCWR! Thanks to each and every person that helped to make it successful. I personally want to thank our great ambassadors: our local community, the media, TCWR family members, TCWR lifetime members, staff, interns, and all volunteers.

We had a busy Oct. too, thanks to everyone that helped make it happen. Congratulations to Pat Quinn and Dianne Harvey for the extra hard work to make our First Safari Days Art Auction a great success. Thanks to our staff for a successful habitat opening, Halloween Spooktacular and Trail of Terror. Let’s not forget

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those that helped with the Toys for Tots Benefit and ABATE district 8. I would also like to thank D. Author and Lisa Wilson and The Hamilton House for the fantastic art show in Hot Springs. All of these people are creating change through their knowledge of the need for TCWR.

TCWR has undergone a face-lift. We encourage each and every one of you to come and take a look. The Barn (Gift Shop), Bunk House, B& Bs, Cottage, RV Park and Stage received a few coats of paint. The mobile home parked next to the Gift Shop has been of great use to us as an office, home, vet clinic and storage facility. We have recently moved it down the mountain to serve as housing for staff. It is in need of repairs. A huge “thank you” goes out to Mark and Angela Richardson and the Friends of TCWR- KC Chapter for getting a stove, washer, and dryer for the house. We still need furniture, decking for the floor and floor covering.

A special thank you to Martin and Elise Roenigk, owners of the Basin Park Hotel and the Crescent Hotel and Spa, for donating $11,000.00 to pay to have the new well finished which now provides the habitats with water.

The main entrance will also change soon. The Arkansas Highway Department is building a passing lane in front of our property, and they plan to use our main entrance as the right of way. Our Entrance signs will have to be relocated. I want to give everyone a heads up so you do not think we are closed. We will be open everyday except for Christmas Day through 2004/2005.

Take advantage of seeing Eureka Springs in the fall and winter months. Visiting the heartland of the Ozark Mountains is an unforgettable experience. It is also nice to finally get to see the tigers, lions and cougars in their natural enclosures. This summer the grass was hard to control in those areas. This fact, when coupled with the animal’s natural camouflage, made some of our cats hard to see. But when you could see them, it was awesome. This time of year you can see everyone!

Remember our gift shop for those special gifts this holiday season: 2005 TCWR calendars, TCWR videos, CD’s, photos, stuffed animals, T-shirts, hats, etc… You can also adopt or sponsor a cat for a friend or loved one as a gift. Adoptions come with a family membership and sponsorships come with a lifetime membership to TCWR. When every animal is fully adopted or sponsored the Refuge will be that much closer to being able to build more habitats and develop more of our 459 acres.

Check out our special events calendar in this newsletter. There are listings of where we will be appearing for auctions, benefits, educational seminars, media stations, plus all upcoming events at TCWR. Mark your calendars and join us. Be sure to check out our web site for any updates at www.tigers.tc.

Until next time,

Tanya
the Memberships and Adoptions to help us survive the cold winter months when no one will come up our driveway to see the animals.

We have a new animal that I didn’t think we would ever have!!!! It is a female coyote. Her mother was hit by a car and killed and the puppy was there beside her. Someone picked her up and brought her to us. Of course, I am trying to make a dog out of her. She is a real sweetheart except she is very shy and does not come out of her den when strangers are around. Her name is Cheyenne and she is beautiful. She is at the age that she wants to play. I can’t get a leash on her so I can’t carry her for a walk. Oh well!!!! Maybe someday I will be able to.

Our bookkeeper, Glenda Huskey’s mother is very ill, so she had to stop doing our bookkeeping. We sure miss her. Please keep her mother in your prayers. Clif’s new wife, Phyllis has taken over her duties. I feel as if things always seem to work out, not always for the best (we think) but they do work out. I keep telling everyone just to have faith. We will make it through another winter, which I completely believe. With your help and prayers and the help of all our supporters, we will make it. We always do, sometimes I don’t know how, but we do.

Until next time, with God’s help, I remain your friend,

Hilda P.

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Exotic Cat Internship

Turpentine Creek is accepting applications for full-time positions at the Refuge.

A degree (BS or BA) in an animal related discipline is preferred, but all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

The internship is for an animal keeper position.

Job Description: duties include cleaning cages, habitats and compound; feeding and medicating animals; assisting with maintenance, upkeep, and habitat construction; participating in occasional public promotions.

Compensation

Weekly cash stipend of $50 for living expenses, as well as housing on the refuge in a comfortable cottage, which has heat, air conditioning, utilities, full bath, kitchen, satellite TV, access to internet, and a washer and dryer. All management lives on the refuge also.

New positions begin:
August 15, 2005; positions last six months.

Deadline for application:
April 15, 2005

To Apply:
Send your resume and cover letter to: Emily McCormack, 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Email: Emily@turpentinecreek.org

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The photo above includes 4 staff members plus eight current interns. These great people are the ones who give our animals their rich lifestyle.

Lacey Braun- University of Nebraska- BS Biology 2003
Brandi Fiske- Randolph-Macon Woman’s College- BS Biology 2004
Meredith Goodell- Brown University- BS Biology 2004
Lisa Komarczyk- University of California- BS Biology 2002
Alison Randel- University of Wisconsin- BS Biology 2003
Amy Schacht- Mars Hill College- BS Zoology 2004
Ashleigh Trievel- Mars Hill College- BS Zoology 2004
Ellen Vossekull- Ripon College- BA Biology

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Do your Christmas Shopping and Help the Cats Too!

By Laurie Vanderwal

Shirts are now available. Demonstrate your love for our Mission.

When visiting Turpentine Creek, the first place you see is our gift shop. It was originally a barn and still structurally appears to be a barn, but upon entering, you are bombarded with many big cat related souvenirs and gift items. This year we were able to paint the front of our gift shop and are in the process of building a picnic area next to the building.

The main goal of the refuge is to rescue and care for unwanted and abused exotic cats, which of course requires funding. One of the easiest ways to help is to come and visit. Your entire admission cost goes towards the care of the cats, as do all the proceeds from any gift shop items purchased. Buying things from our gift shop allows you to both help the cats and bring something home for yourself or family members to remember your time at the refuge.

In addition to our regular T-shirts, we have added new T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts honoring Kenny, our white tiger with a facial deformity. The shirts proclaim “I ♥ Kenny” and have his picture on the front and our logo on the back or sleeve. We also have beautiful cherry wood picture frames engraved with the TCWR logo. These are excellent way to show off your best photos from the refuge or buy a photo or postcard here to display.

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All of these items would make wonderful gifts for yourself or any loved one. If you just don’t know what to buy, you can purchase gift certificates. This is a great idea, especially during the Christmas season. We can mail gift certificates for specific items, such as stays at the overnight accommodations or adoptions or for any cash amount, which can then be used towards admission or the purchase of anything in our gift shop. For more information about these items or the gift certificates, simply call or email the refuge.

Photo CD’s (Vol. 1&2) Are Available.

These photo CD’s are packed full of photos of our cats. Vol. 1 is all tigers. Vol. 2 has lions and cougars too. Each cost $10 + S&H.

2005 Calendars Are Ready to Order

The 2005 calendars are packed with great photos. Each month features a cat that once lived in a small cage and now lives in a huge habitat. The monthly photos show both. You can help get the other cats a habitat by purchasing a 2005 calendar. They make great gifts too.
Rescues
By Emily McCormack

On July 27, 2004, we rescued a young male black bear. Koda, who was six months old at the time of the rescue, was living in a house with a couple in Oklahoma. Even though Koda was young, and not much bigger than a medium sized dog, he became aggressive and dangerous like a bear is. The couple decided that Koda didn’t make such a great pet and brought him to Arbuckle Wilderness Park in Oklahoma. This facility is in the process of building enclosures and did not have one that could contain a bear. They then contacted Turpentine Creek, knowing that we had other bears. Koda is now living next door to Boo Boo another male black bear, and seems to be enjoying his surroundings.

Wildlife Weddings

Your special once-in-a-lifetime moment can be even more memorable when you tie the know with hundreds of Big Cats as part of your wedding party! Let Darla and the animals of TCWR help make your wedding “Truly” memorable. Darla will coordinate what ever you desire: caterers, florist, and entertainment. It is up to you to choose. Get married on the wild side!

TCWR has developed many ways to utilize the land to support the animals. One way is through renting the front lawn for events. We have electricity, lights and a stage. We also have room for up to 60 vendors. Hold your next event or gathering at the Refuge. Contact Darla at 479-253-3781 or email her at: darla@turpentinecreek.org.

Most Urgent Needs

November 13th we had an inspection by the USDA. They grant the license to TCWR to operate. We were asked to upgrade the perimeter fence in the areas that commonly have many guest. To complete this upgrade we need $2000 for 2x4 bull panels. This expense hit us right at the end of our tourist season. Please help with this matter. Thanks.

Koda shown here with his previous owner on the day he arrived.

Stay in our B&B and enjoy the sounds of the lions caroling.

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge www.tigers.tc
Since the formation of TCWR, the founders have talked about having Friends Chapters located across the country. Throughout the years, several people have tossed around the idea. This year the Friends Chapter became a reality!! January 1st Friends of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge Incorporated. Our purpose is to establish a working organization dedicated to raising funds to facilitate the planning and production of public events to benefit TCWR, as well as increase awareness and work toward better legislation to alleviate the problem of big cat ownership and breeding.

The Kansas City Chapter formed right along with the Corporation. They have hosted several fundraisers this year, and are formulating events for 2005. These events will include the Annual Benefit, Auction and the “Call of the Wild” picnic. We are very excited about our newest development, the “Ride for the Wild” motorcycle rally that will begin in KC and wrap up at TCWR. For more information on these events, how you can become a member and what you can do right here in KC to help, check out our website www.FOTCWR-KC.org or e-mail FOTCWR-KC@att.net.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the formulation of a Friends Chapter in Wichita, Kansas. They have created a Board of Directors and are looking for more people to become involved in their effort to help TCWR in Wichita. They are laying their plans for the annual Wichita benefit to be held March 12; and will also be making plans throughout the year including participating in the “Ride for the Wild” motorcycle rally, to help raise funds and awareness in that area of the country. For more information on the Wichita Chapter contact Sandra Weaver, Director, at foreverphotog@aol.com or 316-687-9452.

The Chapter’s have grassroots fundraisers and Chapter memberships in order to facilitate public events for TCWR. The KC April 2004 benefit marked the first Chapter sponsored event. We could not have done this without the local TCWR advocates’ support. Anything an individual does, goes back to directly benefit the mission of TCWR, whether it be by joining a Chapter, volunteering, participation in grassroots fundraisers by selling or buying items, or by simply attending an event. Therefore, if you feel you cannot make a difference, the local Chapters’ are proof that one individual’s contribution does make a difference.

Our wish is to have a Friends Chapter formed in each and every major city where TCWR has supporters. For more information about forming a Chapter where you live contact Angela Richardson, Executive Director at AngelaFOTCWR@att.net or call 816-630-5552.

Safari Days A Success

By Patricia Quinn

I am happy to report that our first Safari Days Art Competition/Auction in October was a great success for both the Big Cats of Turpentine Creek and for the artists. We had 40 artists displaying over 100 beautiful pieces of original artwork throughout the entire month. From the sales of the artwork plus some very generous donations, we raised over $12,000 with half of that going directly to the cats and the rest to the artists.

We are already working on Safari Days 2005 so if anyone is interested in joining the next competition fundraiser, please email pat@turpentinecreek.org or call her at (479) 253-5841 Monday-Thursday for details and/or to enter.

Thanks to all the artist who made this possible.

Here is Snuffy, our Badger, taking his first steps into his new enclosure. As we build habitats our animals in the compound get bigger cages. Building habitats give all the animals a better life.
Refuge Wish List

1. Prayers
2. Donations
3. Safety Supplies
   - First Aid Kit
   - Gloves
4. Cleaning Supplies
   - Paper Towels
   - Toilet Paper
   - Scrub Brushes
   - Rubber Gloves
   - Garbage Bags
5. Tools
   - Water hoses (3/4 inch)
   - Hose Clamps
   - Hammers
   - Skill Saw
   - Plyers
   - Welding Rods (6011)
   - Pipe Chop Saw
   - Trowels (for concrete)
   - Hack Saw + Blades
   - Concrete Saw
6. Caging Materials
   - T-post (5’, 6’, or 8’)
   - Steel Pipe (1” to 3”)
   - Metal Water Bowls
   - Baling Wire
   - Concrete and Sackcrete
   - Black Spray Paint
   - Sheet Metal (all sizes)
   - Lumber (all kinds and sizes)
7. Office Supplies
   - 8.5”x11” Copy Paper
   - Stamps
   - 3 mil and 5mil Laminators
   - Paper cutter
8. Medical Supplies
   - Syringes (All Sizes)
   - Needles (14 and 16 gauge)
   - Gauze (all sizes)
   - Surgical Supplies (Clippers)
9. Equipment
   - Back Hoe
   - Road Grader
   - Vehicles (used or new, gas efficient)

Sponsor Or Adopt Your Own Big Cat

Sponsorship
Small Animal or bird--$500/yr. or $50/mo.
Small Cat--$750/yr. or $75/mo.
Large Animal or Monkey--$1,000/yr. or $150/mo.
Lion, Tiger, or Bear--$2,000/yr. or $200/mo.

Adoptions
We are coordinating 20 people or families to jointly sponsor each animal. This program is fun for the family and comes with a Free Family Membership! You can visit as often as you wish for an entire year. You also receive a certificate with a photo of your adopted animal.

Small Animal or Monkey-$75/yr.
Small Cat--$75/yr.
Cougar or Leopard--$90/yr.
Lion, Tiger, or Bear--$100/yr.

By adopting or sponsoring an animal at TCWR you are making a conscious effort to help further our mission:
To provide lifetime refuge for abandoned, abused, and neglected “Big Cats” with emphasis on Tigers, Lions, Leopards, and Cougars.

The Call of the Wild B&B

Each room has a queen size bed and a sleeper sofa, along with a private bath, a garden tub, and a separate shower. Rooms are $100 per night. This includes admission to the Refuge for two people. All facilities have satellite TV and are close to the animals. See our website: www.tigers.tc. We also have RV sites available.

Upcoming Events

March 5, 2005--Kansas City benefit. Watch future newsletters and our website for more specific dates and times.

March 12, 2005--Wichita benefit. Watch future newsletters and our website for more specific dates and times.

March 26-27, 2005--Kite Festival at TCWR. 10 AM to 4 PM

April 17, 2005--Chicago Benefit. Watch future newsletters and our website for more specific dates and times.

Your participation in these events is greatly appreciated.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From All The Cats!

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It is through your direct support that the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge is able to provide quality care for all the animals. Your contribution for the Family Adoptions, Sponsorships, Natural Habitats, and Unrestricted Donations are all Tax Deductible under IRS Code #509(a)(2) as described in Section #501(c)(3) of the IRS Regulations. Our tax number is 71-0721742. Mailing address: Turpentine Creek 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, Eureka Springs, AR. 72632.

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  Name of animal
__Sponsorships (___________) $_______
  Name of animal
__The Best Stories Ever Told CD $30  $_______
__Photo CD’s #____@ $13.00 #1or #2  $_______
__Family Membership $50.00 $_______
__Single Membership  $30.00 $_______

Total Donation  $_______