Letter From The President - Happy New Year!
Tanya Smith/Founder

Happy Holidays! Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge has had an interesting year. Thank you for all you have done to help. Winters are one of the most exciting times due to the cats’ heightened activity. Most of the animals love the cooler weather but it can be hard on the old and injured animals. We are revamping our wish list for the winter months. We need everyone to send or bring heaters, blankets, latex gloves (we use 25 pair each day), Lowes and Walmart gift cards. Come visit the refuge this winter and wear warm clothes, lots of layers; you never know what the day will bring. Plan to stay the night with us. We have eight rooms and seven RV sites available and we get a little lonely in the winter because visitors are scarce.

With life so busy for everyone I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate all of you. Without you, TCWR would not exist. Through your love, we see so many accomplishments. Over 300 interns have gone through our internship program and are now working/running zoos and wildlife refuges worldwide. Many have become veterinarians, fought for animal rights, and have created their own families. We are blessed for the interns (now staff members) that stayed with us to train the new incoming group. These kind, good hearted people care for all the Big Cats every day, rain, snow or sleet. As one of the founding members of TCWR, I thank them all from the depths of my heart! Dedication is the foundation of the refuge.

My house has been full of excitement since May with the baby tigers, BB King and Mack’s, birth and then in August the baby leopard, Spyke. The tigers have been out of the house for quite some time but Spyke just started staying nights at the refuge. It was such a sad day when he no longer was coming home with me. This is a prime example of why people should not raise these animals in their backyards, basements and homes. They get big quickly. At four months old, Spyke was too much for inside living and had to leave. He now loves his time in his new home and is a sight to see jumping, climbing, and running through the maze of enrichment items given to him.

Great news! The first pipe have been driven to start the next natural enclosure. The excitement grows as we see it staked out and starting to become a reality. We have a commitment from Lynne McNutt, a supporter from Temperance, Michigan, to fund the cougar habitat. We do need to secure the funding for the leopard habitat. Please help get Vada, Santania, Zambo, and Spyke a habitat built so they can climb high on branches and run through the grass. Wouldn’t that be awesome? I can see it now...

Long time supporters, Jane and Gary Cooper invited their Elks Lodge members and friends to a benefit at their beautiful home to introduce them to TCWR. It was a fun event that created a lot of interest in the refuge and some generous donations. Would you be willing to do the same for the refuge?

D. Arthur and Lisa Wilson also hosted an event in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where we brought the babies, and D. Arthur sketched the cats while the Legacy Gallery patrons watched. It was amazing. Afterwards, the art was offered in a silent auction and the bidding wars began. It was a fun night with good food, friends and Big Cats. This was the 7th annual art benefit that the Wilson’s have hosted for TCWR.

See “President” page 2.

Purchase toys for the animals at: www.sanctuarysupplies.com/wishlist.asp

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**Adoption Program**

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Certificates make great gifts!

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.

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D. Arthur has offered prints for sale of his creation of “The Three Amigos” from his original artwork of BB King, Spyke, and Mack. Image size is 36” x 11.75” and is a Limited Edition Giclee of only 100 signed and numbered copies. The Retail price is $75.00 plus $6.50 Shipping and Handling for a total cost of $83.50. Each print will be shipped priority mail, rolled in a tube with a certificate of authenticity. This print is so great we bought one for our home and I encourage you to do the same.

We need more of these fundraisers happening all over the country. These are a couple of examples of ideas where supporters help the refuge by taking action and being creative to spread the mission of TCWR. I have found that if you are an animal lover then you probably have friends that also love animals. Reach out and share the TCWR mission with your friends and family to help us gain that exponential growth that we need to save lives. Together we are making a difference!

Holiday gifts are available to you through this newsletter. Please help make this winter struggle a little less painful for TCWR. While you are giving gifts to your loved ones you can be helping the Big Cats at the same time. 2009 calendars, memberships, adoptions and sponsorships are available and make great gifts. Please help. Until next time...

**“The Christmas Song”**

(Chestnuts roasting on an open fire…)

The Big Cat Version
By Carrie Trudeau

Cougars coasting in an open field
Spyke nipping at their heels
A Yuletide carol, sung by a lion choir
Staff dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a chicken and some little does
Help get lions through the night
Tiny tigers, their eyes all aglow
Won’t find it hard to eat tonight

They know that Santa’s on his way
With lots of goodies pulling his sleigh
And every cat intern is gonna see
If reindeer can out run Whitney

And so I’m offering this simple phrase
To prey from one to ninety-two pounds
Although it’s been said many times, many ways
Scary Christmas for you!
New Arrival
By Carrie Trudeau/Staff Biologist

As you may remember from our last newsletter, we spent the summer caring for our large crop of new arrivals, including three unexpected cubs born to recently arrived mothers. Those two tiger cubs and leopard cub will need larger enclosures as they grow. Because of our need to ensure the comfort and care of cats already in our care, our ability to rescue this quarter was limited due to lack of space. However, we were able to welcome yet another young face to the refuge. Tiger, a four month old male bobcat, was rescued from Forsyth, Missouri. He was found in the woods near a dumpster on a construction site by a worker who decided to take him home to nurse him to health. At the time he was found he was so young his eyes were unopened. For the first couple weeks Tiger was fine in his new captive home. However, it didn’t take him long to start exhibiting the characteristics of a wild cat. After attacking their one year old daughter twice, which resulted in a bite to the face that may leave a scar for life, the family decided Tiger needed a more appropriate home. Through a friend of a friend, Tiger landed at the refuge. Aside from needing to put on a little weight, Tiger is a healthy bobcat kitten, and is adjusting to the TCWR staff and interns nicely. He is a welcomed friendly face to our growing family.

Cub Update
Emily McCormack, Staff Zoologist/Volunteer Coordinator

Tigers BB King and Mack and leopard cub, Spyke, were an unexpected joy this summer. In our last cub update, we talked about how we have been training the tiger cubs, BB and Mack. This training has progressed nicely and prepared them and the staff for dealing with full grown tigers. At only six months old, direct contact with the two cubs is limited to senior staff and only when absolutely necessary for transport. Starting training early for Mack and BB has allowed us to have no direct contact during care and minor vet treatment. During meal times, the tigers are now trained to allow staff to handle their tails from outside the cage, even allowing needle pricks with no objection. This will be extremely valuable down the line for vaccinations and if the cubs need veterinary care. The cubs have been weaned off their bottles, but milk can still be used as a treat. Holding bottles up from the outside of the cage allows the staff to check claws and pads safely while the tigers stand against the wire. Leopard cub Spyke has proven to be a bit more of a challenge. At only 3 1/2 months old, Spyke already exhibits the instincts and skills of an adult leopard. He stalks, jumps, claws, climbs, and bites anything that moves, especially the person with the bottle. Until Spyke is old enough to be weaned from his bottle, the staff must be able to have direct contact with him. At this point, the extent of Spyke’s training has been teaching him not to “bite the hand that feeds him”. This involves the use of a No Bottle (spray bottle with a vinegar/water mix) and lots of the word “NO!!”. Safety of both cubs and caregivers alike is of prime importance for us. Spyke is never allowed to freely bite and scratch us at will, however a few minor scrapes are expected in order for him to receive proper nutrition at this time.

We are confident that BB and Mack’s early training has paved the road for a healthier, happier future at the refuge. Although Spyke’s training is progressing a bit slower, above all else we will make Spyke a strong and healthy adult leopard, keeping everyone safe in the process.
Cougar Habitat Construction Underway!
Carrie Trudeau/Staff Biologist
Ariel, Suli, Ruby, Shasta, Luna and Sasha are ready! The six female cougars have been waiting patiently for construction on their habitat to begin. Finally, in October donations started to arrive and ground has been broken to start building our next cougar habitat. We have already done dirt work and started building the lockdowns in our brand new cougar run. Its location is adjacent to our existing cougar habitat in our top field. Visitors will be able to view the new enclosure without taking the guided tour. The sooner we can move these beautiful cougars into their habitat, the sooner we will have space to rescue more animals in need.

As soon as our cougar run is complete, we would like to start construction on our very first leopard habitat. Our popular black leopard, Vada, would love to lounge on a tree branch in a natural enclosure. Seeing him enjoying a natural habitat along with our newer leopards, Santania, Zambo, and their son, Spyke, would be a beautiful sight. No donation is too big or too small! Thanks for any help you can give to these deserving animals.

**Now Open!** The Zulu Safari Guest Lodge is now taking reservations to complete your adventure at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Overlooking the sprawling Eureka Springs valley, with beautiful sunrises and magnificent sunsets and the caroling of the Big Cats, all five cabins are ready for occupancy. Each room has an exceptional personality, along with snuggly spa robes, luxurious bedding and linens, coffees and coffee pots, continental breakfast, color TV / DVD player, refrigerators and microwaves and clock radios. For rainy days or after hours, the rooms also have their own collection of favorite games and books. Cast iron fire places and air conditioning keeps you comfortable during the changing seasons too. Each room is also furnished with African Drums for those who care to start a drumming! Along with the spacious hot tub, the units share a 40’ Octagonal Deck, complete with a charming covered Gazebo and Fire Pit. Tables and chairs surround the area for comfortable relaxing or light dining. See our web site for instant booking. See ya on the wild side! Adults only.
Recent Attacks:  
Why TCWR Is Different

It isn’t news to anyone that owning a big cat as a pet is extremely dangerous and many times leads to attacks and maulings. In recent months it has been irresponsible tourist attractions littering the news with big cat attacks. In early August, Missouri had two attacks in two days. On August 3rd, a man was attacked at Wesa-A-Geh-Ya in Warren County, Missouri. He had entered a cage with a tiger to clean the area. The man lost part of a leg. The very next day, a 16 year old volunteer at Interactive Zoo and Aquarium in Branson, Missouri, was mauled by three tigers as he entered the cage to take pictures for tourists. On October 29th, Safari’s Interactive Animal Sanctuary in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma made headlines with a mauling of their own. A volunteer entered a cage with a liger carrying a deer carcass. The man was mauled to death.

As scary as these attacks are, the answer to how this can happen lies in the very stories themselves. All three attacks happened because the individuals entered a cage with a dangerous wild animal. Entering a cage with a big cat under any circumstances by a person with any level of experience is extremely dangerous. The reason Turpentine Creek has never had an attack is because we do not put ourselves or anyone else at risk by opening or entering cages unless the animal is secured elsewhere. We have a double and sometimes triple-check system, by which no one is allowed access to an animal enclosure without two or three sets of eyes and hands checking to make sure doors are secure and locks are engaged. At no point does any intern or staff member enter a cage with an animal that has not been sedated for medical procedures. This includes our smaller animals as well. Even our 6 month old tiger cubs are not handled by staff unless absolutely necessary. If an animal is sedated for veterinarian care, they are still restrained and their eyes covered to prevent stimulation. Our visitors are kept a safe distance away from all enclosures to prevent interaction with any of our animals, including the cubs we so rarely have. Taking these precautions has prevented the facility from having any attacks and any escapes in the sixteen years of its existence.

2008 Brought These Special Animals To The Refuge

Due to newly passed laws, our owners were forced to move or get rid of us. Their home did not sell so we had to go.

Nobody knew it, but we were nestled in Tigger G’s (our mother) womb. Soon after her arrival, we were born.

My owner was keeping me illegally and was caught.

I was found all by myself, my mother was not around.

All four of us were living in a zoo up north where it got very cold. People came and took away all the animals to new homes. Luckily, we went south where it is much warmer, with good food.

I made the trip south floating in my mother’s tummy.

Our owner was aging and could no longer care for us properly. We love our new home and the people who care for us.

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In past years you may have had a hard time finding availability in our guest rooms on the dates you desire. To address this problem we have added five more lodges for a total of eight choices, each very different and all close to the animals. To enhance our reservation services we have made it possible to book your room online at your convenience. You may, however, pick up the phone and call our main number (479-253-5841). Weekends are still in high demand so book your room early. Through the years we have listened to our supporters express their desire to stay on the Refuge property and submerge their minds in the serenity the animals drive into the soul. Sitting on the porch or lying in bed with a window cracked you can hear the lions caroling all night. As guests exit they are quick to mention how life-changing and unforgettable their experience was. Spend the night with us on your next visit. Quality of life is defined by our experiences. Staying on the property with the animals is an experience your family will cherish always.

Reserve Your Room Today www.turpentinecreek.org

Family Membership $50
Single Membership $30

It’s that time again. Renew your membership now to maximize your value. Memberships are good from time of purchase through 12/31/2009. Unlimited visits to the refuge for your family will provide you with priceless memories and help the animals too. Simply fill in the form on the last page.

2009 Calendars Are Here. Order Today!

Turpentine Creek sells calendars each year to raise funds for our habitat building program. We used to have to charge $20 each. Again this year we were able to find a good deal on printing so we are charging only $10. Last year was a huge success, TCWR sold almost all the calendars! Imagine the advertising they do hanging in prominent places. Together with calendar sales and good folks like you donating money to the habitat fund, we were able to build 4 new habitats in 2008 from donations received in 2007. So far this year (2008) we have had one habitat funded. The year has nearly ended. So, this is where you come in; the donor who needs a calendar plus a few to give to friends. On the back page there is an order form for both calendars and habitat donations. When ordering you need only figure the S&H once. Please help in these questionable times. All TCWR’s animals deserve habitats despite what’s going on in the world around them. Please help.

2009 Calendars For Sale Now!
Order on our website or use the order form on back page.

Turpentine Creek Winter Hours
TCWR is open every day from 9am-5pm. Guided habitat tours are available hourly from 11am-3pm. Feeding can be observed at 4pm daily. Winter is the best time to view the animals. Cool weather equals fun!

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Vaccinations Are Costly
Laurie Vanderwal/Staff Zoologist

All cats require vaccinations to stay healthy; this is true of big cats as well as domestic. For anyone that has been to the vet’s office with their cat they understand the stress that many cats feel when given a shot. This is even more exaggerated when working with exotics. Many of the big cats are very aggressive when given a shot creating a stressful situation for the cat as well as for those administering the injection. Normally, vaccinations are given in 2 separate shots; one is a rabies vaccine while the other covers various other diseases. Having to administer 2 separate shots to each cat increases this stress level even more.

There is a vaccine that combines these 2 separate shots into one which allows us to only have to give each cat a single injection greatly reducing the stress on the animals and the staff. Unfortunately the cost of this combined vaccination is about double the cost of the 2 separate vaccines. Each of these vaccines costs around $10 which when multiplied by over 100 cats ends up being a huge expense on the refuge. To help out the refuge you can donate towards the cost of these vaccinations, or if you are able to help with donations of the vaccinations themselves please contact the refuge for more information.

Dear Santa,
My name is BB King. I am 6 months old. For Christmas I want to grow bigger than my brother Max so I can beat him at wrestling. I would also like a thick fluffy winter coat to keep me warm. Maybe you could bring me a new bull to play with. Here are some other things I need too: As maybe you could bring me an extra small, tender rind deer.

Things My Caregivers Need ...

1. Prayers
2. Donations
3. Cleaning Supplies
   Trash Bags
   Household Cleaners
   Paper Towels
   Toilet Paper
   Scrub Brushes
   Latex Gloves (25 pair/day)
4. Tools
   Concrete Trowels
   Metal Chop Saw and Blades
   Pliers
   Hammers
   Hose Clamps
   Hose Nozzles
   Skill Saw and Blades
   Welding Rods (6011 - 3/32)
   Concrete Forms
   16-20 Ton Jacks
   Common Hand Tools
   Lowes-Home Depot Gift Cards
5. Caging Materials
   Black Spray Paint
   Lumber (All Sizes - New)
   Rebar (3/4-1 Inch)
   Metal Roofing
   Water Pools For Cats
   Donations For Pipe and Wire
6. Office Supplies
   Compact Copy Machine
   Laminating Sheets (3&5 Mil)
   Packing Tape
   Scotch Tape
   Epson Glossy Paper
   Laptop Computer
7. Landscaping Items
   Top Soil
   Sod
   Mowers - Gas Powered
   Weed Eaters - Gas Powered
   Landscape Timbers
   Grass Seed - Kentucky Blue
8. Equipment
   Welder - Gas Powered
   4 X 4 Vehicles
   Road Grader
9. Vet Care Items
   Metal Hub Needles
   14,16 and 18 Gauge
   Lactated Ringers - 1 Liter

Bequest Your Best
It is important to the staff of TCWR that our mission continues to thrive without us, the people. The mission was designed to be long-lived and continue for future generations. For this to happen we need your help. As you are making preparations for your estate, consider helping the animals at TCWR. What you can’t take with you can help these Big 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: 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, Eureka Springs, AR. 72632. 479-253-5841 www.turpentinecreek.org.

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Meet Tiger, our latest arrival.
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