



Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge

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Willy
December's Cat
of the Month

Letter From The President

Tanya Smith/Founder

Wow! My life seems to be speeding by. Refuge work, rescues, fundraisers, TV and media work, Chamber work, parents, kids, family, friends, etc... TCWR life never slows down. It seems that the world is spinning so fast it is hard to keep up. Every six months we say hello and goodbye to a new group of interns. I think we are at a record high on moving our animal population around; trying to make sure that everyone likes their neighbor. So when you visit, ask one of the interns or staff where your favorite animal is because they might have been moved.

I am so proud to report at the 60th Annual Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge was nominated for four awards, and won three of them. Scott Smith, our Vice-President won Man of the Year, I won Business Ambassador of the Year, and TCWR won Business of the Year. Thanks for the vote of confidence Eureka. We've come a long way baby!

The Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular was awesome, thanks to all the volunteers. We gave out over 400 tickets for the hayride and were able to get everyone through before 10:00 p.m. Some of the volunteers came all the way from Indiana. You all are great.

BamBam the grizzly bear is in the main compound now and loves all the attention. He is a beautiful young bear that is going to need lots of space in the future. The next jump for habitat expansion is going to require us to move electric and water across the road from the current habitats, plus build a new perimeter fence around the new enclosures. We have cleared about 7 acres and planted grass, now we are planning the layout. The acreage had to be cleared with a dozer to get rid of the underbrush to combat the tick disease that we faced this summer. Before we move to the future expansion we still need to replace the existing perimeter, so please donate what you can to the perimeter fence fund.

TCWR continues to grow and save so many animals which, without our help, would be put to death. We have committed the 459 acres of land to provide a lifetime sanctuary so the animals can live in peace until they pass away of natural causes. Your donations make this possible.

Special Thanks to Tony Le Cara and Carla Yager for hosting the fundraiser in the Greater Houston area. It was a fun event and helped to make our trip to U of H even more worthwhile. We left there and went to Stephenville, TX, to pick up two tigers. Sign up for our blogs to keep up with the most current events at the refuge.

Winter is upon us and so are the holidays. Happy Holidays to you and yours. We here wish all of you good health, a joyous holiday season, and prosperous new year. Until next time...



Turpentine Creek staff members proudly accept the Business of the Year Award at the 60th annual Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet. It is only through the help of you, our supporters, that the refuge can achieve great things. Your continued support will further our mission's development. Thank you.

"Help Us, Help Them"

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New Turpentine Creek Family Members - Four Tigers and Two Ligers

By: Laurie Vanderwal/Staff Zoologist

This fall we have introduced six new cats into the Turpentine Creek family. On Oct. 14th, we received a call from Wild Animal Safari in Strafford, MO. They were facing stricter regulations regarding fence height and due to the cost of redoing their enclosures, they opted to down-size their facility so they would not jeopardize the hundreds of other animals in their care. The first cats brought to the refuge were Brady and Karma, two 18-month-old ligers (a crossbreed between a male lion and female tiger – read more about ligers in this newsletter). They unloaded easily and have adjusted wonderfully to their new home; they are healthy and active and love all kinds of attention. A couple of days later (October, 16) Keesha, a 3-year-old female tiger and Jesse a 4-year-old male tiger made the trip to the refuge. They were a little more apprehensive of their new surroundings. They seemed to respond well to the new human keepers, but were more nervous of their new 4-legged, furry neighbors. After only a couple weeks, they have settled into the daily routine and are often seen snuggling on their den or playing with the toys and enrichment we have provided for them. *(article continues at top of next page)*



Keesha



Jessie



Brady



Karma

We want new Toys for Christmas!



During this holiday season, when you are shopping for family and friends, remember to add the 4-legged, furry creatures to your gift-giving list. Many of our cats would love some new toys. Boomer Balls are extremely durable and designed for exotic animals, but many of our cats play with them so much that they have destroyed them and would love a new one for Christmas. They come in various sizes, colors and shapes which makes shopping even more fun. Call (847) 546-6125 or go to boomerball.com and when checking out simply ship to the refuge address; you can even specify a specific cat or bear you are shopping for in the comments area.



A call came in about a couple who had two tigers living at their home in TX. The cats were well cared for and lived in a nice enclosure, but trouble came in the form of a visit from the couple's insurance company. After a damaging hail storm the adjuster noticed the couple had two tigers on the insured property. This was a shock to the insurance company when they found out, and as a result demanded another \$900 each month to insure the family's house and property. With three kids plus many dogs, chickens and other farm animals, the couple could not afford this premium increase. It was at that point they knew the cats had to go. It saddened them deeply to adhere to the insurance company's imposed November deadline for finding a new home for the animals. Turpentine Creek staff members picked up the cats from their rural home two hours southwest of Fort Worth, Texas, on November 16. Both tigers had to be sedated because for the past fourteen years they lived in the same secluded, quiet place and were not used to strangers. Sasha and Shelby made the eight hour trip to the refuge comfortably and were promptly unloaded the following morning into the quarantine cage. They will remain in the quarantine cage until blood work is completed. During this time they will fall in love with our staff and then move to the main compound where they will wait patiently for a habitat and meet new furry friends.



Sasha



Shelby

The Facts About Ligers

By Kellyn Kearney/Staff Biologist

Contrary to popular belief, a liger is not actually a magical creature of myth. In truth, it is a hybridization of the two big cats, the lion and the tiger; more specifically, the liger is the result of the breeding of a male lion with a female tiger. Though lacking magical properties, people find the real liger to be just as fascinating as the fictitious one.

The appearance of the liger varies from feline to feline, but the basic look of it consists of the tawny lion color with faint 'candle-flame' stripes usual to tigers. Mature males typically have a modest mane though some do not ever develop one. Many ligers also have spots found on both the facial region and the abdominal region. These are actually inherited from the lion parentage; normally only expressed in lions as cubs and lost as they mature into adults, ligers actually retain these spots throughout their lifetime. However, their love of water is inherited from the tiger parentage and they gain vocal abilities from both parentages.

The truly striking characteristic of a liger is its size. Ligers are the largest felines in existence. They are much larger than both lions and tigers. Some can even weigh up to 1200 lbs and stand over 12 ft tall on their hind legs. However, though giant in size, they usually have great dispositions.

These hybrid cats have never been documented in the wild. Lions and tigers live in two different regions of the world with no overlapping territories, thus they never meet and would never have the opportunity to mate. It is only by the hand of humans that these two species can breed together. Also, ligers cannot continue on with a species themselves as there has never been a documented case of a non-sterile male liger. Many females are also found to be sterile. Though found in the same Panthera family, the genomes of the lion and the tiger still have many differences and are just not compatible enough to produce offspring which are capable of creating their own viable offspring. For this reason, ligers



have never been given a real scientific name as they do not, and cannot, occur naturally. And thus, for many reasons, the breeding of the ligers is not encouraged. From a conservatory stand point, this kind of breeding is neither helping out either lion or tiger species. Plus, the life span is normally cut short as many health problems arise due to the conflicting genomes of the lion and tiger. People should not take it in to their own hands to 'play God' and breed these two different species together, though the result is quite a mesmerizing feline.

So make sure you stop by Turpentine Creek to check out our two new beautiful ligers, Brady and Karma, and see just how fascinating they are for yourself (you can even adopt or sponsor them!)

Bear Introductions

Jarrett Sweeley/Staff Biologist

When Thunder and Harley were chosen to be moved into the new bear lockdown, it was also decided that they would be introduced to each other. Once the two bears got used to their new surroundings, it was finally time for them to meet face to face. With the staff in place the transfer door was opened for the first time. For the next thirty minutes it was a nonstop wrestling match between them.

Thunder was the main instigator of all of the wrestling, only stopping to catch his breath or to take a drink of water. The whole time Harley was very patient, tolerating Thunder's playfulness while not getting aggressive with the younger bear. Over the next few weeks the two bears were put back together while the staff watched over them, making sure there was no aggression between them. Finally, when the staff felt confident that the two bears were getting along perfectly fine, it was time to release them into their habitat, together. On the morning of October 21st the doors were opened and both bears began exploring their new habitat. After awhile of exploring, they met towards one end of their habitat and begun wrestling, showing that they were comfortable in their new surroundings.

During the same time of Harley and Thunder's introduction, there was some more moving of the bears. In hopes of one day being able to introduce Koda and Coco with Harley and Thunder, it was decided that we would swap Koda and Jojo. It took a few days and a lot of patience to get Jojo loaded into the transfer trailer. After that the move went smoothly, and now Jojo and Sugar have their own habitat, with the 4 males all sharing the other habitat. So come out and see Harley and Thunder fully enjoying their habitat together, and remember it is with your help that we are able to help them!



It was a chilly morning when we opened the doors to the bear habitat for these two deserving bears. Both of these black bears have lived in captivity all their lives. When they got the chance to play on the grass and climb on the enrichment platforms for the first time you could just see the smiles on their face. Some people say animals can't display emotions like humans do. I could not disagree more. Just look.



In Loving Memory of Vain 4/15/90 – 10/21/10

The TCWR family says farewell to a longtime friend, Vain. Vain passed away in October from renal failure. He had celebrated his 20th birthday this past April. His story will live on forever at the refuge. Before he was rescued in 1993, Vain almost drowned his previous owner while swimming in the Gulf. The story is told on our tours, as Vain had been living in a habitat for the last 5 years. His demeanor towards the staff and interns was always friendly, but his story proves that predators are always wild. Vain, you will be missed!

Volunteer Spotlight

Steven Vargas/Staff Biologist

Mike Fenja, a retired corporate financial officer from Blue Eye, Missouri, began volunteering in July of 2009. Rather than spending time at the lake water skiing and fishing with his wife Diane he makes the long drive to the refuge every Tuesday to spend time with some of his favorite cats, Sheba, a cougar rescued from Arkansas, and Rayn a tiger that was rescued from New York. Mike discovered the refuge from billboards and was reluctant to volunteer at first. He did not want to be part of a side show circus but it didn't take long for his opinion to change. He is grateful for the refuge and all the good it does and feels privileged to spend his time here. While volunteering at the refuge, Mike cleans enclosures and sorts meat. He is always willing to lend a helping hand with other projects as well, like rock removal and clearing brush from habitats. Mike spreads the word about the refuge to many of his friends while encouraging those who care about animals to come and do their part.



New TCWR Chairman of the Board: Bill Plummer

Bill Plummer recently replaced Dave Schoonover as the new chairman of the TCWR board of directors. (Dave will remain on the board of directors for ever.) The position of chairman is an important one because it keeps our staff focused on the TCWR mission and directs all board meetings.

Bill brings to the foundation the benefits of his education: Lifetime C.P.M., M.A. Manchester College, B.A. Purdue University (where he also play college baseball) and a successful career in business as a Business Development Manager for Leitz Tooling Systems, Corporate Commodity Manager for Fort Wayne Foundry Corp., and the Materials Manager for Hamilton Standard Controls (Aerospace) Company, plus much more than we can mention in this newsletter.

Bill along with his wife, Nancy, first started visiting the refuge in 2005. They fell in love with the TCWR mission and decided to sponsor Mack, a Bengal tiger, for the rest of his life. They have done like all of you, and told their friends about the refuge and made sure they visited as well. Bill wanted to do more for the animals and subsequently held a very successful fundraiser in their home town of Wabash, Indiana. He has held a chair on TCWR's board since April, 2009. The TCWR Board of Directors welcomes Bill Plummer to the position of Chairman.



New Board Member: Eric Studer

Eric Studer (New Board Member) is President of Inn Nature Hospitality, Inc., the operating company for luxury cabin resort Retreat at Sky Ridge and West Eureka Springs largest reception & event center, the Sky Ridge Pavilion. Eric has over 25 years of marketing & brand building experience in the wildlife park management and hospitality industries. Before moving to Eureka Springs from Dallas in 2008, Eric was the Sr. VP of Marketing at Accor North America for over 10 years, responsible for brand-marketing of Red Roof Inns, Sofitel, Novotel, Studtio 6 Extended Stay Hotels, as well as the award winning Motel 6 “We’ll Leave the Light on For You” advertising campaign featuring Tom Bodett. Eric is an entertainment consultant to “Jungle Jack” Hanna, Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, a frequent guest on Good Morning America, Larry King Live, and Late Night with David Letterman. He also serves as VP Marketing for Eureka Springs West Tourism Association, promoting visitation to the Beaver Lake and White River area. The TCWR Board of Directors welcomes Joseph Pat Joyce as a new board member.



Eric Studer is shown in this photo with Jack Hannah at Sea World Adventure Park in San Antonio, TX.

New Board Member: Joseph Pat Joyce

Joseph Pat Joyce has a career that encompasses over 28 years in vacation interval ownership and hospitality. Over his career Pat has generated the marketing to support over 1 billion dollars in interval ownership sales. He has held upper level marketing positions in nationally recognized corporations. Specializing in marketing, sales and development of interval ownership projects, Pat has earned several industry achievement awards and retired from the United States Navy in 1975. Pat has BS in Secondary and Physical Education from Cal State, Northridge 1997. Some of the positions held by Pat include OPC Marketing Director, Transworld Travel, Executive Director, The Hemisphere Companies, President, American Resort Marketing, National Director of Marketing, Shell Vacations LLC, National Director of Marketing, Coopershare, and currently President, Summerwinds Resort Services, LLC.

Joseph Pat Joyce has been a supporter of the refuge for four years. He has made many contributions to TCWR building projects, including the new commissary. Pat also sponsored a Habitat for four tigers and continues to help whenever the opportunity arises. The TCWR Board of Directors welcomes Joseph Pat Joyce as a new board member.

Update on the New Perimeter Fence

Written By: Ivy Cooper/Staff Biologist

In the last newsletter we brought to your attention the problem we are having with Cytauzoonosis (Bobcat's Disease). The staff and interns have always worked tirelessly to do what we felt was necessary for the health of our cats.

**Money Raised:
\$14,455**



Help Us, Help Them

With the passing of two of our tigers, Tom and TJ, from Cytauzoonosis this summer, it was apparent that we needed to do more. In the past we have put tic repellent on the grass in the habitats to protect our cats from ticks and other bugs. We started cutting the grass in the habitats even shorter and more frequently hoping that the tic repellent would penetrate and thus protect further. We borrowed a sprayer from our neighbor and started researching the best product to use to spray the trees. The sprayer hooked up to our tractor and with someone in the tractor bucket lifted up we sprayed the trees, as well as, the ground below in the habitat field. We also cleared the land next to our existing tour road to act as an additional barrier to deter the feral cats, raccoons and opossums from coming into the cats areas. In addition to these two steps we are still working closely with Dr. Leah Cohn, Dr. Kristen Lewis, and their colleagues from the Missouri University, in their research of Cytauzoonosis. Any time that we have to sedate any of our cats we draw blood and send it for research purposes to Missouri University. One of the biggest changes that we have made is not leaving the cat's food overnight. This has greatly reduced the number of nuisance animals that can carry diseases to our cats. As soon as we are done feeding all the animals, we go back and remove any food that the cats have not eaten. Even with all of these changes, we desperately need a new perimeter fence to distance our precious, rescued animals from wild, native animals. This new fence will prevent the nuisance animals from bringing the infected ticks into our cats habitats. Altogether, with our supporters help we have

been able to raise \$14,455 toward this project. We still need your help to make this necessary project a reality. Please visit our website www.turpentinecreek.org or mail your donation toward the new perimeter fence, our cats desperately need your help!



This photo shows the current perimeter fence. As you can see, it needs to be rebuilt to keep the wild animals out. Please help.

Donations Lead to Animals Safety

William Plummer recently donated a generator to Turpentine Creek that is large enough to run the whole refuge in the event of an ice storm such as the one two years ago that crippled the refuge for more than a week. An air compressor that is 540 CFM or larger is needed for the refuge so that one does not need to be rented when one is needed, and to allow the refuge to do some things with painting and concrete work that presently can not be done by the staff.



Africa In The Ozarks! Reserve Your Room Today. www.turpentinecreek.org

TCWR has eight lodging 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.

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Sponsor or Adopt an Animal Today

Adoption Program

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

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.

Sponsor Program

Small Animal or Bird	\$500/yr. or \$50/mo.
Small Cat or Monkey	\$750/yr. or \$75/mo.
Donkey	\$1000/yr. or \$100/mo.
Cougar or Leopard	\$1800/yr. or \$180/ mo.
Lion, Tiger, or Bear	\$2000/yr. or \$200/ mo.



Tax Time Coming Soon - Please use this opportunity to donate to the Refuge

Tax time; don't forget to donate all you can to help Turpentine Creek Foundation, Inc. while receiving maximum deduction for your financial planning. TCWR fell short financially by 15% through the hot summer months of 2010. We need your continued support! There is so much that we need to do to continue to grow. TCWR staff has rescued 6 Big Cats in the past 2 months. The refuge is doing everything we can to rescue and care for all of the animals that without the refuge would be destroyed. If you have ever stared in the eyes of these magnificent Big Cats, bears and other animals, then you know that TCWR's mission is imperative. These beautiful creatures deserve to live their lives with dignity. TCWR has 459 acres of land to develop and the next step is a big one. Your company might even have a matching donation program you could take advantage of to make the most of your contribution dollars. Every dollar makes a difference so please use this opportunity to do what you can. We need you! Thanks.

Things My Caregivers Need ...

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Trash Bags
Household Cleaners
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Latex Gloves 4. Tools
Hose Clamps
Hose Nozzles
Kline Wire Pliers
Welding Rods (6011-1/8")
Concrete Forms
Common Hand Tools 5. Caging Materials
Black and Gray Spray Paint
Lumber - New or Used
Rebar 3/4 - 1"
Pipe and Welded Wire 6. Office Supplies
Laminating Sheets (3-5mil)
Tape - Regular and Packing
Epson Glossy Paper
Laptop Computer
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Stihl Weed Eaters
Landscape Timbers
Grass Seed - Ken. Blue
Tick Killer 8. Equipment
Wood Splitter
4x4 Vehicles
Road Grader 9. Vet Care Items
Panacur Dewormer
Large Load Washer/Dryer 10. Animal Enrichment Items
3" Sch 40 PVC Pipe w/Caps
One Foot or Longer
Garage Door Springs
Climbing Grade Carabiners
1" Hemp Rope
Cedar or Pine Shavings
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Lions, Tigers, Bears, Oh my!
Come see them daily 9 to 5.
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We save them from lives of neglect.
The freedom of a habitat,
Changing the lives of all the cats!
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How majestic are your animals.
The lions roaring through the night,
The Tigers playing what a sight!
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	Unrestricted Donations To Help The Cats	
	2011 Calendars \$10.00 plus (\$5 S&H per order)	
	Memberships: Family \$80/Single \$50 Visit the refuge as often as you like for one yearly fee.	
	Animal Adoptions: Small Mammal/Bird \$100 yr. Small Cat/Monkey \$100 yr. Cougar/Leopard \$125 yr. Lion/Tiger/Bear \$150/yr.	
	Animal Sponsor: Small Mammal/Bird \$700/yr. Small Cat/ Monkey \$1000/yr. Cougar/Leopard \$2,200/yr. Lion/Tiger/Bear \$2,500/yr.	
	Sponsor An Entire Habitat: \$22,000/ea.	
	Replace Perimeter Fence - Any Amount	
	Total Contributions	\$