FEATURED CAT!
Ziggy
See back panel

BIG CAT CHRONICLES
A USDA Licensed Facility for “The Vanishing Breeds of Big Cats”

URGENT
Letter From The President
Tanya Smith/Founder/President

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge has been immersed in a rescue near Mountainburg, Arkansas. Riverglen Tiger Shelter owner, Betty Young, had 34 Big Cats on a mountaintop. About 2 months ago I got a call from Betty saying she needed help caring for her animals. The drought was taking a toll on her only helper/volunteer and Betty was concerned about her own health.

I was skeptical due to past dealings with Betty, but when someone is caring for that many animals (mainly tigers) and with her being close to my parents’ age, we assembled a team to go and help. The night before we left I got a call saying they had everything under control and she didn’t need our assistance. Betty assured me she would call when she needed us.

A couple of months went by and then I got a call from the Crawford County Sheriff, Ron Brown. He was concerned about Betty’s health and her ability to care for the tigers. He asked if we would meet him and go and visit with Betty to evaluate the situation. This vision has haunted me ever since we made that trip. Our immediate reaction was fear – fear for our lives and anyone that came onto the property due to fact that the caging structures were old and dilapidated, and many had no tops on dog cages that had tigers living in them.

Since the first visit when Scott Smith, Vice President, Emily McCormack, TCWR Curator, and I met three officers on the property we agreed to do what we could to relocate the Big Cats to a safe sanctuary that could give them quality care for the remainder of their lives. We immediately made a plan on how we could alleviate the pressure by bringing as many of her tigers/cougars/leopards to TCWR as we could.

In order to make room for her cats, we moved several of ours to different locations here at TCWR. We moved Bam Bam tiger near our office area and moved Detroit and Missy tigers to Bam Bam tiger’s habitat. Then we moved Tavio lion, and Chuff, Abigail, and Athena tigers to Detroit and Missy’s previous habitat. This allowed us to empty 6 cages in our current compound to make room for 6 of Betty’s tigers. By moving a few of our bobcats and servals around we can provide a couple of spaces for her cougars and leopards. Our current facilities are full.

TCWR’s team started planning a way we could relocate all of the animals to our 459 acres near Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We plan to build 24 new enclosures measuring 20’ X 50’ with tops on the areas to prevent the animals from getting out. We have cleared a 4.2- acre area of land and have started running utilities to the new area. TCWR hired temporary help to build the cages and a perimeter fence with volunteers. Thanks to your contributions, TCWR had 7 reappies for internship so we have invited some previous interns back to help care for the new influx of mouths to feed. One of the greatest things about helping Riverglen Tiger Shelter is that Tyson Foods, Inc. and Zero Mountain have agreed to continue to supply those animals with food. NW Arkans as people taking care of each other. I love it.

We broke it down to $7000 per tiger, or $238,000 to relocate all of Betty’s Big Cats. Can you help? Thanks to everyone that has responded. We need your help!

DONATE TODAY to get your 2012 TAX DEDUCTION
Ways you can help TODAY!

ADOPT or SPONSOR a Big Cat

Turpentine Creek houses over 100 big cats. Caring for these animals requires a lot of financial resources. Turpentine Creek started its animal adoption and animal sponsor programs in 1995 to make sure our animals have continuous funds for their care.

Through the animal adoption and sponsor programs Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge hopes to raise all the funds needed to provide a rich life for each and every animal. If we can have each animal fully adopted or sponsored, the refuge would be free to continue to save the lives of others.

By choosing to sponsor one of our animals you choose to donate the estimated cost associated with providing all its needs. Animal sponsorships vary from $700/yr. to $2,500/yr. based on animal type.

Turpentine Creek staff realize many people cannot afford to fully sponsor an animal at the refuge. To make sure we accommodate each supporter and help the animals as well, we started the adoption program. This program coordinates supporters and their families to jointly sponsor an animal. The adoption program provides a vehicle that can make the animals’ care self-sustaining, thus reserving refuge resources for building habitats and for providing enrichment for all the animals in our care.

These programs are fun for the family and come 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. If you choose to sponsor an animal, you receive an 8x10 photo, a sponsorship certificate, and, upon request and with a reservation, private tours for you and your guests!

If we build it, they can run!

DONATE TO THE HABITAT FUND TODAY!

TIGGER G

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. There is so much that we need to do to continue to grow. 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 into 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!
NOW is the time to BUY/RENEW a yearly membership!

MEMBERSHIPS

Visit as often as you like all year long!

For those who want to make numerous visits to Turpentine Creek throughout the year, an Annual Membership is the perfect idea. With a paid membership, participants will be given a wallet-sized card that may be used for unlimited visits for an entire year.

Family Membership: $80.00/year.
(includes parents and all children under 18.
Does not include Aunts, Uncles, or Cousins, just your nuclear family)
Single Membership (individuals): $50.00/year
Use the form on page 7 to place your order.

All memberships end in December of the current year; but those taken out from October through December will be extended through December of the following year.

2013 CALENDARS
NOW AVAILABLE

Order NOW to receive by Christmas!

Proceeds go toward building habitats for our furry friends. Here is the deal... TCWR staff members would love to have twice as many calendars hanging in the homes and businesses of our supporters. This exposure will surely bring more visitors, hence supporters, to the Refuge and together we can build habitats for all the deserving animals in our care. So, please buy a few calendars to give away as well...they make great gifts. Use the form on page 7 to place your order.

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URGENT HELP NEEDED
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge Assists Another Facility
34 Big Cats Need A Home - Donate/Volunteer Today.

URGENT SITUATION:
This is a Google Map of Riverglen Tiger Shelter (290 acres) near Mountainburg, Arkansas. Failed attempts by another facility to help have left this facility in a horrible state of disrepair. The 72 year old Director’s health is failing and it is feared the animals care may be diminishing along with it. The animals must be rescued on time. Their environment has become inadequate, the den boxes are falling apart, and 25 of the remaining big cats are in danger. The local county sheriff’s department asked TCWR to assist Riverglen Tiger Shelter. Turpentine Creek has relocated 6 tigers and one cougar (all marked with an asterisk) to the refuge and desperately needs your help to rescue more animals.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
1. Donate to this cause through:
   Facebook: www.facebook.com/TurpentineCreekWildlifeRefuge
   Website: www.turpentinecreek.org
   Mail: 239 Turpentine Creek Lane, Eureka Springs, AR. 72632

2. Volunteer to build enclosures.
   Contact Ivy Cooper at ivy@turpentinecreek.org

Cat’s Name & Location
1. Joella
2. Clogene
3. Andrew
4. Daisy
5. Austin*
6. Lilly
7. Tennille
8. Duke*
9. Ike
10. Howard
11. Turbo
12. Makita*
13. Leopard
14. Leopard
15. Cougar
16. BC
17. George
18. Mr. Sweetie
19. Big Nasty
20. Grumpet
21. Duckie*
22. Chopper*
23. Princess*
24. Sissy
25. Odie
26. Nana
27. Cookie
28. Ariel
29. Sumpter
30. India*
31. Jennifer
32. Walter
33. Biggen'
34. Mr. Pibb

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- Safari Suites - Great for the whole family
- Zulu Safari Lodges - Adults only/hot tub available
- Treehouse - A child’s dream treehouse.

Go to www.turpentinecreek.org or call 479-253-5841 to book your big cat lodging experience.

Our lodging gift certificates make great Christmas presents.

Africa In The Ozarks! Reserve Your Room Online Now.

ONLINE AUCTION FOR SAVING BIG CATS

This autumn we welcomed 9 tigers and 1 cougar here at TCWR, but there are still 27 cats that need urgent help! We’re doing what we can but with so many cats in need, our funds are limited and thus so is our capability to rescue them. On December 1st, we are launching a fundraising campaign to raise money for their rescue. Check out the Angel Tree in our gift shop, where you can “adopt” your favorite animal and get them a holiday gift from their wish list. There will also be an online auction featuring original paw paintings, private tours, local deals, gift certificates, items and more. You can get all your holiday shopping done in one place, and all proceeds go towards getting these animals to a safe, caring home for the holidays. The auction can be found at www.32auctions.com/TCWR, and be sure to check out our Facebook page for fundraising updates. Stay tuned – several more events to come!
It’s time to mark your calendar for the second annual Cats at the Castle Dinner! Join us for an evening of magical merriment on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Castle Rogue’s Manor in Beaver, Arkansas. Cats at the Castle is a grand celebration of the mission of Turpentine Creek and a special fund raising dinner that began last April to celebrate Turpentine Creek’s Anniversary. At the Castle you will experience breathtaking, scenic views, fine dining, and a cash bar. You will be invited to bid on silent auction items donated from businesses and artists around the region. All proceeds from this event will benefit Turpentine Creek’s Habitat Fund. Castle Rogue’s Manor is featured on HGTV “Home Strange Home” December 2 & 27.

Festivities begin at 6:30 with a cash bar and bidding on auction items. Smith Treuer and his family will serve a delicious dinner at 7:30.

This event price will be $100.00 per person. Seating is limited to the first 100 respondents. All reservations must be paid in advance. After the first of the year, go to www.turpentinecreek.org on the donations page and use our PayPal account. Reservations must be in by April 17. We look forward to seeing you at the Castle.

Enclosed is my Tax Deductible Contribution of:

☐ $25  ☐ $35  ☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ Other $ __________

Urgent Needs:

☐ RTS Rescue Donation $ __________

☐ Habitat Fund Donation $ __________

Membership:

☐ Single Membership $50

☐ Family Membership $80

Special Giftshop Item:

☐ 20th Anniversary T-Shirt (size ____) $20+$5 S&H

☐ Black  ☐ White

☐ 2013 Photo Wall Calendar $15+$5 S&H

Animal Adoption:

☐ 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.

Adopted/Sponsored Animals Name __________  Total $ __________
34 big cats are in desperate need of a new home. TCWR has taken 7 and is making plans to take more. See pages 4-5 for more info.

On Saturday, April 12, 2008, TCWR went to Fairview, Missouri, to rescue two adult tigers. Ziggy, a 7-year-old male, and Tigger, a 9-year-old female. The couple had owned the cats since they were cubs. Both tigers were purchased from the same breeder for $500 each. Though tigers do not make pets, Ziggy and Tigger were well cared for by their previous owners. The previous owners were moving and needed a new home for the tigers.

Both Ziggy and Tigger were declawed, but neither had been fixed. Tigger had given birth to cubs in January, 2008, all of which died. On April 16, our veterinarians came to examine both tigers and Ziggy was neutered at that time. On May 31, just six weeks after their arrival, Tigger G surprised us with the birth of two healthy cubs. They love their new habitat!