Brady
Liger (Panthera leo x Panthera tigris)
Sex: Male
DOB: March 31, 2009
Arrival Date: October 16, 2010

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I’m also excited to share the progress we’ve made regarding our veterinary hospital. We have raised $384,106 towards our ultimate goal of $457,534. Although we are still $73,428 from being able to furnish the hospital with the necessary resources to care for our animals, with your help we know we can reach that goal. Beyond being a place to care for our exotics, the hospital will become a unique educational tool. Once complete, we will have the ability to share information with the world through video conferencing. Veterinary students, interns and others in related fields will have the opportunity to view sterile environment surgeries via viewing windows outside the operating area. These are a couple ways the veterinary hospital will help strengthen our education initiatives, and position TCWR for tremendous opportunities in the future.

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The Vet Hospital will be finished soon, but will not be fully equipped until we complete the fundraising. We still need $73,428 to purchase all of the equipment needed to care for our big cats and bears onsite. Can you give to the future of big cats and bears everywhere? See the enclosed envelope.

In mid-October 2011, Zanesville, Ohio was thrust into the global spotlight after lifelong exotic animal collector and distraught owner of Muskingum County Animal Farm, Terry Thompson, slashed fences and sprung cage doors, allowing his menagerie of carnivores loose. As news broke, many questioned why and how, in this land of laws, a single citizen could legally accumulate such a horde – fifty six – of some of the most dangerous exotic animals known to man. The event became known as the Zanesville Massacre. Had the appropriate laws been in place fourteen years earlier, Thompson would have never been able to legally buy Simba, the lion cub that fueled his interest in holding so many animals captive.

The only yellow brick road for the innocent lions, tigers and bears whose lives were – for public safety reasons – taken that day, is that soon after the incident the state of Ohio scrutinized its animal ownership laws and, within a year, passed the Ohio Dangerous Wild Animal Act, effectively banning private owners from acquiring, breeding and selling many exotic species. The state also built a facility to transitorily house dangerous animals that were being relinquished from private owners because of the new law. This facility is where we first met Bobby.

A few days before January 25 – after lengthy correspondence and pounds of permits and paperwork – we were approved to travel the (roundtrip) one thousand five hundred mile; twenty-four hour; twelve RedBull; four state journey to rescue one life, Bobby the bobcat.

Bobby, a 17 year old, presumably blind bobcat, was relinquished to the State of Ohio when his previous owner decided it best not to subject Bobby to the stressors of relocating to a different city. According to the facility, Bobby arrived in their care in relatively good health and stature. Although we know little of Bobby’s past, we were told that he was housed outside, in a 10 foot by 10 foot enclosure, and had possibly been introduced to another bobcat at some point.

Regardless of not knowing much about him, the rescue was smooth and without incident, and Bobby has quickly become a beloved member of the TCWR family. He has taken residence as neighbor to Bowden, our African serval, and you can view either of them as you stroll down our Habitat Tunnel. From close observation, it’s evident that Bobby is positively intrigued by the foreign sounds of lions roaring and the many unfamiliar scents wafting in the air. And, although he has sight issues, he is a lovely lynx rufus and seems to be adapting to his new surroundings quickly. Bowden is also very interested in his bobbed-tail neighbor and we anticipate the two becoming friends.

Although Bobby is fortunate to have found a compassionate, enriching, forever home at TCWR, he, like every wild animal, does not belong in captivity. But until federal laws are passed to ban the ownership of dangerous and exotic animals, there is great potential for another Zanesville incident in which many more innocent animals could lose their lives because of human inanity. We encourage you to visit Bobby at the Refuge to learn more about the harmful nature of the exotic pet trade and how you can help put an end to the ruthless practice of owning, breeding and selling exotic animals. And if you’d like to champion our mission, please consider spreading awareness, and donating to support future rescues and the daily needs of our animal residents.

In the wake of the Zanesville Massacre, Bobby, a 17-year-old bobcat, finds refuge at Turpentine Creek. As new dangerous animal laws are passed across the nation, animals will be put in undesirable situations. We are here for them. Donate today.

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On Dec 7, 2009 Turpentine Creek received an email from a man representing a facility formally open to the public. The email explained how the facility was being forced to depart with 7 big cats, a black bear, and a coatimundi.

At the time, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge had the available space, so the decision to save these animal’s lives was easy to make. In order to move Magic to the Refuge, we had to wait for a day that was near 50 degrees because she would have to be anesthetized. Access to Magic was not good so the decision to anesthetize her and physically carry her to the rescue trailer was determined to be the safest for all involved.

Three hours after they arrived on location, Magic was safely loaded in the rescue trailer along with Harley the bear and Tsavo the lion. The facility was in West Branson, MO so the drive to the Refuge was short.

Magic came to the Refuge from a shut down facility in West Branson, MO. The facility had repetitive safety issues resulting in permanent injuries to a facility employee. The facility’s mis-managed dangerous animals had to be relocated. Without your support the Refuge would not have been able to help. Thanks!

We are excited to announce that our Fifth Annual Cats at the Castle is fast approaching. We hope that you can join us for another fun filled evening at the picturesque Castle Rogue’s Manor for our annual fundraiser to benefit the animals at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge.

Tickets for this event will be on sale “live” on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Please visit our website, TurpentineCreek.org to purchase your tickets online and for further information regarding menu items.

**Patron Party - 5:30 P.M.**
$175.00 per person.
VIP Reception held in the Carriage House on the Castle grounds. Only thirty (30) tickets available. Includes hot hors d’oeuvres, champagne, wine and beer, guided tours of the magnificent Castle Rogue, entrance to the Main Event, and all amenities.

**Main Event - 7:00 P.M.**
$110.00 per person.
Open to all; includes full bar, open seating indoors and outdoors; food stations with a wide variety of tasty treats; Silent and Live Auctions; and music by Brick Fields.

For more information regarding this event, please email Virginia Rankin at: Virginewater29@gmail.com
For information regarding auction items, please email Pat Quinn at: Pat@turpentinecreek.org

We look forward to seeing you in April!
When I first saw Bum in February 1978, he was only eight months old. He was chained to a sweetgum tree in a subdivision that my wife, Hilda, and I were building in Hughes Springs, Texas. From that moment, I knew he would become a part of our family; and he did. In his prime, the African male lion grew to weigh almost 900 pounds and from that moment – until his death 18 years later – Bum was a bona fide member of the Jackson family… and my best friend.

On that day in February, as I turned off of Highway 11 into Springfield Heights, I saw our veterinarian, Dr. Gary Brackeen and a local car dealer, Donnie Wilson, standing under a large sweetgum tree looking at an animal that seemed to be chained to it.

“Hey Donnie!” I said, greeting him from the cab of my pickup. “What in the world are you and Gary doing with a lion cub?” (Now, you have to understand that in 1978, Hughes Springs, at its bulging best, had a population smaller than the year. And it wasn’t every day you found an African lion cub under a sweetgum tree.)

Donnie answered, “Well, I sold this car on payments to a fellow that owns a motel up in Little Rock, Arkansas, and he wasn’t paying me.”

“So what’s all this got to do with an African lion cub?” I asked, getting out of my truck and walking over to where Donnie and the doc were watching the cub.

“Well, I’ll tell you what it has to do with him if you’ll just give me a minute,” Donnie swanked, sauntering over to the cat to show me that he had everything under control. Though he anxiously squatted to take hold of the chain as if he wasn’t quite sure if things really were under control. I turned to acknowledge our vet. “Hello Gary.”

Turning back, I inquired to Donnie, “Has he got a name?”

“How would I know,” Wilson barked, rhetorically posing a question to my question, “I went to Little Rock to get my money or my car back, and the bum didn’t even own the motel!” Feeling more comfortable that the little fellow wasn’t going to attack me, Donnie stood up from the chained cub and continued, “I just call him ‘Bum’ since I took him from a bum that wouldn’t pay me.”

“That sounds fair to me,” I quipped. (So now the cub had a name; Bum.)

“You sure are quiet Gary,” I said, as the good doctor slowly repositioned a wad of W.E. Garretts Sweet snuff into his cheek. Scuffing his feet in the sandy soil much like a kid caught short for words, he finally offered, “I don’t know just what to say.” The vet was young, and his apprehensive shuffling and hesitation to speak only made him seem younger than his 30 years. “Wilson here said he found this little guy tied to a concrete parking block at this motel up in Little Rock. The motel owner told Donnie that the man he was looking for had just gone off and left the little fellow…”

Donnie interrupted, “I just loaded him up and come on back with him. I got in late last night and chained him to this tree until morning. I didn’t think he would eat these damned gum tree balls!”

(For those that may not know what we’re talking about, sweetgum trees have a round seed pod – about the size of a golf ball – with spines like a blowfish. The pods are as bitter as gall, and when dry, as prickly as a porcupine! No cat is going to eat one of them and surely no lion would. Lions are carnivores that demand fresh meat at every meal; these guys won’t even eat meat that has started to taint. In fact, lions really don’t like it when meat dehydrates in the sun. How do I know these things and the local vet doesn’t? Perhaps that is another chapter or maybe even another book all together. Let’s just say that I know.)

The Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge founding family first rescued Bum in 1978. Through this effort their eyes and hearts were opened to the understanding of the need for a lifetime home for unwanted big cats and bears.

Relieved, Dr. Brackeen said, “If you have time to fool with him it sounds like a plan to me. This is my busy season what with the cold and all. I’ve got a week’s worth of farm calls and all of them need to be done yesterday. I, for one, would welcome your help.”

Donnie looked at me, “I’ll pay for whatever you need. You’ll give him back when he is well, won’t you?”

“Sure I will,” I said.

Six weeks later, when Bum was healthy and playing like a 100 lb. house cat, Donnie decided that the cub was too big to live with him. The town also had ordinances against keeping dangerous animals within city limits. It was for the better too, because Hilda and my daughter, Tanya, had already fallen hopelessly in love with this funny little four-legged guy, and we weren’t about to give him back. So, I ended up trading five old motorcycles and a motorcycle trailer for the little urchin.

And that is how we got our first lion, Bum.
**Membership Call Out**

TCWR annual memberships have many benefits such as yearly, unlimited entry into the Refuge for you and your immediate family, early notification of Refuge happenings, access to special member-only events and more. Membership fees are due once per year, and may be more affordable for you and/or your family in the long run. In fact, an adult who visits the Refuge three times in one year would benefit more from purchasing an individual membership. And families that visit the Refuge twice in one year would benefit more from a family membership. Annual family memberships are $90 and include you, your significant other, and your children under the age of 18. Individual memberships are only $50. So, contact us today to become a card-carrying member of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge and help us continue to give the animals a forever home.

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**Your Access to TCWR Gear**

Last year we began a complete rebuild of our website; a process that is still ongoing. But, in January we re-opened a new and improved online store. You can now purchase a variety of TCWR items online including apparel, bags, calendars, electronic cases, glassware, and more! And we are continually adding new items, as well as exclusive offerings that are only available for a short amount of time. Shopping online is secure, fast and easy, and the items can be shipped directly to your front door! The proceeds from online sales help support the Refuge and the animals in our care. So, please visit our website – www.turpentinecreek.org – to see what items are currently available and bookmark our store page so you can stay up-to-date on the products available in the future.

**Introducing Your Mascot**

Hi, my name is Titus Creek, but I prefer to be called TC. I’m the new Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge mascot and recently joined the family in January. My role is to help spread awareness, and educate the public about our mission of protecting neglected and abused victims of the exotic pet trade.

All of my animal friends at the Refuge are great and the human keepers are cool too...even though they look a little funny without fur! The food here is really good - my favorite is chicken thighs - but I also really love bloodcircles. They make great treats! I’m never bored at the Refuge either. Between working as the mascot, and the great enrichment the keepers and interns make for me and my friends, I know I’m really going to love being part of the family!

I’ve already planned a lot of projects that will help us continue our mission, and I’m really excited about taking over our Twitter feed! I’ll be sure to update you on all the positive things we’re doing at the Refuge as well as in the surrounding communities. I’ve also been working with members of our staff to come up with fun, educational offerings that we’ll make available on our website. I don’t want to let the cat out of the bag, though, so just keep an eye on social media for regular updates!

One ongoing project I can talk about is my portrait series. Each month I pose for a new portrait and put the image on limited edition, TC-shirts that you can purchase through our online store. You can collect them all throughout the year and each purchase will help support my animal friends at the Refuge. It’s really fun posing for the pictures and the shirts are selling fast. So go to our online store to get yours today!

I know this is just the beginning of my amazing adventure at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge and I’m happy to be a part of this wonderful family. Thank you again for supporting my furry friends, and I’m excited to share all of the great things that will be happening in the future! TC, ya later!
Please Welcome Your Spring 2016 Interns!

Back Row
Amy Row-Williams Columbia College BA Biology December 2015
Jacqueline Kimmel Ursinus College BS Biology & Art May 2013
Meghan Lahn Southern Connecticut State U. BS Biology May 2014
Shelby Hardley Mississippi State U. MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture December 2014
Isaac Kuhn U. of Northern Iowa BA Biology May 2015
Nikki Adams Miami University BA Zoology May 2015
Jessica Arnold U. of Pittsburgh BS Biology December 2015
Jennifer Aguilar Humboldt State U. BS Zoology May 2015

Front Row
Carly Hopburn Bridgewater State U. BS Biology December 2015
Lanie Dishong U. of California, Davis BS Biology June 2013
Kelly Horbut LaRoche College BS Wildlife Biology December 2014
Anna Stumpf Oklahoma State U. BS Zoology December 2015
Silvia Cruz U. of Texas at El Paso BS Biology December 2014
Allison O’Donnell Purdue University BS Animal Science December 2015
Alyssa Henke U. of Wisconsin-Parkside BS Biology & Psychology December 2015

Absent from photo:
Nicole Barney
Sacred Heart U. BS Biology May 2015

The Turpentine Creek internship program runs on a biannual cycle. In the spring and fall, new interns come to Turpentine Creek to learn and gain experience working with the dangerous exotic animals under our care.

Since the internship program began, over 400 post-graduates have successfully completed an internship at the refuge. Our internship program is training and influencing a generation of animal caretakers in the United States. We teach them not only how to take care of exotic animals, but also how to do it safely.

Turpentine Creek interns do not just learn about the animals here, they learn about themselves, and create lasting bonds with the staff and fellow interns. They become friends, family even. Six-months might seem like a very long time, but it is here and gone in the blink of an eye. Every six-months we must say goodbye to good friends and welcome new friends. They depart, ready for their dream career.

Being a supporter and member of the TCWR family is a life changing experience. Together, we’ve rescued hundreds of exotics from unspeakable cruelty, and we’ve helped them to trust again. We’ve nurtured many back to health and watched as our efforts brought life and hope back into their eyes. And we’ve encouraged their transition from being a neglected and abused victim of the exotic pet trade, to being a strong and beautiful part of our family. But, as it is with all living things, time is short. And to watch a loved one grow old is the burden we must always be willing to bear.

During this time of transition – between an old year’s past and a new year’s future – we reflect as family on the many joys we’ve been able to share, as well as the unfortunate sorrows we’ve had to overcome. We dedicate nearly every waking moment of our lives to these animals, and we do so wholeheartedly, fully aware that they may not be with us as long as we’d like. Nonetheless, they become our children during our time together. And our connection is, in many ways, similar to the bond shared between a loving parent and an innocent child. We dedicate ourselves to being keepers, and throughout every joy and sorrow we must readily accept that responsibility.

As family we offer a forever home, and by virtue of compassionate care, our animals commonly enjoy a longer life than they would in the wild. Because of this, we’ve recently experienced a heavier burden of loss. And as family we must accept the idea that many will pass on to experience ultimate freedom. It is a bittersweet sentiment and we are dually charged with cherishing our memories from the past while drying our eyes for the future.

We will continue providing for those we keep. We will continue feeding and watering; cleaning and enriching; caring and loving. And we will continue rescuing, eagerly awaiting the newest member of our family and the newest soul to seek refuge in our hearts. We know that our loved ones will never be forgotten. Because they will be forever celebrated in every breath our animals take and in every heart of those willing to help us, help them.

Sierra was rescued from a basement in Dallas, TX. She transitioned smoothly to life at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, to life in a huge habitat, and now life with ultimate freedom. Thanks for helping us help Sierra live a full, happy life.

Sierra

Carrying On
**Donor Spotlight: Life after Life - Helping the Animals Forever**

Brenna Davis and her husband, Jim, moved to Springfield, MO over a decade ago. And after settling into their new home, it didn’t take long for Brenna to convince Jim to take a day trip to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. Their hearts became full the moment they arrived on the Refuge and from that day forward they made it a point to do all they could to help support our mission and the animals in our care.

“It seemed like every time we came, another one of the tigers would grab our heart. Our first one was Sierra, she was such a little sweetheart. It is just a fantastic thing that Turpentine Creek can give these animals the life that they have,” Jim recalled.

The couple’s day trip to TCWR so many years ago became more significant to them than many of us even realized. Because shortly before moving to Springfield, Brenna was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Although the diagnoses was a heart wrenching one, Brenna never lost vigor towards her dreams and passions. In fact, after a visit to the hospital last October, Brenna and Jim found themselves on the Refuge once again, enjoying the company of the cats they loved so much.

“She was released from the hospital around 11:00 in the morning and she was having a pretty good day that day. She had family coming in from Minnesota, but we decided they could wait, and we came right here from the hospital,” Jim shared with a somber smile.

Shortly before that October 30 hospital visit, Brenna decided to designate our organization as a beneficiary on one of her insurance policies. Even in her weakened state, she was making sure she did all she could to support our mission and the animals in our care. Unfortunately, Brenna and Jim’s visit to the Refuge on that cold, colorful Friday in October proved to be the last time they would share a day together with the animals they loved. After fourteen years fighting the disease, Brenna passed away from ovarian cancer that December.

Jim and Brenna approached TCWR with a request to plant a bio urn on the property in October. A bio urn contains a loved one’s ashes, in a biodegradable pot, and a tree seed. When Brenna’s bio urn is planted on her birthday in April, a tree will grow. And in a way she will once again be with the animals she loved.

Jim came to us in January with a donation from the life insurance and the request. It was the first time he had been to the Refuge without Brenna. Despite the tears and heartache he felt, Jim still smiled and lightheartedly reminisced about visits to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge.

“It is an experience that everybody should have. I’m not sure how somebody could come here and see what you guys are doing and not have their heart touched by that. It would be hard for somebody to come here and walk away and not feel an urge to donate, to help keep this going,” he said before spending a good portion of his day greeting each and every one of his and Brenna’s favorite animals.

We’d like to thank Jim for sharing his and Brenna’s story with everyone and for caring enough about our mission to support our cause. We also want to thank all of our generous supporters and their families who have donated, visited and/or shared our mission with friends and family. We are humbled and grateful for your love and generosity.

As you structure and prepare your own legacy, please consider doing what you can to support our mission. Because, although we are temporary fixtures in this world, the animals are forever in our hearts. And with your help and forethought, we can continue to save lives well into the future.

In January, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge hosted a Behavioral Management and Operant Conditioning Workshop in which seven professionals from five different zoos shared their unique knowledge and expertise with TCWR Animal Care Staff.

During the weekend training event, we discussed and conducted multiple, species-specific, operant conditioning techniques in an effort to ultimately develop an internal behavioral management program.

Being involved in this workshop undoubtedly strengthened each participant’s network within the industry. And as we move forward in our respective efforts, each organization has the opportunity to benefit from every participant’s skillset and consultation.

The animals’ reaction to the training process was astonishing. Some of the cats became instant additions to the program due to their responses from a distance. The process is proving to have a positive affect on our animal residents and we hope to introduce many more to the program in the near future. Training with so many of the participating animals can currently be seen every day after 3:30pm, and we encourage visitors and supporters to experience this highly educational opportunity.

I feel that the workshop was an important step towards likeminded partnerships with well-respected programs and other reputable sanctuaries. And I’d like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all participants and their involvement, and for each zoo’s cooperative efforts and dedication to continued education.

Because of the collaborative leadership from each zoo and each participant’s direction, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge can continue to offer a unique experience to our supporters, while providing a safer and more enriched life for our animal ambassadors. This initial workshop serves as the foundation for future opportunities to strengthen our compassionate care for the animals and educational initiatives.

Thank you again to the participants involved, as well as to those who made this workshop possible.

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**Training the animals for medical and check-up procedures will help us, help them.**

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**After falling in love with the animals at the refuge, Brenna and Jim Davis wanted to help. Brenna decided to designate our organization as a beneficiary on one of her insurance policies. Sadly, Brenna passed away after a battle with cancer. Her legacy to the animals is a testament to the giving nature of the animals friends.**

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**Letter from the Curator**

Curator Emily McCormack

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**Mary (TCWR Staff member) and Melanie Kuse (Trainer at Hogle Zoo) are training Wanoka, one of our resident bobcats.**

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**Kate Barszczowski, ME Hampton**

Kate Barszczowski, Curator at Little Rock Zoo

**Carrie Trudeau, Griselda Martinez**

Carrie Trudeau and Griselda Martinez, Curators at El Paso Zoo

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**Utah’s Hogle Zoo**

**Melanie Kuse**

Melanie Kuse, Trainer at Hogle Zoo

**Sara Worthley**

Sara Worthley, Curator at Hogle Zoo

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**Jay Pratte**

Jay Pratte, Curator at Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo

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Take a moment to go outside. What do you hear? What do you see? Answers may vary depending on what part of the country you live in. Very few though, if any, will be able to answer, “Lions caroling and Tigers prowling.” But you can hear and see both by staying overnight at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge. We offer a variety of accommodations – a number of RV/tent spots, family friendly suites, a house in the trees, and adult-only lodges – to help create memories that will last a lifetime.

For adventurous RVers and budget conscious nature lovers, consider camping under the stars in one of our RV/tent spots. Being so close to some of our majestic animals is sure to be an experience you’ll love sharing with your friends!

Book a night in our Siberian suite to enjoy window views of Donna and Pebbles, two of our most beloved tigers. Or stay in our Bengal suite for an entertaining porch-front view of Flip, our curious coatimundi, and Lucci and Wyoming, an uncommon, albeit lovable pair of African lions.

For a uniquely fun experience, stay in our treehouse loft. You’ll love watching and listening to Thor, one of our most vocal African lions, as he serenades you with coffee carols in the morning and lion lullabies at night.

Or, for a more romantic rendezvous, reserve a weekend in one of our Zulu Safari Lodges. These adult-only accommodations are thoughtfully nestled in a more private area of the Refuge overlooking the Ozark Mountains. Here you can appreciate thematic safari rooms, relax in an outdoor hot tub, or spend a peaceful evening by the fire while listening to the hypnotic songs of our exotic carnivores.

We know you’ll have an amazing time at the Refuge, and you’ll feel good knowing that every dollar you spend helps us care for our animal population. So come stay with us to step out of everyday life and experience something unforgettable!
Magic is our featured animal!
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