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Region Encouraged To Support Exotic Animals In Need During Online Giving Day
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge Seeks Donations For Animal Residents During April 4's NWA Gives Day

Eureka Springs, Ark. (January 30, 2019) – Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge (TCWR) is participating in online fundraising event, NWA Gives, on Thursday, April 4, from 8 AM – 8 PM. The organization has made it their goal to raise \$21,000 to support the animals in their care and any survivors of the exotic pet trade that may be rescued in the coming year.

TCWR currently provides home for nearly 100 abandoned, abused, neglected and displaced animals, primarily big cats and bears. In addition to giving lifetime sanctuary to every animal that is rescued and rehomed, the organization is fighting to end the exotic pet trade and exploitative treatment of wildlife through education and advocacy.

The organization has already rescued five tigers this year and in 2018 alone, TCWR's Education Department spoke to over 21,000 individuals while the Refuge as a total educated nearly 50,000 visitors about the exotic pet crisis in the U.S. They were also forefront advocates for the 2018 "Big Cat Public Safety Act" legislation, during which 1,679 messages were sent to state representatives from through their website.

Those who wish to support the Refuge are encouraged to make plans early to give online during the April 4 event. Some examples of what contributions can provide include:

- \$25 = pain management for a single animal
- \$50 = one year of vaccinations for a single animal
- \$110 = a cylinder-shaped enrichment toy
- \$150 = a physical wellness exam
- \$200 = a routine dental exam
- \$560 = a week's worth of habitat supplies and maintenance

Monitor TCWR's social media pages for updates regarding more ways to support them during NWA Gives, as well as schedule of day-of contests and other activities. You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TurpentineCreekWildlifeRefuge/>, or Instagram and Twitter under the username @turpentinecreek.

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About Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge

Founded in 1992, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization operating one of America's largest big cat sanctuaries. The 450-acre refuge, located 7 miles south of Eureka Springs, is America's premier big cat wildlife refuge. Turpentine Creek does not buy, sell, trade, or breed our animals. We are a hands-off facility and do not allow contact with the animals in our care. We are accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, a member of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, a member of Tigers in America, USDA Licensed and Arkansas Game and Fish Licensed. Our Mission is to provide lifetime refuge for abandoned, abused, and neglected "Big Cats" with emphasis on Tigers, Lions, Leopards, and Cougars.

Additional Information Sources & Photos

<http://www.TurpentineCreek.org>

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