

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2022



## **Mauri**

Species: Lion (*Panthera leo*)

Sex: Female

Born November 7, 2016

Rescued: September 16, 2020







This past year has been an incredible one for big cats! Named Year of the Tiger by the Chinese Horoscope, 2022 has seen remarkable progress towards ending the exploitation of big cats. After over a decade of our team working to see its passage, your advocacy made the difference! **The Big Cat Public Safety Act was signed into law on December 20, 2022.** Our vision to end the Big Cat Trade in this country is finally attainable within our lifetime. No more Tiger Kings. No more cubs torn from their mothers for photo-ops. No more big cats in cramped cages without proper diet or freshwater. The end of big cat exploitation is within our grasp.



Along with this groundbreaking achievement, our organization received unprecedented national exposure through the media throughout 2022. We also garnered heart-warming support from government officials at both city and state levels, and from our local community of businesses and supporters. Meanwhile, our team has continued to improve how we care for our animal residents, along with increasing the enrichment we provide them in each habitat.

Now, we are working on critical next steps for our organization. We must both expand our educational outreach and prepare the way for new habitat development in our Freedom Field. The first part of this two-pronged plan is to ensure that USDA & Fish & Wildlife officials will have the help of an informed public to aid them in enforcing the new national legislation. The second part will help ensure that, as big cats get confiscated or surrendered, we will be able to accommodate the new calls for rescue.

*Here are just a few things we accomplished in 2022 . . .*

## AFFILIATES



**Mission Statement:** To provide lifetime refuge for abused and neglected “Big Cats” with emphasis on tigers, lions, leopards, and cougars.

**Vision Statement:** Through public education we work to end the Big Cat Trade. Together, we can preserve and protect these magnificent predators in the wild for our children’s future.

*To Fulfill this Mission and Vision our Goals are:*  
EDUCATION, PRESERVATION AND COMPASSION

### Education:

TCWR is evolving how we educate today’s youth, in classroom visits, onsite programming, and around the world through our new partnership with Skype in the Classroom.

Our Certified Wildlife Interpreters introduce students to our animal residents and their stories along with the workings of a true sanctuary to teach why predators should never be made pets or exploited for entertainment. Through awareness we can foster advocacy and environmental stewardship to end the Big Cat Trade in our lifetime.

### Preservation:

Turpentine Creek is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) licensed facility for exotic and native wildlife, accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and a member of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance (BCSA), and the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK). We rescue Big Cats and Bear from exploitation, neglect and abuse, providing them a safe lifelong home with exceptional care, while working to preserve endangered species in the wild through public education and advocacy.

### Compassion:

We believe Big Cats and Bear are predators, not pets or entertainment for the masses. They and other exotic and native wildlife deserve to live out their lives with dignity, allowed to be the wild animals they instinctively are. We will continue to be their voice, both for those forced to live in captivity and those struggling for survival in the wild.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

### OFFICERS:

**Tanya Smith:**  
Founder, President and Chairperson

**Scott Smith**  
Vice President

**Amanda Smith**  
Secretary/Treasurer

### BOARD MEMBERS:

**Virginia Rankin**, Secretary (Event Planning and Fundraising)

**Randy Risor** (Restaurateur - Cici’s Pizza)

**Dr. Heather Kimberly Klatt** (DO)

**Tracy Garry** (Retirement Administration)

**J.R. Shaw** (Veteran Tourism Professional)

**Amanda Rials** (Engineer - Food Safety with the Alabama Technology Network)

**Jim Jackson** (Attorney & Real Estate Developer)

# WITH YOUR HELP: 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ADVOCACY

After passing the U.S. House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority in July, the Big Cat Public Safety Act (BCPSA) passed the U.S. Senate in December. Thanks to your advocacy, every single Senator voted for the bill to end the exploitation of tiger cubs in photo opportunities and have private owners register their animal(s), while forbidding them from breeding those animals or acquiring more. On December 18th, President Biden signed the BCPSA into law.

Within a decade, most of America's lions, tigers, leopards and hybrids will have passed. Within two decades, with the help of an informed public, there will be no more miserable big cats living in barns, basements and backyards.



## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

With the passage of the BCPSA, TCWR must help educate the public on how to aid law enforcement in cracking down on those still exploiting and abusing big cats. We must also spread awareness for small exotic and native cat species left unprotected by the bill, along with bears. To do so, we must expand our educational outreach. In 2022, our Education Department continued to spread awareness both virtually and in-person, both onsite and in classrooms. However, our efforts were constrained by smaller class sizes and budget constraints which limited new hiring for our Education Team.

- **40,931 People of All Ages Educated Onsite**
- **34,289 Participated in Special Onsite Educational Talks & Programs**
- **1,323 School Group Students Educated Onsite**
- **442 Group Students Educated Offsite**
- **Virtual Classes Educated 305 Classroom in 5 Different States**

The need for a year-round indoor facility to conduct our educational programming has become even more pressing. Currently, TCWR day camps for children fill up quickly; we are restricted to one summer session by outside temperatures. The Big Cat Education Center & Museum will also house a designated broadcast office for our virtual offerings, allowing us to expand our virtual tours and class offerings worldwide. This new center will TRIPLE our educational outreach!





## SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS

Compared to 2021...

- Impressions increased 937%
- Engagements are up 589%
- Audience Grew 775%
- Video views went up 3700%
- Most Viral Cats (individual posts): Floyd, the Cubs, Aurora, Bagheera, Khaleesi and Luna



## HELPING US TO SPREAD AWARENESS - LOCALLY

I want to extend a special thanks from our entire team to all of you who joined us at the Refuge this past April 29th and 30th to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. It was wonderful to see so many of you in person. Mayor "Butch" Berry of Eureka Springs joined us and named May 1st "Turpentine Creek Day." Our supporters enjoyed special education displays throughout the afternoon and a fantastic dinner, silent auction and preview of our documentary "Uncharted," with live music that evening. We're so grateful for the support of our local community and to all of you who joined us to celebrate three decades of rescuing big cats together!



# WITH YOUR HELP: 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## **HELPING US TO SPREAD AWARENESS - LOCALLY (continued)**

Our team also want to extend a special thanks to Representative Steve Womack, for not only co-sponsoring the Big Cat Public Safety Act, but also advocating for its passage to his fellow representatives and his public shout-out to TCWR, “Organizations like Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas made clear that this bipartisan legislation is vital to animal conservation and the protection and wellness of wildlife. I’ve seen their rescue and rehabilitation work directly. With local and national support, I’m proud to have had a role in taking this bill from introduction to the President’s desk.”



In late summer our team headed to the Bentonville Brewery for some fun fundraising - a dog costume contest! The event was enjoyed by everyone who attended, especially the dog owners and canines who participated! Human attendees learned about the TCWR mission from our President, Tanya Smith, while enjoying the delicious craft beers brewed onsite.

This fall, two of our most passionate supporters hosted Capital Campaign events for our team. In October, longtime TCWR board member Virginia Rankin hosted TCWR President and Vice President Tanya and Scott Smith, along with renowned wildlife attorney, Prof. Carney Anne Nassar, in their lovely Metairie, LA home to introduce our mission to a number of friends and family. We were delighted to also see some longtime TCWR supporters attend from across the region!

Then the following month, Bentonville residents and fantastic supporters Ed and Carol Clifford co-hosted our team at Brightwater Culinary, with Chef Case Dighero’s inspired culinary creations. With over 100 of Bentonville’s most influential citizens in attendance, the evening helped us forge new relations throughout the community and gained many new supporters for TCWR. (Contact Sandy Ames if interested in hosting a campaign event [sandy@tcwr.org](mailto:sandy@tcwr.org))







## HELPING US TO SPREAD AWARENESS - NATIONALLY

In November, TCWR Animal Curator Emily McCormack spoke at the PAWS international conference in Sacramento, CA about the State of Captive Big Cats alongside Carson Barylak, Campaigns Mgr. of the International Fund for Animal Welfare and Kate Dylewsky, Senior Policy Advisor for the Animal Welfare Institute.



That same weekend Emily visited Mia and Lola (two of the cats rescued along with TCWR lioness Lady) at the Oakland Zoo and spoke to their staff, volunteers and docents. Her focus was Rescue to Refuge, spreading awareness of how zoos and sanctuaries can work together as we did on their rescue, and relaying some of the things we've encountered over the years when rescuing big cats. From this appearance, she was asked to speak at Talking Animals.



Later in November, Emily McCormack was interviewed by Duncan Strauss on NPR's "Talking Animals." Past guests have included Jane Goodall, Alec Baldwin, Temple Grandin, Lily Tomlin, and Bob Barker! Emily spoke of her lifelong passion

for tigers, and of TCWR's 30-year-plus role in assisting law enforcement to rescue over 500 animals nationwide, providing them lifelong care. She also promoted TCWR's educational tours and programs, and onsite lodging, noting the tremendous costs involved in operating such a facility. You can hear her recount past TCWR rescue/seizure operations and different scenarios in the healing of animals relocated to TCWR after these rescues using this QR code:



In December of 2022, TCWR was featured on Season 9, Episode 3 of *This is Life with Lisa Ling: The Tiger Queens*. Lisa Ling, shared the rescue stories of the animals that TCWR saved from "Tiger King" associates Jeff & Lauren Lowe and Tim Stark, along with work being done internationally to save tigers – seizing the opportunity missed in the Tiger King series to advocate for the big cats being exploited for human profit. The episode can be viewed for a \$1.99 fee on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/AM59Oml7H2k>



# WITH YOUR HELP: 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## HELPING US TO SPREAD AWARENESS - NATIONALLY (continued)



Throughout 2022, the TCWR short documentary *Uncharted* was shown in seven Film Festivals nationwide, helping to spread awareness of our mission through the miraculous rehabilitation of tiger cubs DOJ, Jinx and Rosie who were born at TCWR just 12 days after we rescued their mother Priscilla from the Tiger King Park in Oklahoma. “Uncharted” garnered the following awards:

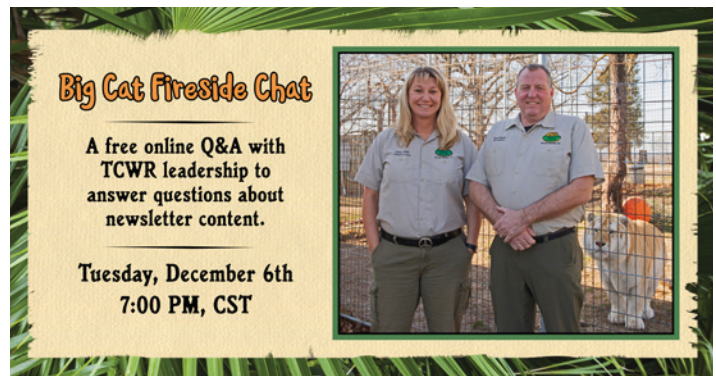
- Runner up for Best Documentary in the Rogers Film Festival
- Honorable Mention/Merit of Awareness Award at the Awareness Festival in Los Angeles
- 1st Place in Short Documentary category in A Show For A Change Film Festival
- Exceptional Merit Award in Nature Without Borders International Film Festival

All the festivals it was featured in were held in the US, but most are followed closely internationally. Our documentary is currently still in consideration for its final festival, the International Film Festival “Cinema and You” in Ukraine.

You can purchase *Uncharted* in our online store, scan here:



This fall we premiered our Newsletter FireSide Chats. Our readers are invited to join our President Tanya Smith, Vice President Scott Smith, Animal Curator Emily McCormack, and Veterinarian Dr. Kellyn in a live Zoom Q&A to get answers to Newsletter questions and are meant to increase your access to our team and build transparency. Check our website under events to get your sign-on information for upcoming chats!



TCWR helped found the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance (BCSA) in 2017 so accredited sanctuaries could work together on nationwide rescues, in addition to working to eliminate private ownership and the commercial exploitation of wild cats in the United States. In 2022 TCWR President Tanya Smith served as Chair of the BCSA Rescue Committee and served on their Finance Committee. She will continue both roles in 2023. TCWR Curator Emily McCormack served as Vice Chair of the BCSA Steering Committee throughout 2022. In 2023, Emily steps into the role of Chair of the entire BCSA; she also sits on their Planning Committee. TCWR women are leaders among accredited US sanctuaries!

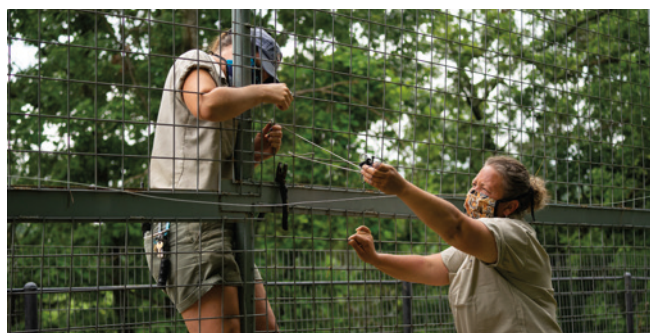
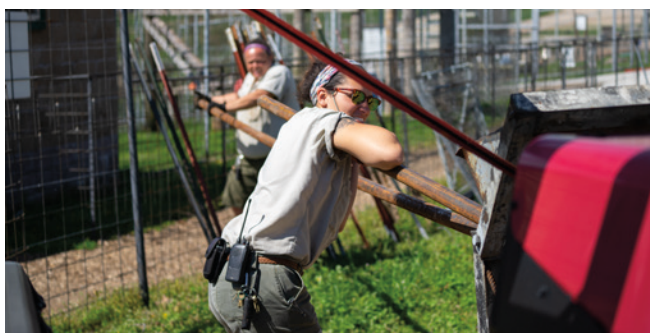




## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

Begun in 1996, this 6-month program is designated for college graduates who have obtained a degree in zoology, biology or any other animal related discipline, helping to spread TCWR standards of care worldwide. Many of our interns reapply and continue their dedication for 2, 3 & 4 internships, gaining priceless experience and building their resumes. Over 84% of TCWR internship graduates stay in the animal care field, working for reputable zoos, sanctuaries, or field studies. Several have become amazing veterinarians, including our Staff Veterinarian, Dr. Kellyn Sweeley!

- **SPRING '22: 10 Animal Care Interns & 2 Education Interns graduated; 7 were re-applies.**
- **FALL '22: 13 Animal Care interns graduated: 2 were re-applies.**



## RESCUES/ANIMAL CARE:

- 3 rescues, 3 animals lives transformed
- Performed 20 wellness exams, for individually tailored health plans.
- Performed 10 full dental exams with cleaning and treatment & 2 partial exams
- Performed 4 minor surgeries and 3 major surgeries
- Used small animal anesthesia machine 8 times
- Ran blood work using our in-house blood work machines 33 times.
- Took 103 radiographs (x-rays) & 4 dental radiography series
- Gave 111 vaccinations
- Fed our animals 240,267 lbs. of meat (an average 658 lbs. of meat per day!), including Nebraska specialty diet.
- Fed our animals 10,757lbs of produce



## INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:

- Continued enrichment project of in-ground pools with graduated depth for our water loving animals with the goal of providing one in all 58 habitats eventually; 4 pools were completed in 2022.
- Painted habitat fencing throughout the year, with the goal of refreshing every habitat.
- Repaired habitat benches and repainted them.
- Processed over 1,000 pounds of meat, fruits and veggies daily in our commissary.
- Implemented strategic plan to develop Freedom Field to accommodate future rescues through new habitats, road construction and utility expansion.



### **EVENT AND ONLINE FUNDRAISING:**

2022 NWA Gives - \$16,054

"Uncharted" Screenings - \$8,713 (w/ Tiger King and Queen Voting)

Giving Tuesday - \$35,233

Online Auctions - \$15,916 (Before Expenses)

30th Anniversary - \$32,920 (Before Expenses)

Kite Fest- \$417 (Before Expenses)

AR 500- \$10,469 (Before Expenses)



### **VOLUNTEERING:**

2019: 190 volunteers

2020: 47 volunteers

2021: Hosted 3 youth groups during Winter & Spring Break, whose help was much appreciated

2022: 84 volunteers for a total 1179.5 hours



## **2022 FINANCIAL TOTALS**

### **MAJOR EXPENSES:**

\$23,701 Habitat Construction/Repairs

\$6,513 Pool Construction

\$3,603 Other Expenses

\$67,886 Animal Food, including:

\$26,141 freezer storage

396,897 lbs. of meat donated by Tyson Foods

11,391 lbs. of meat donated by local farmers/donors

\$4,168 Animal Enrichment (treats & toys)

\$57,967 Animal Care/Veterinary/Medications



### **FINANCIAL TOTALS:**

**Dedicated funds donated:**

1) Capital Campaign: \$396,897

2) In-ground pool enrichment project: \$21,955

**General funds donated/pledged:**

\$191,986 Foundation support

\$1,241,334 Private donations

\$847,935 In-kind donations

\$56,858 Adoptions

\$118,036 Sponsorships

\$179,914 Memberships

\$320,261 Lodging

\$813,248 Admission

\$16,205 Special Tours

\$639,573 Other Revenue Streams



**\$4,404,299 Total Revenue**

**\$4,314,308 Total Expenses**

**\$89,991 Net Income**





# ANIMAL RESCUES

# 2022



Lexi, a six-year-old African Serval, was rehomed to Turpentine Creek this past May. Her Louisiana owners had to move out of state due to illness in their family. Thankfully, they contacted TCWR to ensure that Lexi would receive the best lifelong care possible.

Lexi immediately explored her new habitat! At first, she had difficulty navigating the ramps due to being declawed, but we quickly built extra benches and steps that allow Lexi to access all areas of her new home. As a pet, Lexi was given a diet of canned cat food, but now she is flourishing on the raw bone-in meat predators need for optimal health. Her past owner is helping to ensure Lexi a bright future at TCWR by both sponsoring Lexi, and allowing others to sponsor her as well.

We partnered with the Oakland Zoo and Lions, Tigers and Bears sanctuary last June to rescue lioness Lady and three other big cats from an abandoned roadside zoo in Adair, Oklahoma. Lady had been living in complete solitude for over eight years, inside an old barn with a half missing roof. Due to infrequent feeding and lack of fresh water, all four big cats were very malnourished. Due to her age, and the years of physical and mental trauma, it was determined that TCWR was best equipped to help the elderly lioness.

At first, she was terrified to come out of her den, keeping her back feet planted inside while reaching for her meals we placed just outside. Lady shocked us with her rapid transformation – within just days, we found this stately lioness laying in the grass under a tree. Soon she began flirting with her neighbor, Detroit. According to TCWR Animal Curator Emily McCormack, "When we first rescued Lady, you looked into her eyes and she seemed lost. Now, she seems found. Being at Rescue Ridge has really helped her have a new lease on life."



This past September 15th we traveled over 500 miles round trip to rescue a 12-year-old bobcat named Santana, in Geuda Springs, Kansas. Santana was initially purchased as a 'pet' in Montana, where she was spayed and had her front paws declawed. Due to tragic circumstances, the family could no longer care for her and called TCWR.

In her new home, Santana has rapidly adjusted to life as a wild bobcat and loves exploring her natural surroundings. In 2023 she will be slowly introduced to some of our other bobcats, to enrich her life.



# INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

# 2022

## Inground Pools

This spring we continued our special enrichment program to encourage natural behaviors among our water-loving residents! Despite supply chain issues we were finally able to complete four more pools, for a total of nine to date. It is our goal to provide In-ground pools in all 58 existing habitats, and the new habitats we will build in Freedom Field with the help of our supporters. These natural looking pools, bordered with native rock, allow our animals easier entry and exit with graduated depth.

A pool sponsorship is a great way to leave a lasting memorial at the Refuge for family or friends. Email [sandy@tcwr.org](mailto:sandy@tcwr.org) to inquire!



## Crucial Maintenance

Throughout the year our animal care team did a massive amount of repainting habitat fencing to prevent rust erosion and keep our enclosure to GFAS certification and USDA licensing standards of safety. This is an ongoing project and will continue in 2023. We also replaced many bench boards to keep these important enrichment platforms safe for our animal resident – big cats are tough on wooden boards!



# ADVANCES IN ANIMAL CARE

# 2022

*Once they come here they are cared for with love, and most importantly, respected as wild animals.*



In June, Dr. Kellyn Sweely administered COVID-19 vaccines, developed and provided by Global animal health company, Zoetic, to 22 of the cats in our Discovery Area. Many AZA accredited zoos have been vaccinating their animals, and have reported no side effects in their animals from the vaccine.

As of December 2022, the USDA reported over 397 cases of COVID-19 in animals nationwide, including 54 lions, 55 tigers, 2 spotted hyenas and 1 cougar. TCWR will continue to vaccinate our animals when more vaccines become available. For now, we continue to protect our big cats by wearing masks when working with them, and our animal care and education teams are fully vaccinated. We make decisions based on recommendations of the CDC and USDA.

This past fall, we noticed that Luna was beginning to limp. An exam with imaging revealed that Luna suffers from degeneration of her hip joint, likely caused by favoring her opposite leg for an extended time before a metal plate was surgically implanted in her knee at Dade City. (See full story in our end of year letter). Dr. Kellyn has increased Luna's pain management, which quickly restored her ease of movement. Since then Luna has gone back to running and playing throughout her habitat.



SCAN TO WATCH



This past year, our Assistant Curator Laurie Vanderwal was asked to sit on the Bear Care Group (BCG) Board of Directors. BCG is a non-partisan group that welcomes bear caregivers from all disciplines (zoos, sanctuaries, rehab, and field work) worldwide. Its purpose is to share knowledge to improve the lives of all bears. BCG has helped Turpentine Creek become a leader in the field of bear welfare, care and rescue, just as we have been for big cats for over 30 years.



Huggy, Holli, Lolli

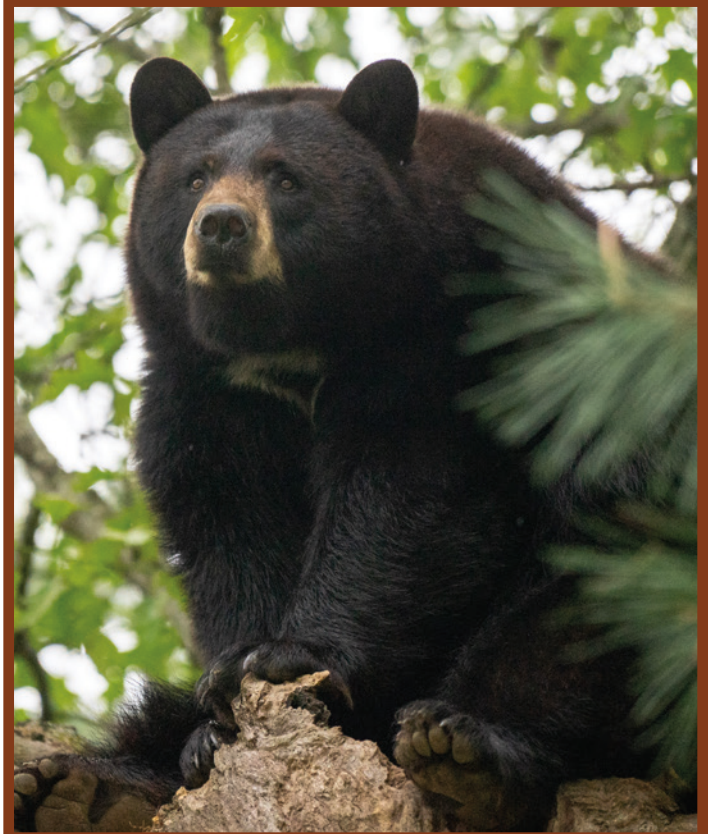


Lolli



Huggy, Holly and Lolli were destined to exist as caged roadside attractions when we rescued them six years ago; instead, they get to live out their lives as wild bears in our multi-acre natural wooded bear habitats. There, the black bear girls have learned to climb trees, and forage for forest treats alongside Russian Brown Bear Huggy, living life on their own terms. Releasing bears that were raised in captivity by humans, without mothers to teach them survival skills, would have dire consequences for both bears and humans. At TCWR they receive proper diet and medical care, and can nap the winter away in heated dens, all thanks to your support!

We hope to build more natural bear habitats like these in the future, as bears will likely be the next target of cub-petting operations. We believe those bears deserve a chance to live out their lives free to just be bears – cared for and respected as wild animals.

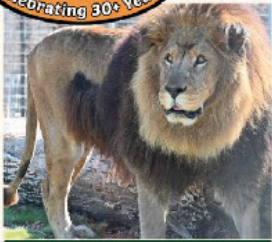




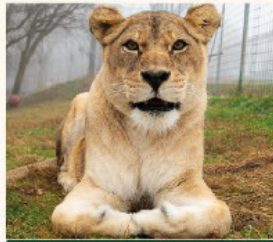


## Lions of TCWR

WORLD LION DAY 2022



Chief



Chloe



Lady



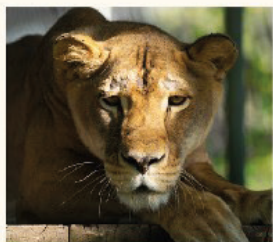
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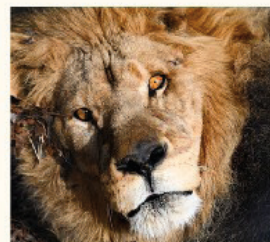
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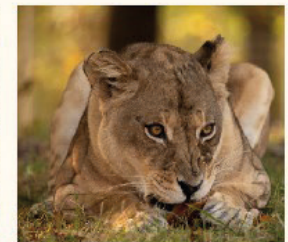
Savanna



Simba



Tsavo



Ungowwa

August 10th is World Lion Day. In 2022, we had 10 lions living out their lives at TCWR, safe from exploitation and neglect. Our overnight visitors delight in listening to their caroling, usually led by lioness Ungowwa whom we rescued from wildlife abuser Tim Stark in 2020. Male lion Chief, who turns 18 this year, was also part of that rescue. Male lion Simba was part of the 68 animals seized by the US Department of Justice from the Tiger King Park. Because of your generosity, these lions now enjoy individually designed diets, enrichment programs and regular wellness exams.

While some of our lions enjoy sunny winter days in their grassy habitats, all of them have the option to stay cozy in their heated dens. Sponsoring a lion ensures that they will continue to get the care they deserve, all year long. Due to rising costs of care, all animals rescued since January of 2020 can receive multiple sponsors - please call if you do not see the animal you wish to sponsor on our website dropdown menu!



Ty was rescued in July of 2011, along with three other tigers and one hybrid from a failed sanctuary in Coffeyville, Kansas. Ty celebrated his 24th birthday in July of 2022 and is now the oldest cat at the Refuge, thanks to the sustainable support provided by our recurring donors.



# In Memoriam

*Remembering Dave Schoonover. Dave served as a loyal TCWR Board Member for over 22 years! Dave's passion for our mission never failed. Even after he no longer served on our Board, Dave and his wife Millie continued to be active supporters.*



In 2022 we also sadly bid farewell to some of our beloved animal residents. Thank you for giving them many years of happy and full lives! Thank you for giving us the privilege of caring for them. Among the several elderly animals whose passing we realized was inevitable, two younger cats stand out.



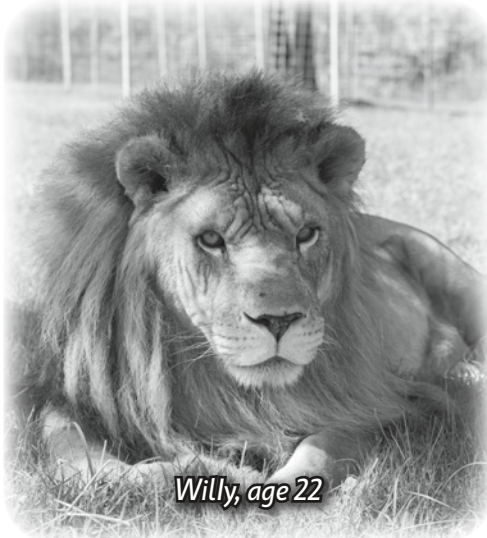
**Remington, age 8**

*We noticed changes in behavior of Remington tiger just a year after his rescue with Luna in early 2022; at only 8-yrs-old he had begun to limp. We took him to K-state for a cat scan, hoping it was maybe a bulging disc that could be shaved to offer relief. It was heartbreaking to find that there was a cancerous tumor encircling his spinal cord; even with surgery, it would likely have grown back in a matter of 5 to 6 months. We always have to put the quality of life of the animal first.*



**Mani, age 13**

*In our Fall 2022 Newsletter, Dr. Kellyn extensively describes Mani's diagnosis and surgical treatment for breast cancer. Despite a successful surgery, Mani's cancer had spread. We looked to the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare (see Fall 2022 Newsletter, Letter from the Curator) to monitor decisions near Mani's end of life. Turpentine Creek created Mani Breast Cancer Awareness Pins for the month of October to share her story and to raise money for the Beast Cancer Research Foundation.*



**Willy, age 22**



**Heather, age 22**



**Bobby, age 23**



**Daniel, age 18**



**Whitney, age 21**



**Avalanche, age 17**



**Hurricane, age 17**



# MAJOR IN-KIND DONATIONS

# 2022



For over 30 years, Tyson Foods has donated the majority of the meat we feed our animal residents. We cannot thank them enough for their role in how we give the animals we rescue the best care possible in captivity! In 2022 Tyson Foods donated a total of 388,073.32 lbs of meat.



Google Ads is greatly appreciated for donating Google advertising valued at \$165,016.04



Our heartfelt thanks to Care Community Center in Rogers, for donating \$61,011.57 worth of goods including ranch supplies, furniture, produce, meat and more.

We are also very grateful to Diana Franklin of Ultrasound for Women, for donating an ultrasound machine valued at \$29,000. The machine allows us to view animals' major organs in great detail, something that X-rays cannot do.

Thank you to Michael Kolbert for donating \$26,000 worth of animal photos for our gift shop.

A special thanks for over \$13,150 worth of Christmas trees:

- CLVR Acres donated trees valued at \$10,000
- Lowes donated trees valued at \$3,150

Of course we want to thank all of you who donated items to our auctions, valued at over \$12,739.87 and to Gary Parsons, who donated a Dodge truck valued at \$4,000.



From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say, "THANK YOU," to everyone who supported us on NWA Gives Day April 7th and helped us reach \$16,000 in total donations! Your support helped restore some of our badly depleted emergency fund, critical for future rescue and medical emergency response!

You showed up Tuesday, December 2, to help TCWR Rescue to Refuge during Giving Tuesday, donating over \$36,056.27 to get us through another year of multiple challenges, from our health to the economy. Despite the continued hardships of 2022, you made it a success for the animals!



# *We would like to extend a special Thank You to all our Membership Level Donors*

The members of the Hilda Jackson Society, the Kenny Fellowship, the Bam Bam Benefactors, and the Friends of India include Turpentine Creek's most committed members who support TCWR's rescue and education initiatives. By becoming a member and pledging to give again, these dedicated stewards enable us to budget for bigger projects and projects with further impact in the years to come. Our humble thanks also go to all of you who declined benefits but still chose to give at a membership level.

***Without all of your amazing support we could not have survived this past year. Thank you.***



## *The Hilda Jackson Society*

*Annual Donation of \$10,000+*

Julie & Jacy Howard

Nancy (Amy) Patterson

Fred & Sherry Sieber

James & Linda Jacobson

Vicki & Scott James



## *The Kenny Fellowship*

*Annual Donation of \$3,000 – \$9,999*

Dolores Proubasta  
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Patricia Stevens  
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Bateman  
Tom & Rebecca Faichney  
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Rebecca Burton  
Deborah Freud  
Joe Robertson  
Cynthia Fudoli



## *Bam Bam Benefactors*

*Annual Donation of \$1,250 – \$2,999*

Richard & Tonya Braughton  
Leon & Joan Thomas  
Amanda Carroll  
Johnna Tatge  
Cynthia Fudoli  
Debbie Boyers  
Rob & Connie Waldrop  
Heather Klatt

Michelle & Paul Sommers  
Scott and Christi Ellis  
Joe and Laurie Moore  
Valerie Biendara  
Amy Polzin  
John and Colleen Irlam  
Zorah Peters  
John McLaughlin & Trish Wasek



# Friends of India

Annual Donation of \$300 – \$1,249

Jerome & Elizabeth Borgert  
Susan Pyle  
Patricia Wasek and John  
McLaughlin  
Debra Powell  
Cheryl Nickell  
Carol Miller  
James & Brenda Dickey  
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Rescuing animals over the past three decades and ensuring them lifelong has only been possible with you, our supporters. Together, we have rescued over 500 animals over the past 31 years. I look forward to seeing what 2023 will hold for big cats. We have exciting plans for Turpentine Creek over the next three years!

It is our goal to create a New Generation of Wildlife Advocates with the resources provided by the Big Cat Education Center & Museum. We will also expand habitat space in our Freedom Field to provide for future rescues. Together, we can ensure enforcement of the new protections offered to big cats, while we continue to advocate for the small cat species and bears that are left unprotected.

Here we go! Welcome to 2023. **Together we can ensure a brighter future for all captive wildlife!**

With gratitude,

Tanya Smith, President/Founder  
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