



SPRING 2013 ISSUE

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Photos by Jamie Veronica unless noted.

THE BIG CAT TIMES



LAWSUIT VICTORY!

Many of you have followed our two year long legal battle against Joe Schreibvogel and GW Exotic Memorial Animal Park. Schreibvogel constantly breeds tiger cubs to use to make money by charging people to pet them or take photos with them. He does this at his zoo in Oklahoma, and was doing it in a “road show” that exhibits at malls and fairs.

For the road show, cubs were pulled from their mothers shortly after birth, a torment to both mother and cub, and carted around the country in a semi trailer. He would typically set up in a mall on Wednesday and operate until Sunday with the cubs handled by person after person. Our supporters around the country were a huge help in notifying us of his location and getting photos and videos of the operation. Among other things, those photos and videos documented cubs with raging diarrhea on display. In one case they show a tiny two week old cub in the middle of a barren cage in a mall screaming incessantly in distress. HSUS did a successful undercover operation that included videos of his staff punching small cubs in the face to discipline them. Both Inside Edition and CBS This Morning did expose reports on mistreatment of the animals. To read more about Schreibvogel and see some of the videos from HSUS and our supporters visit

www.TigerCubAbuse.com.



Above: Four baby tigers on display at crowded venue trying to sleep inbetween being handled by person after person all day long. Customer pays for photo opportunity with unwilling cub who screams and fights to be released.

As part of our increasing focus on advocacy work, we contacted these venues to educate them about why we believe this was mistreatment of the animals and why it was also bad business because it offends the many customers who love animals and oppose this exploitation. If they did not agree to stop having such exhibits, we told them we wanted to show them that many people felt this was wrong by asking supporters to email them.

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In 2010 and 2011 Schreibvogel claimed to do about 50 of these exhibits each year, week after week. In 2012, after malls heard from so many of you, he did not do any mall exhibits that we know of and only did 5 exhibits at fairs that we know about. By letting the malls know that you cared, those of you who took the time to send emails when you received our alerts saved many of these cubs from the misery of being dragged around the country and exhibited to make money for him.

Among his many other unprofessional responses and attacks on Big Cat Rescue and Carole personally, in 2010 Schreibvogel decided to use the name Big Cat Rescue Entertainment for his traveling exhibit. He created a logo where the words Big Cat Rescue looked very much like our logo, and even started using a phone number with our area code, to create confusion and damage our reputation by having people think we were doing cub petting. The poster pictured here was displayed at a mall. At the time, our website had snow leopard eyes as its masthead.

We filed suit in federal court in January 2011 to stop him. As we expected, he countersued, claiming that in our statements to the venues about him and cub petting we had slandered and libeled him and committed tortious interference with his business relationships.

Separately, he repeatedly used photos we own in violation of our copyright ownership and mischaracterized them. So we filed two lawsuits to stop him from doing that.

The trial for the trademark case about using our name was to begin February 11, and the trial for the first copyright case was to begin two weeks later.

Last August we filed a Motion for Summary Judgment asking the judge to throw out his counterclaims. The Thursday before the trial was to start the judge ruled in our favor. To paraphrase the legal language of part of her ruling, she concluded that our statements to the malls and to our supporters about Schreibvogel met the legal requirements for being “privileged,” in part because they were made in good faith, with a good motive and to a relevant audience, and therefore could not be considered slander or libel.

Schreibvogel had repeatedly bragged on the internet that we would end up owing him millions of dollars. With the counterclaims pronounced invalid, he had no upside. Rather than face us in two trials where he had nothing to gain and a lot to lose, Schreibvogel agreed to a Consent Final Judgment under which we have been awarded damages and legal fees totaling a little over \$1

million dollars. How this plays out in terms of collecting the judgment remains to be seen.



In the meantime, the injunctions that are part of these judgments stop him from damaging our reputation by using a similar name and misusing our photos.

As important as this legal victory is, it is secondary to the victory won by our followers on Facebook and those who sign up as Advocats on our website who responded to our requests over the last few years to email and call the venues who host exploitative

displays like Schreibvogel's to show the venues that a large, growing number of the consumers they want as customers love animals and view such exploitation of animals as inhumane, and that hosting such



exhibits hurts their image with those consumers. Owners of hundreds of venues have been educated through your efforts and agreed not to have such displays. This has saved many, many tiny tiger cubs from the misery of being carted around and tormented in these displays.

On behalf of the animals, thank you so much for joining us in this fight to stop abuse and exploitation!

Photos - Left to Right: Advertisement used by Schriebvogel mimicking our logo and website, Big Cat Rescue's logo and Big Cat Rescue's web banner at the time



HYBRID CAT RESCUE

We didn't plan it this way, but on NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY we were asked to rescue two exotic cat hybrids who had been dumped by their owners and were now starving to death.....



The cats had been trapped by Animal Control and no one had claimed them, so the Audubon Society drove them to us to see if they could get a second chance here.

We oppose breeding of bengal cats as pets. However, the bengal hybrid appeared to have a manageable disposition and one of OUR volunteers who had experience with bengals agreed to provide a home for her.

The second is an unknown mix, but closely resembles a Jungle Cat. He is not as friendly, and because of this, he will remain a permanent resident here at the sanctuary. His caregivers have grown quite close to him over the past couple of weeks and have given him the name King Tut.

When Tut arrived he was very underweight and had a wound on one of his feet. His wound was cleaned and sutured by Dr. Wynn and he was neutered. Tut spent a couple of weeks under close watch in our onsite Cat Hospital before moving outdoors to a large natural enclosure. He has since warmed up to his new home and Big Cat Rescuers and has become a very chatty cat!



BONNIE RAITT VISITS BIG CAT RESCUE

Friday, October 19th was a ROARINGLY exciting day at the sanctuary as Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame) Bonnie Raitt and friends visited for a private tour to meet the magnificent creatures that call Big Cat Rescue home. Ms. Raitt and friends, including singer/songwriter Maia Sharp, visited the sanctuary after performing to an enthusiastic crowd and critical acclaim at the annual Clearwater Jazz Festival. As a longtime activist for environmental, peace, social justice and human welfare issues around the world, Ms. Raitt is generously lending her assistance in helping the sanctuary promote its educational and legislative efforts. Following her private tour, Ms. Raitt kindly shared her thoughts regarding her Big Cat Rescue experience: “We were very moved and learned why it is important to support legislation that protects these cats and other exotic animals from businesses that exploit and abuse them for profit.”

For Additional Information: <http://www.bonnieraitt.com/> <http://maiasharp.com/press.php> http://www.lindataylormusic.com/Linda_Taylor_Music/Home.html



KIDS 4 KATS

The cats want to thank Rachel Berman, age 13, of Rhode Island, who donated \$3,260 to Big Cat Rescue for her bat mitzvah project!! Wow! Rachel and her family took a tour of Big Cat Rescue while on vacation in Tampa last February. Rachel fell in love with the cats and wanted to help them. She raffled off BCR gift shop merchandise at her bat mitzvah and donated all of the earnings to the sanctuary. Grrr-eat job, Rachel!



Check out this future Big Cat Rescuer, Elliot. She loves Big Cat Rescue so much that when asked how she wanted her birthday cake decorated she requested that her cake feature our logo! Happy 9th Birthday Elliot!



A big roar of gratitude to Antonio Damalos, age 10, of Tarpon Springs, Florida, who raised \$250 to donate to the cats as part of a service learning project! Antonio has been an animal lover all of his life. In December, he held a Big Cat fundraiser at his school's soccer game, where he sold dog treats and people treats, and he donated all the proceeds to the cats! Here he is delivering his donation in person to our Education Director, Willow Hecht. Thanks, Antonio!

SAINT PETE MRI VISITS BCR

Kim Mahoney of Saint Pete MRI has been one of our most consistent and passionate supporters over the years, filling tables at the Fur Ball and supporting Max the bobcat and Joseph the lion. She joined our Board of Directors in 2012 and at the end of the year she decided to bring her staff, pictured here, out on a tour to see what their hard work at the office was helping to support. Thanks Kim for all you do!



NASHVILLE SERVAL - PARADISE BOUND MUSIC TO HER EARS

Mid December we received a call from a man in Nashville who was looking for a home for a 3-year-old female serval. The serval, named Nala, was the pet of the man's father. His father had become deathly ill and was in the hospital and not expected to survive.



We explained to the man that when we agree to take in a cat that the owner contract with us to give up their exotic animal permit and to never again own an exotic cat as a pet. Breaching the contract results in hefty fines. The reason we insist on such an arrangement is because we do not want to simply put a bandaid on the captive exotic animal problem in our country, but rather, put a stop to the ownership of these animals one person at a time. We find many people will not agree to our terms, which leads us to believe that they are merely tired of their adult pet and looking to get rid of it so they can acquire a new baby animal.

When we did not hear back regarding Nala for nearly three weeks we thought for sure the man looking to find her a home intended to keep his options for owning exotic pets open. However, in the beginning of January he called us back. His father had passed away and he was ready to sign the necessary paperwork. Once all of the health records and permits were squared away, Nala was on a plane bound for Florida.



Nala arrived on Sunday, January 5th at Tampa International Airport. She was met at the cargo warehouse by BCR CEO Carole Baskin, President Jamie Veronica, and volunteer veterinarian Dr. Justin Boorstein. After a short car ride she was exploring her 2,000 square foot enclosure; her new home at Big Cat Rescue.

Nala had been raised from a small kitten to adulthood indoors. She had no outdoor enclosure. It is not known if she was ever given the opportunity to explore the great outdoors, but from her amazed and cautious reactions it did not appear as though she had. Her first few steps out of the crate were awkward as she felt the grass beneath her feet. She slowly ventured into every part of her enclosure wide-eyed, slinking low to the ground.

Since her arrival just over a month ago, Nala has settled right in to her new life and surroundings. She is cautious, yet interested, in her keepers and seems to thoroughly enjoy her new diet of varied raw meats (she had previously been fed a diet of canned cat food with the occasional piece of chicken). Thanks to supporters like you, Nala is living the good life!





SECOND & LARGER SOLAR PROJECT COMPLETED

Last issue we reported that we were about to embark on our second solar panel project to offset our electricity use. The design of this one is more like a carport with the panels up in the air as shown in the photo. Many thanks to Tampa Electric Company and C1 Bank for providing the "green" that helped us be even more "green," and thanks to Solar Energy Management for the excellent work in constructing it on time and on budget!

Photos: The new solar panels installed at the Lion's Lair Party House, C1 Staff visiting Big Cat Rescue, solar project sponsors, installing the panels, graph showing the environmental benefits of our existing solar panel to date.



Environmental Benefits to Date



TIGER SPONSORSHIP KIT



Additional levels of sponsorship packets are available in the following increments and include the listed benefits:

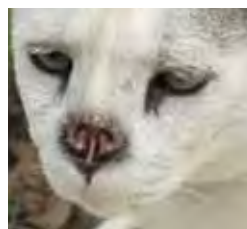
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Other species available for sponsorship are Lion, Black Leopard, Golden Leopard, Cougar, Bobcat, Siberian Lynx, Caracal, Ocelot, Sand Cat, Geoffroy Cat, Leopard Cat, and Jungle Cat.

TONGA SERVAL FOLLOW UP

We are happy to report that Tonga the white serval has been doing great since his surgery six months ago!

In our last issue we shared with you the story of Tonga's battle with cancer. He was diagnosed with a type of cancer called squamous cell carcinoma in his nasal cavity. Thankfully the cancer was small and Tonga was a good candidate for surgery to remove the diseased tissue. In August of last year he was taken to a specialty clinic where he went under the knife for a nosectomy.



Tonga recovered fully from the surgery within weeks and has been doing great ever since. It has been six months since his operation and other than looking a little different you would never know Tonga had ever been ill.



54 MILLION VIEWS AND SOARING!

Thanks to a partnership with Revision3.com that our videographer, Chris Poole, suggested we pursue, Big Cat Rescue has partnered with Discovery Communications. We are working together to cross-promote our YouTube channel, BigCatTV.com with Animal Planet's YouTube channel. If you visit <http://www.youtube.com/animalplanet> you will now see Big Cat TV listed first in the list of featured channels that appears in the right side bar of the page and visa versa if you visit BigCatTV.com!



In addition to the exposure we will gain, we are also permitted to use Discovery's huge vault of video clips and their enormous music library for our productions. Every week is Big Cat Week for Big Cat Rescue. Be sure to go to this link and subscribe to our channel so you don't miss out on our weekly videos!

<http://www.youtube.com/BigCatRescue>

Big Cat Rescue is also sharing this wonderful opportunity with sanctuaries that are accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. We will be sending our videographer to qualifying facilities to film their great work and create memorable videos they can use to promote themselves. These videos will also be shared with our supporters, increasing awareness for legitimate animal sanctuaries nation wide!

Check out our videos! Scan the QR Code!



SAD FAREWELL TO FOUR GREAT CATS

Taking care of 100 exotic cats is a roller coaster ride of emotions as we try to provide the best possible life for them and yet deal with the gut wrenching decisions of life and death. Of our 100 wild cats, 88 of them are over the age of 12, which is about as long as they live in zoos or in the wild. An amazing 74 are over the age of 15 (90+ in human years). Even more incredible, 19 of are 20 years or older. It is with heavy hearts that we must say good bye to these four feline friends that have touched our hearts forever.

ENYA was born at the sanctuary, in our earlier days, before we knew that none of the cats in private hands could serve any conservation effort. She was bottle-raised and leash trained from a very young age. Enya was filmed, when she was just 10 days old with their mother, by a film crew from the British Broadcasting Company. The footage was included in a documentary on the

ENYA



1997 - 2012

point during the evening she returned to eat her left overs and a piece of meat lodged in her windpipe causing her to suffocate. Her loss came as a shock to everyone. She was only 15 years old and still vibrant and full of life. To have lost her to such a freak occurrence was devastating.

KANAWHA arrived at Big Cat Rescue in 1994. Under the care of her previous owner her health had begun to deteriorate causing her to become extremely thin. When she arrived she was put on a healthy diet which includes whole prey, chicken quarters, and a special formulated ground diet that is nutritionally balanced. Her health improved dramatically and she gained weight right away. She was introduced to Katmandu and fell in love right away. The

KANAWHA



1989 - 2012

ran from just inside her left nostril down into her nasal passage that was most likely a cancerous mass and the cause of the nose bleeds.

Florida Everglades and the Florida Panther. Just like so many cougars that are born into the pet trade, Enya, although hand raised, grew into her natural instincts and at a year old became unhandleable. Enya passed away tragically. It was just like any other day. Keepers had finished feeding all of the cats, cleaned up food prep, and went home. Enya had eaten her fill, leaving some food on her plate. At some point during the evening she returned to eat her left overs and a piece of meat lodged in her windpipe causing her to suffocate. Her loss came as a shock to everyone. She was only 15 years old and still vibrant and full of life. To have lost her to such a freak occurrence was devastating.

At the age of 23, Kanawha had began suffering from nose bleeds was having difficulty getting around. She has also had a history of periodic seizures throughout the years. On her last day, Kanawha could barely get up. The decision was made to help her pass on. After her passing she was examined. Kanawha had a chain of irregular tissue that

WILLOW was born at a fur farm in Canada. BCR Founders had purchased* all of the kittens the farm had and they were shipped to the sanctuary in crates so small that the kittens could not move. The little wire crates appeared to be full of sticky, smelly gray fur. We opened the crates and pulled out the contents, and found a group of soiled, starving, sick and stressed little kittens. None of them died in transit, which was a astounding, considering the condition in which they had arrived, but sadly several did not survive long after. Willow was always one of the skinniest and willowiest of the group and thus her name. She was raised with Natasha

WILLOW



1994 - 2013

and the two were inseparable.

Like all wild cats, Willow was stoic and showed no signs of being ill until she refused her food one night. The next day she seemed just too tired and stiff to move so she was taken in to the vet where she was found to be in the final stages of renal failure. She made it clear that she was ready to go. Natasha sleeps most of the time now and is a year older than Willow. When she is awake she seems to be looking for her old friend from her resting spot. We are heartbroken at the loss of Willow and even more so, to see Natasha looking so sad.

*Willow was purchased along with others with the intention of paying their ransom to rescue them. BCR no longer pays ransom for wild cats as doing so perpetuates the trade.

TY came to Big Cat Rescue in June of 1998. His previous owners had become worried that Ty, who was fully clawed, would harm their young children. The breeder had told them that if they

TY



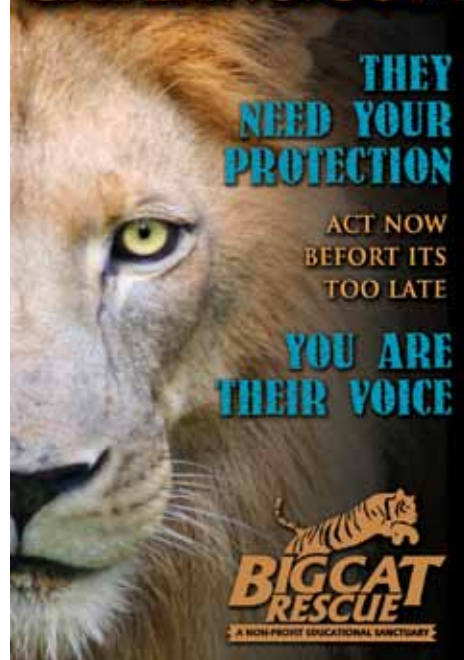
1993 - 2013

raised Ty with their infant son they would bond forever. By the time Ty was three, the boy was still a toddler and Ty went after him. The parents had visited Big Cat Rescue before and felt that Ty would have a comfortable and happy home here.

His owners caught him in a crab trap and transported him to the sanctuary in the back of their pick up truck. After spending days in the heat, on the open road, he finally arrived. Ty had finally found refuge and seemed to be quite happy at the sanctuary. He lived to eat and would begin to look down the pathways for approaching keepers an hour before feeding time.

Ty was almost 20 years old when he passed away. He had been very healthy, right up until the end. His keepers noticed that he was breathing hard one morning, so he was taken to the clinic to see Dr. Wynn. His chest cavity was full of fluid indicating cancer or congestive heart failure. At his age, there was nothing that could be done to improve his condition and give him any quality of life, so he was euthanized while under sedation.

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VACATION ROTATION ENCLOSURE UNDER WAY

The cover story on our last issue was about the huge 2.5 acre “Vacation Rotation Enclosure” that we are building. Tunnels will connect the enclosure to other enclosures and the cats will “rotate” through the new enclosure for two weeks at a time, getting a “vacation” in this large, different setting with its pond, dens and enrichment structures. This is a wonderful way to keep the cats stimulated and will be great fun for them to experience and for us to enjoy watching them having fun.



The support poles have already been installed, and as you can see in the photos we are now working on hanging the wall panels. Construction is progressing as funds are donated. We are just over a quarter of the way to reaching our fundraising goal. Check out the graph at right to see how much square footage your donation can help fund. Each of the donation amount choices will fund an area of the enclosure equivalent in size to the rooms listed of a standard home. For example, \$63 is enough to fund 35 square feet, about the size of a typical bathroom. \$448 funds 250 square feet, about the size of a typical living room.



If you would like to help “give the cats a room” in this wonderful new play area, please donate at <http://www.razoo.com/story/bigcatvacation> or you can donate using the order form on page 10.

Above - Clockwise: Bengali in tunnel that will lead to new enclosure, Bengali runs through tunnel, Scott Haller & Vern Stairs working on enclosure, Vacation Rotation Enclosure

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VOLUNTEERS AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION

Congratulations to the following Big Cat Rescuers who have been recognized this year for their outstanding commitment to the mission of Big Cat Rescue. In honor of this commitment they were each presented with an award called the S.A.V.E. and allotted \$500 to spend on their favorite feline friends.



Find out more about volunteering at www.BigCatRescue.org/volunteer

S.A.V.E stands for Scratch’s Award for Volunteer Excellence. Named for an outstanding cougar named Scratch, whose lifespan reached 30 years, the SAVE Award recognizes one outstanding volunteer or intern each month.

Ann was awarded for maintaining a photo board of the Big Cat Rescue volunteers so that every one feels special and recognized. Matt received the award for spending countless hours at the sanctuary cleaning enclosures, working on projects, and helping with feeding. Chris and Jesse were awarded for their contagious enthusiasm. Mike received the award for his extreme dedication to the cats and for making his way to the sanctuary each week via public transportation. Congrats!

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TOUR TIMES & PROGRAMS

Tickets available online at:
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KIDS TOUR
Tour Times: Saturday & Sunday 9 AM
Children of all ages and their parents can learn about the big cats on this guided tour of the sanctuary. This tour is given on a child's educational level. Reservations not required. Tour is 1 hr. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Admission:** \$19 per child under 10 years \$29 per child 10 years & older and per adult.

DAY TOUR
Tour Times: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 3 PM (Closed Thur.)
Sat & Sun 10 AM & 1 PM
Guided tour of the sanctuary. Learn about the big cats and the threats they face both in the wild as well as in captivity. Hear their personal stories of how they were rescued. Tour is 1.5 hrs. No children under 10 years of age. Reservations are not required. **Admission:** \$29 per person. 10% discount to all Military, Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters as well as USF faculty and students. Appropriate ID required. Discount on Day Tour only, not available through Zerve Reservations.

FEEDING TOUR
Tour Times: Wed, Fri, Sat 4:30 PM
(Reservations Required)
Follow a keeper as they feed the big cats. Observe the big cats eating and learn about the their nutritional needs in captivity. Tour is 1 hr. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations **(800) 979-3370 Admission:** \$55 per person.

BIG CAT KEEPER TOUR
Tour Times: Sat & Sun 2 PM
(Reservations Required)
This tour takes you behind the scenes. Enjoy making enrichment (treats and food puzzles) for the big cats and watch as the keepers hand out the enrichment you made. You will also observe operant training sessions with the big cats. Tour is 2 hrs. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations **(800) 979-3370 Admission:** \$110 per person.

WILD EYES AT NIGHT TOUR
Tour Times: Last Friday of the month
(Reservations Required)
Night Tours are the best way to see the animals come alive! As you journey through the sanctuary you will be stalked and pounced at from the shadows! No worries though, all the animals will be safely in their enclosures. This is an adventure that's sure to please! Tour is 1.5 hrs. No children under 10 years of age. For reservations **(800) 979-3370 Admission:** \$55 per person.

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Prices and availability for all tours are subject to change. Visit us online for the most current tour information.

EXTREME MAKEOVER LEOPARD EDITION

Jumanji the black leopard was the lucky recipient of a complete overhaul to his Cat-a-tat. Big Cat Rescuers worked for two solid days clearing weeds and vines, raking leaves,



removing sticks trapped on the enclosure roof, replacing old bedding with new soft hay and dirt, cutting down old dead trees and building an amazing jungle gym!

The project was the first assignment of new part-time Operations Manager Chris Poole. Great job Chris and to every volunteer and intern that helped out with this overwhelming task! Jumanji loves his new jungle gym and spends most of his day on the very top platform where he has the best view!

Clockwise from left; Jumanji atop his new jungle gym, sneaking through the bushes, rolling around in fresh cut grass

THE BIG CAT APP

Hundreds of big cat photos that you can download as wallpaper or email to friends, each cat's rescue story and fun facts too!

Compatible with:
iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad Requires iOS 3.2 or later
Android 2.2 and up

DONORS DELIGHT WITH GENEROUS HOLIDAY GIFT

Betty & Carl Schino kicked off the season of giving with a very special treat for Joseph and Sasha the lions and Nikita the tiger. All three of these big cats

received a brand new toy thanks to a generous

donation from the Schinos. These large cylinder toys are made of thick resin and weigh approximately 60 pounds! The toys were a huge hit. Hopefully Joseph will share with Sasha. Thanks Betty & Carl!



GERRARD LARRIETT PARTNERS WITH CHARLES THE MONARCH TO SUPPORT BIG CATS

New York, NY: Gerrard Larriett Aromatherapy Pet Care announces their partnership with Charles the Monarch to raise funds for Big Cat Rescue. The partnership aims to raise \$10,000 for Big Cat Rescue by donating 10% of the proceeds from the sale of Gerrard Larriett products. In addition, customers will receive 25% off of the purchase of Gerrard Larriett grooming products from their website www.gerrardlarriett.com with promo code "Charles."

"We were very excited to be partnering together with our wonderful friends



at Gerrard Larriett Aromatherapy Pet Care, Charles Painter and the now world renowned Charles the Monarch," said Jeff Kremer, Big Cat Rescue's Director of Donor Appreciation. "The sanctuary envisions a world where the animals we share it with are treated with compassion and respect and it is only by working "hand in hand" with like-minded friends that Big Cat Rescue is able to continue to make a positive difference in both the animal as well as human world we share".

Charles the Monarch is the world-famous dog, whose owner Charles Painter had him groomed to resemble



the Old Dominion University mascot, a lion. The Labrador-poodle mix recently made headlines when several people in his home town of Norfolk, Virginia mistook him for an actual lion resulting in numerous 911 calls!

Gerrard Larriett Aromatherapy Pet Care is an in home spa experience for pets that therapeutically tackles the odors that come along with pet ownership. The line includes pet shampoo and pet conditioner, pet

freshening and shining spray and handmade deodorizing soy candles for the home. The scents have been personally chosen and each grooming product is designed to be adored by even the most demanding cat, dog or pet parent. Larriett explains, "The collection is presented as an array of top quality fragrances that span pet shampoo & conditioner, pet freshening and shining spray and handmade deodorizing soy candles for the home. Now your pet and you can share a soothing aromatherapy experience with each bath, touch-up spray or candle burn."



19 YEAR OLD LEOPARD BATTLES AGE RELATED MOBILITY ISSUES

Simba the leopard had been getting progressively more creaky in his old age. He is 19 (which is equivalent to 90+ human years). To accommodate his decreasing mobility, ramps were



installed to give Simba easier access to his platform where he loves to lounge in the afternoons. He has also been on a regimen of joint and pain medications to help him feel better.

Simba has been at Big Cat Rescue since he was a cub and other than being treated for a minor case of Dermatitis, caused by allergies, in 2002, he has not been sick a day in his life.

Simba was recently taken to Ehrlich Animal Hospital to see volunteer vet Dr. Wynn to determine the cause of his decreased mobility, and while under sedation received the works when it comes to diagnostics. While at the clinic, radiographs were taken of his wrists, knees, hips and back, an ultrasound was performed, and blood was drawn and sent away to the lab along with biopsy samples collected from a mass on the inside of his rear leg and urine collected for urinalysis. Blood tests performed at the clinic revealed that Simba is starting to lose kidney function, which is not surprising for a cat his age. We are still awaiting the results from the in depth blood tests,



biopsy, and urine samples. Dr. Wynn believes that the tissue samples from the mass are most likely fat deposits. While under sedation we also got a

chance to get a better look at Simba's spots and found several heart-shaped spots throughout his coat!

For now, Simba is eating well and enjoying life so he will get higher doses of the joint and pain meds and his keepers will monitor him closely.

SANTINO SERVAL - RARE CONDITION THREATENS HEALTH



Santino, a male serval, was rescued along with four other servals in April of 2011. They were kept as pets in a single dark room in the lower level of a house in New York. All of the servals were severely overweight upon their arrival and have since shed the extra pounds thanks to a healthy and balanced diet along with exercise.

Last year blood was drawn from all of the servals and Santino's results showed that he had decreased liver function. He was put on a medication to help improve his liver and has been doing well the last twelve months.

Each night Santino eagerly awaits the delivery of his medications, which are hidden inside his favorite treat. So when he didn't want to get up to take

his meds one night, his keepers knew something was not right. Santino was taken to the clinic for diagnostics. His liver and one of his kidneys were enlarged, and there were fluid filled cysts in the liver as well. Blood and samples of the fluid were sent away for testing.

There were no signs of cancer in the liver. The fluid filled areas are compatible with a benign fluid filled mass called a biliary cystadenoma. This sounded good (benign) until Dr. Wynn did more research. There is a chance that it could be the malignant type of cancer (type that spreads). The way to tell for sure is to surgically remove and send away the entire diseased area of the liver to be

evaluated. It is not clear how much of the liver is affected and the only way to determine this will be to perform an exploratory surgery. Unfortunately, even if it is benign, Santino may continue to have cyst formations in his liver and other organs. As the disease progresses, it will crowd the normal tissue and begin to affect the function of that organ. There have been reports that this condition appears to be congenital in some lines of lions. If it is congenital there would be a chance that his brothers and sister are at risk of developing similar problems as well.

THE TIGER DENTIST

Dr. Michael Peak, known as The Pet Dentist in Tampa Bay, recently visited the big cats to complete Andre the tiger's root canals and to do two root canals on his brother Arthur.

Find out more about Dr. Peak here: <http://www.thepetdentist.com/>

In February of last year Big Cat Rescue asked Dr. Peak to repair Andre's broken teeth. Andre required extensive dental work. Unfortunately in a tragic turn of events Andre died under anesthesia and it took 5 vets to bring him back from the light. At his advanced age and having suffered from rotting teeth poisoning his system for the past eight years, Andre proved to be just too weak to endure the life saving dental work he needed. Andre had broken off all four canines



back in 2003 when he was rescued from NJ and sent to TX. During his eight years in TX he never received any dental care. When he arrived at Big Cat Rescue in September 2011 he was in no condition to have surgery. Find out more about these tigers: <http://bigcatrescue.org/tiger-rescue-2/> Big Cat Rescue waited until he was stronger and gave it a try in February 2012 but Andre obviously just wasn't

ready yet, given his age (16) and reaction to the anesthesia. However, the dental work started several months ago needed to be completed. So in early December he was once again sedated for surgery. We had a pretty rough time keeping his blood pressure up, but thanks to Dr. Peak, Dr. Wynn and Dr. Boorstein the root canals were completed. Because he had been only lightly sedated, he woke up very quickly afterward, with no ill effects.



Immediately after Andre's surgery was completed, his brother Arthur was sedated and brought in to our on site Cat Hospital.

Arthur had shards of materials, probably from inappropriate toys he had been given before coming to Big Cat Rescue, deeply embedded into two of his canine teeth. Dr. Peak was able to perform successful root canals on both of those teeth. Like Andre, Arthur struggled a bit to keep his blood pressure up, but he is stronger and fitter than Andre and did quite well.

Big Cat Rescue spends \$250 to give our 100 big cats indestructible balls and other toys because cheaper toys are dangerous. Some facilities are reckless, giving their big cats tires and even milk jugs to play with. We have had cats come here who have ingested pieces of such things, only to have them cause major trauma or death later on. We just aren't willing to gamble with a cats' life.

Andre and Arthur are doing great now and seem to be feeling much better. If you are a supporter of Big Cat Rescue; **THANK YOU** for enabling this level of care for the big cats.

Your donations make a difference!