

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center  
2221 E. Ashboro Road  
Center Point, IN 47840



Leopard: King

### The Exotic Feline Rescue Center

The EFRC is a **501 (C) 3** Organization that was founded in 1991 dedicated to the rescue of exotic felines.

Our **MISSION** is to provide permanent homes for exotic felines that have been abused abandoned, or for some reason have nowhere to live out their lives, while educating the public about these beautiful cats.

#### The EFRC:

- Neither buys nor sells cats
- Gives animals a home for life
- Provides stable social groups
- Provides enhanced environments
- Provides the best veterinary care

### CAT TALES

Cat Tales, is published by the Exotic Feline Rescue Center, a nonprofit sanctuary for exotic cats.

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Visit our website:  
[www.exoticfeline rescuecenter.org](http://www.exoticfeline rescuecenter.org)

"Happy Holidays  
from the  
Staff & Volunteers"

### WISH LIST

Straw  
Golf Cart  
Gator  
Ladders  
Cement  
Gravel  
Plywood  
Lumber  
Colored paper 20 or 24 wt.  
18 gal. Rubbermaid tubs  
Plastic Buckets  
Please call before donating any of these items.

### COME VISIT US

Visitors Always Welcome  
OPEN:  
Tuesday - Sunday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
CLOSED MONDAYS

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# Cat Tales

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## NEW CATS

In early August we started getting phone calls about a facility in Flatrock, Indiana that had once gained national attention as a meth lab with tigers. Long neglected by USDA officials, conditions at the Flatrock facility were described by state officials as "horrendous." Now, state officials were stepping in attempting to remove 19 tigers, 6 leopards, 3 bears and a lemur.

This facility is not new to us. Three years ago we took two tigers, Patti and Tony, from there (see newsletter volume 14). Because we were familiar with the poor conditions we agreed to take 5 leopards.

Two days before the scheduled seizure we were making final preparations when we received a near panicked phone call from an official regarding 8 big cats in southern Indiana whose care taker had been removed from the property by police after an altercation with neighbors. These animals were poorly contained and presented an eminent danger of escape – could we come help NOW?

Early the next day we met with federal, state, and local officials at which time ownership of the animals was turned over to us. We were escorted to a home that had full grown tigers behind 5 foot high fences and a lioness in the house with doors secured only with a bungee cord. While the animals appeared to be well fed the caging was grossly inadequate. Because of the layout of the cages all of the animals would have to be immobilized and carried out on stretchers. That day we immobilized the animals most likely to escape and came home with two tigers and a leopard.

The following day we went to Flatrock. While the seizure was set for dawn Mr. Hill went to court and got a temporary restraining order against the state. Later in the day he agreed to release several animals to us but because of the protracted court hearing and the lateness in the day we came home with only one leopard.

The next day we were back on the road to southern Indiana. This time immobilizing and returning with one lion and one tiger. The third trip south we brought back the remaining cats: a tiger, cougar and a leopard. (More about the cougar, Lindsey, later.)

Then it was back to Flatrock where we took one tiger and four leopards. We have taken in 13 cats because of desperate circumstances in both situations. This has put us in a position of needing more help with fencing, building materials, and labor. With winter approaching housing must be completed in a timely manner.



Flatrock: Tiger in mud and feces (photo: Indiana DNR)

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

Work was started on our new area. The perimeter fence is in place, electricity is in, grading has been done and poles set for Jagger's (tiger) new area. Several new den boxes have been built, door frames, slide gates and some fencing has been done on six new cages. However with this influx of cats more work needs done faster. We are in need of another well, water system, gravel and other building supplies.

Plans are also under way for a meat processing building. Alan Meyer and BrickCraft, LLC have offered to donate the brick.

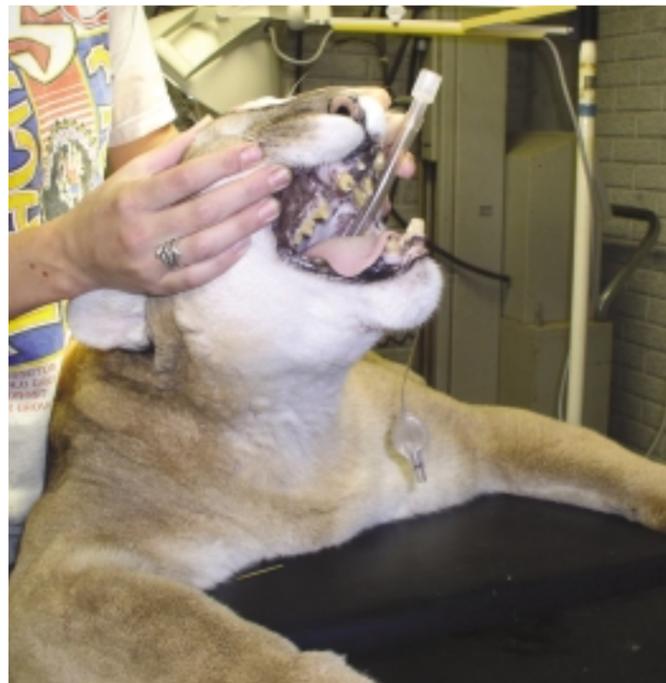
## LINDSEY

Lindsey, a 17 year old cougar is one of the new cats from Southern Indiana. She arrived with four broken canine teeth, a draining abscess from an infected canine, and a large swollen area of oozing puss and fluid at the base of her tail.. She was immediately isolated and moved to our clinic area where she could be closely observed. We attempted an examination but she was too stressed to respond well to anesthesia. Opting not to give her more drugs she was placed on antibiotics and left for a few days to calm down. On Sunday, October 16, 2005 using a dental x-ray provided by Dr. Fred Froderman and portable dental equipment provided by Dr. Ted Reece a root canal was done, the first in our clinic.

Prior to this all root canals had been done at the University of Illinois Veterinary School at great expense. Developing the ability to do dentistry in our clinic will allow us to provide better dental care for more cats at less expense and less stress. They will no longer have a 2 hour ride before work can be done.

When the root canal was finished Dr. Froderman started on the soft ball size mass. Expecting it to be infection we were very surprised to find solid tissue. The mass was surgically excised and pathology was done. The pathology report gave a diagnosis of osteo sarcoma with a prognosis of guarded.

Lindsey is recovering from her surgery. She is eating well and appears to be free from pain.



Lindsey (photo: Dr. Ted Reece)

## Educational Opportunities

Check our website for more information:

- Field trips
- Internships
- Slide presentation for the classroom or adult groups

### IN MEMORANDUM

We mourn the passing of two of our supporters Jack Collopy and Brian Councilman.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER:

December 16,17,18,23 and 30 we will have our second annual winter wonderland. Enjoy a fully guided tour of the Center with the grounds decorated for the holidays. Tours will begin promptly at 4:00 with hot cider, hot chocolate and cookies served after the tour. Check out our display case for those last minute Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. See our website for more information.

### Keep watching for our 2006 events.

We do plan to have **Chili Suppers** again this year during the months of January and February. Dates and locations have not been confirmed but we are hoping for New Albany, Terre Haute, Bloomington and Indianapolis.

May 13, 2006 is the date for our second annual **Run Through The Jungle**, a 5K run/walk.

## EFRC BOOK AT THE PRINTER

*Saving the Big Cats: The Exotic Feline Rescue Center*  
By Stephen McCloud

This exciting book of over 100 color photographs of your favorite exotic felines at EFRC is being published by Indiana University Press, and will be available in February. The beautiful photographs are accompanied by facts and anecdotal material written by Stephen McCloud, volunteer photographer for the Center, and all of the photographs in the book are in a stunning large landscape hardcover format.

The book will be available for purchase at EFRC and through IU Press at [www.iupress.indiana.edu](http://www.iupress.indiana.edu). A portion of the proceeds from each book sold will benefit EFRC.

## VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity to feature Jennifer Hall. She has been a dedicated volunteer for the past three years. Jennifer has come every Saturday as well as playing a pivotal role in many of our special events. She lives in Bargersville and her "real" job is with an insurance company. "I've had a love for all animals since I was born. I always have a house full of pets including a 10' boa constrictor. I first came to the center in August of 2002 after I heard there was a tiger rescue center in Indiana. I was hopelessly addicted from the first day."



Jennifer Hall

## GUEST QUARTERS

*Come stay at the EFRC. Guest quarters accommodate 2 adults. No children and no pets are allowed. Watch tigers, a leopard and a cougar from your window. See other cats that are not on the regular tour. Have access to the grounds during times normally closed to the general public. Want more information? Call: 812-835-1130*



Guest Quarters

## THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who has given time, materials, and money to help care for these deserving cats. Without your help it would not be possible. Our existence is dependent upon your continued financial support.

*Special Thank You* to Crossroads communications for providing on going promotional advertisement of our facility and special events.



HOME DEPOT – JASPER, IN: We want to thank TEAM DEPOT including Jennifer Helmen and her management staff, Pat O'Keefe - Team Depot Captain, Quickcrete, Stanley and Bostich hardware, who provided building materials for housing the cats from Southern Indiana.

Stephen McCloud not only for the beautiful photos he provides for our website and newsletters, but also for the magnets, key chains and sponsorship photos he supplies for our gift shop.

Dr. Nibel for hosting a successful Steak Dinner in Vincennes.

**Our staff, volunteers and board members for their continued hard work.**

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*We want to assure all of our supporters that we do not share our mailing list including sponsorship and membership information with any other organization.*

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## DIRECTIONS

### FROM I-70:

4.5 miles south of I-70, exit 23 (Brazil/Linton) on State Road 59. Turn left at the Ashboro Church and go 2.5 miles east on Ashboro Road.

### FROM BLOOMINGTON:

Take State Road 46 west about 35 miles. Three miles past Bowling Green turn right onto 200 E. Go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Ashboro Road.