

2015 Fabulous Feline Follies

Saving Wild Felines



Doesn't Happen By Magic

Exotic Feline Breeding Compound's

Feline Conservation Center

August 8, 2015

This Evening's Program

5 PM

Cocktail Reception

View our cats

Enjoy a wide variety of visiting education animals

Bid on silent auction items

Purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each, five for \$20)

6 PM

Dinner (buffet style)

Emcee will call table numbers for buffet

7:30 PM

Silent auction closes

After the silent auction closes, we will sort the bid pads and distribute them to your tables.

Please make sure your table number is included with your bids.

7:35 PM

Sponsor presentations, door prizes announced, raffle drawing followed by a live auction.

Our emcee for the evening is Camille Gadwood.

Gift shop open all evening.

Please pay for silent auction purchases by 9 PM

Welcome to the Fabulous Feline Follies!

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onight, EFBC's Feline Conservation Center celebrates the magic of cats. There is truly an aura with cats – and a world fascination with these majestic creatures that rivals any other wild animal. From the tips of their noses to the tips of their tails, cats are alluring, endearing, engaging and mysterious. We may have a bit of a biased opinion here at EFBC-FCC, but cats are the most magnificent animals that roam our earth.

Our work in saving wild cats continues. More than 25 years ago, we brought to the facility from the Helsinki Zoo in Finland an Amur leopard named Gigant. He was the first to arrive for our captive breeding program for these critically endangered cats. Our program grew to become the most successful private captive breeding program for this species in the world. We have received cats from around the world, and have welcomed grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Gigant to our facility.

At the time of Gigant's arrival, the estimated wild population for Amur leopards – whose territories include southeastern Russia, northeastern China and North Korea – was between 25-30. A recent census has found the population has doubled. At least 57 Amur leopards now exist in Russia's Land of the Leopard National Park. In 2007, the population was 30. The Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance (ALTA) estimates the total population is 70. This is great news for the species, but the work to save them continues. Illegal poaching remains the greatest threat to Amur leopards, as well as forest degradation due to farming. Our facility not only works to keep clean bloodlines of captive born Amur leopards, we also support ALTA and its field services through the sale of a special ALTA t-shirt.

As EFBC-FCC continues to grow - in visitors and in our feline residents - we thank you for your continued support.

The Feline Follies is always a nice evening to raise funds for the facility but also to thank our supporters with a beautiful evening under the stars with our feline residents.

Thank you for attending this evening and for your support. Enjoy the evening!

Live & Silent Auction

Silent Auction ends at 7:30 PM

Live Auction starts at 7:35 PM

All proceeds go to EFBC-FCC!



MAGICAL PACKAGE: World renowned special effects and animatronic studio Garner Holt Productions presents this magical package, including a VIP studio tour of their San Bernardino facility and passes to the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

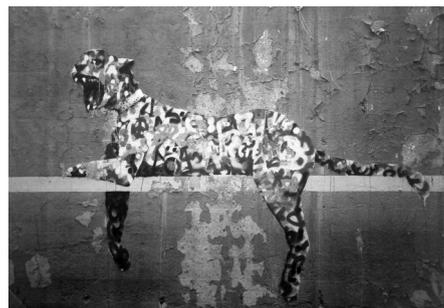
Bid On Our Silent Auction Items



There are many items available in our silent auction, including passes to the Antelope Valley Fair, Project Survival's Cat Haven, jewelry, novelty items, unique framed art and gift baskets.

Please visit the display tables for viewing and bidding.

**Be sure to include your table number
when bidding.**



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Souvenir Glass

Purchase your favorite cocktail for an extra \$10 and take home a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted souvenir glass by Lori Hands.

Enjoy it with one of our specialty cocktails:

Abacadabra Annie

(Cranberry Spritzer)

Magical Margay

(Mudslide)



Tonight's Special Guests

CAMILLE GADWOOD - MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Camille Gadwood with Annie the Jaguar.

Camille Gadwood joined EFBC-FCC in 1996 as a volunteer zookeeper and docent, and has been a board member since 2002 with responsibilities as the Director of Public Relations.

As a native Californian, she always had an appreciation of wildlife, and especially wild felines. Since discovering EFBC-FCC, she not only gets to spend time appreciating wild felines and learning about them, but also getting to be an integral part in promoting their preservation.

STEVE MARTIN'S WORKING WILDLIFE – Frazier Park, CA

Join Jeff Lee from Steve Martin's Working Wildlife as he introduces guests to a variety of interesting animal species.

Steve Martin's Working Wildlife is a long-time consultant to the major motion picture industry. Working Wildlife specializes in over 100 unique "animal actors" who have starred in countless productions, including feature films, television series, commercials, student projects, videos, stills and print ads, album covers, private parties, live events, charitable endeavors, educational programs, community parades and much more!

The animal education programs for schools, churches, community groups, private events, and more provide people of all ages with the unique and rare opportunity to experience and enjoy wild animals up close and personal in a way that would be impossible to achieve behind bars at a zoo.

Visit www.workingwildlife.com for more information.

Magician Lincoln Bond – Pine Mountain Club, CA

Follies guests will be treated to the sleight of hand entertainment of magician Lincoln Bond. A member of the Magic Castle and honoree of the prestigious Academy of Magical Arts.

Saving the World's Magical Cats

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hat is it about cats that make them so magical? Is it their personalities? That *je ne sais quoi* attitude? Is it the purr of a bobcat or rumble of a leopard or ruffle of a tiger? Could it be their fur that camouflages them so well? Perhaps it's the leopard's use of their tails for balancing up high that puts even the most skilled tight-rope walker to shame. Or maybe it's the ears of a serval that work like built-in radar.



What make cats magical are all these things and more. Since ancient times, there has always been an air of mystery surrounding cats. They are stealth on their feet, silent predators lurking in the shadows. Some live solitary lives while others with prides. Their sizes and colors vary around the world – they are as diverse as any wild animal species.

From EFBC FCC's tiniest cats – the Black-footed cat – to the largest – the tiger – each has something about them that makes them special and magical.

The Black-footed cats – one of the smallest in the world and the smallest cats species in Africa – get their name because the pads and under parts of their feet are black. And unlike other species of spotted cats, their skin is non-pigmented.

The Pallas' Cat is a real-life Cheshire Cat. With their flat heads, big eyes and spots and stripes, they utilize their rocky habitat, popping up behind rocks, then disappearing and then popping up again in seconds.

Tigers may be among the largest of cats, and with their orange fur and black stripes they might seem to stand out – but it's tough to spot one in the thick of a forest, whether it's in Siberia or India.



For thousands of years, cats big and small have evolved to have these distinct characteristics that make them magical in their own right. And it's our job to keep them safe so their magic continues on for a thousand more.

Mr. Mistoffelees

An excerpt of the classic poem, in honor of our magical cats, by T. S. Eliot



You ought to know Mr.
Mistoffelees!

The Original Conjuring Cat
(There can be no doubt
about that).

Please listen to me and
don't scoff. All his

Inventions are off his own bat.

There's no such Cat in the metropolis;

He holds all the pa-
tent monopolies

For performing sur-
prising illusions

And creating eccentric
confusions.

At prestidigitation
And at legerdemain

He'll defy examination
And deceive you again.

The greatest magicians have something
to learn

From Mr. Mistoffelees'
Conjuring Turn.

Presto!

Away we go!

And we all say: OH!

Well I never!

Was there ever

A Cat so clever

As Magical Mr. Mis-
toffeles!

He is quiet and small, he is black
From his ears to the tip of his tail;



He can creep through
the tiniest crack,
He can walk on the nar-
rowest rail.

He can pick any card
from a pack,
He is equally cunning
with dice;

He is always deceiving you into believing
That he's only hunting for mice.

He can play any trick with a cork

Or a spoon and a bit of fish-paste;

If you look for a knife or a fork
And you think it is merely mis-
placed -

You have seen it one moment,
and then it is gawn!

But you'll find it next week lying
out on the lawn.

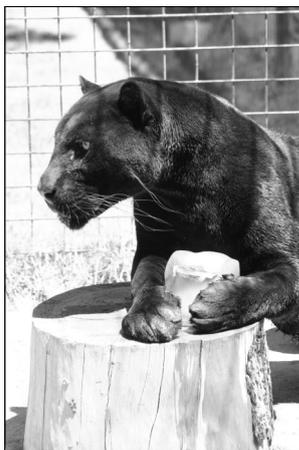
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