

EFBC/Feline Conservation Center

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DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED FELINES - WINTER 2010

Message from the president:

Greetings all. EFBC/FCC ended another fiscal year on September 30, 2010 and we are happy to report that we had a successful year despite the poor economic conditions. Thanks to the support of our members, and substantial donations from the M. Puize Foundation, Healey Foundation, A. Lovett and R. Simon bequest, we have completed the truck dock at our new walk-in freezer. We were also able to put over 65K into "Project Tiger" and completed all the outside cage welding, artificial rock walls, and irrigation system for the exhibit. We also repaired walkways in the exhibit area that had been damaged by tree roots and had created a safety hazard. Visitation was up and we had record turnouts at our Twilight Tours.



Tran (leopard) relaxes on a cool winter day

While our last fiscal put us in a great position to pour funds into Project Tiger and complete other projects, the coming year may not be as good. All signs point to a slower recovery of the overall business sector, and this on top of the colder

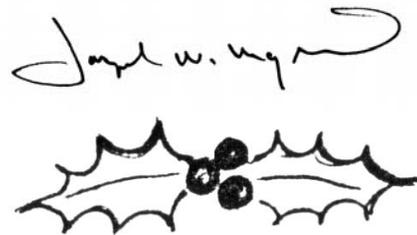
than normal temperatures and heavy rains in November and December, have created a decrease in revenues compared to the same time last year.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you, our generous supporters, for your continued encouragement and financial support. Without you we would not have accomplished as much as we have over the years.

I wish all of you the best for the coming New Year and hope that you continue to visit and help us grow.

Warmest Regards.

Joseph W. Maynard, President



A Look into the future:

When EFBC/FCC started Project Tiger, we had no idea it would take us 10 years to complete it. We learned our lesson! There are several future projects we need to complete to support our infrastructure and enhance our programs, and we are again looking to our supporters for help. Some of these projects are big and some are small. Our goal this time is raise the capitol needed to complete the various projects, each within a year's time. If the funds aren't there, we won't start the project. They are as follows;

Converting EFBC to wind generated electricity:

The costs for installing a 50KW wind generated electrical system will cost about \$350,000 installed. Based on current electricity bills, this project would recover its investment in 7 years and put us neutral with respect to energy demand usage.

Public Restrooms:

As our attendance continues to grow it is obvious that we can no longer rely on a single restroom and porta potties. We need to construct public restrooms which will cost an approximate \$100K.

New Exhibits:

Replacing the exhibits for Shapur and Jun Jie in our upper exhibit area will cost approximately \$80K and involves replacing the old chain link caging with welded wire, new dens, some artificial rock work to block the view of the upper (off exhibit) breeding area, cement work and landscaping.

Exhibit area Beautification:

The weather in the desert is brutal to say the least. It has taken its toll on our wood benches and trash cans in the exhibit area. Our goal is to replace them with commercial grade merchandise at an expense of approximately \$15K.

If you or someone you know, whether it be an individual, foundation, business, or corporate giving program that can help us with any of these projects, please let us know. Perhaps you would like our new restrooms to have a sign saying "These restrooms were made possible by the generous support of ----.:"

Kid's Day:

Kid's day review - It started off as a cold and rainy morning, but the rain stopped and the visitors were able to enjoy the train ride, enrichment making, and cats in the afternoon. Thank you to all that braved the bad weather! In 2012 we will have a rain date back up plan. The 2011 date is already set, so plan on some good weather for November 19, 2011!

Thank you to our sponsor: The AFSCME local 3143 Burbank City Employees Association.



Cesar entertained the train ride folks at Kid's Day well, not minding the wet weather at all.



The train ride at Kid's Day was popular as usual, and was only temporarily stopped by the muddy road.



Kid's Day - Individual animal shows were given this year, due to the wet weather outside.

Also thank you to all the volunteers that came out including the Kiwanis, Cheryl Rendes of Wonders of Wildlife, Origami people, Amber from Duckie Dreams

Donations:

General Fund - As previously stated in this newsletter, extra support to our general operating fund has helped us accomplish a lot of projects. Thank you to the following for your support: Michael J. Stevens, Sophie McIntosh, Girl Scout Troop 1187 who raised \$200, Lisa Hill, Vicki Collins, Mayfield Marshall, Richard Goodman, Lynn Kuhns-Hughes, Edwina Lu, Chris Tromborg, Janet Weaver, Barbara Leonard, Kathryn Davis, Lisa Edmondson, and Squire Brown.



Girl Scout Troup 1187 presenting a check to EFBC/FCC from monies they raised for the cats.

Project Tiger Donations - We still have a ways to go so thank you to Rebecca & Henry Acosta \$150, Dawn Happoldt \$50, and John Stegall \$45.

In-Kind Donations - Thank you to Mike and Maryeane McMullen for providing our felines with fresh meat bones each month. The cats love their special treats.

Thank you Kathryn Davis for donating a HP laptop computer.

The Do It Center in Burbank donated 10 large and 3 small plastic pools for our cats to enjoy during the hot summer. Many thanks!

Thank you to Julie Buchanan for donating cleaning supplies when she came for a visit.

American Association of Zookeepers news:

The AAZK/EFBC Chapter has enjoyed record funds raised for our treasury this year. With the money we raised from event bake sales, as well



Camille & Nancy showing checks that EFBC's AAZK Chapter is distributing this year.

as gift shop donation items like the paw print necklaces and peacock feathers, we donate back to EFBC in the form of much needed supplies such as replacing pond filters, keeper supplies, and even sponsoring events. This year we will be supplementing those donations with a year-end donation of \$2,000.00 to EFBC and \$1,000.00 to the Amur Leopard Conservation Fund to support preservation efforts in the wild. Thanks to all AAZK/EFBC Chapter members - Melany Marotta, President; Nancy Vandermey, Vice President; Camille Gadwood, Treasurer; Eric Barkalow; Kim Blaquera; Debbie Crosthwait; Misty Hailstone; Lori Hands; Sandy Masek; Pam Rose and Leslie Simmons.

Of special note: EFBC had its facility accreditation renewed by the Zoological Association of America for another 5 years. Accreditation means that EFBC is recognized for maintaining the highest standard of animal care within the industry.

New cats: Wild and Woolly Snow Leopards. Born at the Hexagon Farms in 1993 these two old girls came to us in October. Caging was supposed to come with them, but for now they are being housed in the quarantine area behind our clinic.

Financial trouble has befallen other facilities, and the EFBC-FCC has had several cats come under our care - we hope temporarily, but we plan for long term. These include two tigers. We are offering these animals up for adoption and only those individuals that are picking up the food tab will be able to go see these felines, as they are



Like all cats, Wild and Woolly are not happy about being moved, but over time they will come to know the staff and they will adjust.

not on exhibit. The male tiger is named Bubba, and the female tiger is named Cleo. Their adoptive costs are \$200 per month. Adoption commitments are for a minimum of six months, and if you pay for 11 months at one time, you get the twelfth month free. Neither of these animals will be used for breeding.

Camille visits Rocco in a Phoenix Adventure

On a crisp December morning, I arrived with Sandy Masek at Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium, located in Litchfield Park, just outside of Phoenix, Arizona. We were there to visit the park and check in on "Rocco," the young Jaguar born at EFBC in 2008. Rocco was sent to the Zoo & Aquarium as part of the captive breeding management program for Jaguars. Sandy and I were excited about seeing Rocco and were a little curious wondering if our young kid would remember us.

Upon our arrival we were met by the Zoo's owner Mickey, an outgoing Arizona native who has dedicated much of his life to the promotion of wild animal preservation. After a brief tour of the new gift shops and some interesting history about the zoo and the area, we hopped into a golf cart and drove up to see Rocco. The young pair of Jaguars share a very nice enclosure, complete with an elevated portion, a really neat feature that allows the cats to scope out their surroundings and curious visitors from above, much like what we want to do with Jun Jie and Shapur's enclosure,



Wonders of Wildlife wowed the guests with many interesting animals during Kid's Day.

only we won't use chainlink. This is great for cats who all like to spend time off the ground.

As we pulled up, Rocco's girlfriend, a black jaguar reminiscent of "Twilight", Rocco's grandmother, who recently passed on at the EFBC-FCC at the old age of 22, came out to greet us first. She was very curious about the golf cart, and was very interested in our cameras. Sandy and I began calling for Rocco, who was resting at the rear of the enclosure. Then it happened...as soon as Rocco recognized the voices, he became more excited and looked very intently at Sandy, as if to say "long time, no see – mom." The more we talked to him, the more excited he got. He headed to the top part of his enclosure, where he could view us from above.

Almost two years old now, Rocco is a very good



Rocco and mate.

looking male Jaguar. In fact, Sandy and I noticed Rocco has inherited his parent's good looks – Annie's bright eyes and Nacon's cute nose. As we wondered about family traits being passed down, we imagined if one of Rocco's cubs will be melanistic (black) like his girlfriend and his grandmother (Twilight). While visiting, Mickey commented that he'd never seen the jaguars so engaged with anyone. It was heartwarming to know that Rocco hadn't forgotten us. With time growing short, it was time to say our good-byes. It was really hard to tear ourselves away from seeing our kid, but it is good to know both cats have a very good home, and are in good care. As we parted, I watched Rocco as he watched Sandy drive off in the golf cart with Mickey. He continued to watch until she was completely out of sight.

With a little time left, I toured the rest of the Zoo and Aquarium, which is very nicely laid out. All the animals I saw were very content. Most were in the middle of eating breakfast. With absolutely no one in line, I took a ride on the Skyride, a ski-lift like ride which takes you over enclosures for a bird's eye view. There is also a train ride and a log ride; but it was really too chilly for a water ride in December; even in Phoenix. I fed a Reticulated Giraffe and I fed Stingrays in a touch-and-feel pool in the aquarium. The half-day visit in Phoenix was very enjoyable and I would welcome the chance to revisit the zoo and aquarium in the future – especially to visit Rocco's kids.

Find photos of Camille's visit to the Zoo & Aquarium at EFBC's website:
www.wildcatzoo.org

March 31, 2010

Body of male ocelot found along U.S. 180 West

By Libby Cluett CNHI The Mineral Wells Index

PALO PINTO — A rare Texas mammal, an ocelot, showed up dead on the side of U.S. 180, east of Palo Pinto. But even in death, the cat is drawing attention.

"It's an extremely rare species," Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Matt Waggoner said of the dead cat. "It is getting attention."

Waggoner explained that a county resident discovered the 35-40 pound mature male cat early Sunday morning, which was apparently killed by a car on the side of the highway.

She thought it was a bobcat and noticed it was in pretty good condition, adding that the driver put the lifeless cat in her vehicle. I don't think she realized it wasn't a bobcat until she got home.



Rico is our educational ocelot, often enjoying the day from a top his log.

According to Waggoner, the driver's husband identified the cat as an ocelot when she arrived home and they started contacting local game wardens.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Exotic Feline Breeding Compound Incorporated, Feline Conservation Center is a not for profit, 501 ©)(3) public benefit corporation dedicated to the preservation and propagation of rare and endangered felines through breeding, research, and education. EFBC/FCC is run by an active Board of Directors which governs policies, procedures, and the direction of the corporation. Directors and officers receive no compensation for their services, nor retain any personal interest in any portion of the assets of the corporation. Officers are elected at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors and serve a term of 3 years.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Audited Financial Statements for the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound Inc., Feline Conservation Center fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 are now on file. The following are highlights of our annual report. For copies of the complete financial statements, please send a self addressed #10 envelope and a check for \$7.00 for postage and handling to: EFBC/FCC, 3710 60th Street West, Rosamond, CA 93560-7779. Audits of EFBC/FCC's internal operation and the compiling of its financial statements and required Federal and State filings are completed by an independent, outside accounting agency.

Total support and revenue, including non-cash donations:	\$511,391
Program service expenses:	\$393, 802
Administrative & fund raising expenses:	\$ 30,726 (6%)
Net support and revenue over (under) expenditures:	\$ 86,862
Total net assets:	\$1,175,631

The TPWD will collect scientific data and the animal might end up in a university setting.

"It's so rare and not many people have any experience with the species," the game warden said. "TPWD is making sure it's taking the time and doing it right with this animal."

The northern edge of ocelots' habitat extends into South Texas, mainly in the Rio Grande Valley area.

"It's federally and state endangered, highly rare and its natural range goes as far north as Brownsville and southern Texas," said Waggoner. "It's kind of weird it ended up here."

The animal was once one of the most traded and hunted because of its beautiful coat.

"There is a possibility somebody might have been illegally breeding the cat," he added. "Zoos are allowed to have them, but these animals are endangered in Mexico and Texas and listed as endangered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Department. Ocelots are so rare, there's not a whole lot known about them," he said. "We're still in the dark as why it's here and how it got to Palo Pinto County."

In the world of cats:

Tiger summit - 13 nations have come together in a renewed attempt at saving this regal animal in the wild. The hurdles are huge, and until laws are enforced the slaughter of animals will continue. The numbers are scary - 95% reduction in tiger populations in the last century. Estimated number left in the wild - 3200. The Global Tiger Recovery Program estimates the 13 nations will need 350 million dollars of outside funding over the next five years of the twelve year plan. Of these nations only Russia has seen an increase in tiger numbers in recent decades, yet over 100 tigers are poached there (out of a population of only 500) every year. Clearly, there is still much to be done before this animal will have found a safe haven in the wild anywhere. We all hope action will follow this summit.

Dates to remember for 2011

April 23, June 18, September 17 - Twilight Tours
August 13 Fabulous Feline Follies
Kid's Day - November 19

Cat Fancy article. In the February issue of Cat Fancy our center will be featured in an article written by Denise Fleck. Denise is an instructor of Pet first aid and CPR, president of the Volunteers of the Burbank Animal Shelter, and is occasionally seen on Los Angeles Television promoting animal health. Sunnydogink.com Thank you for promoting our center to a larger community Denise!

Wish List

Large Stainless Steel Food Prep Table

New Electrical Supplies

Golf Carts (Electric)

Affiliate programs at Ralph's, Cala Foods, Amazon, Igive, and cafepress, earn money for us while you shop. While searching the Net use GoodSearch, and find online shops through GoodShop. On Facebook , join our group and donate money through our cause "Save Endangered Cats" (and invite your friends to do the same). We have videos on YouTube and a page on MySpace as well.

Start at wildcatzoo.org when you go online, and it will help our felines, while costing you nothing!

