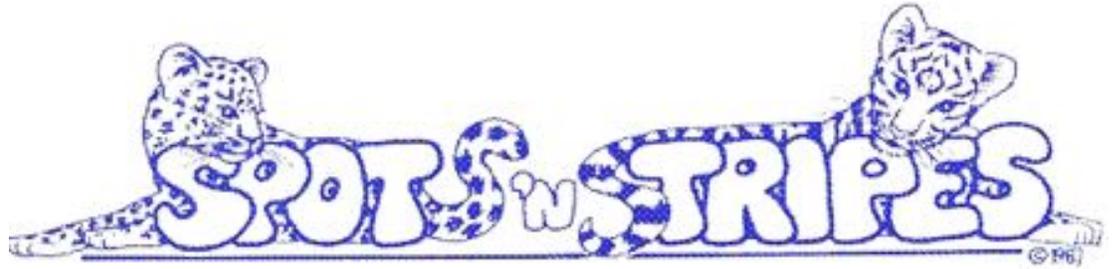


EFBC's Feline Conservation Center

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of EFBC's founder Joe Maynard on Oct. 26.

At a Board of Directors meeting held early in October, Joe announced his retirement and stepped down as president of EFBC. Our long-time Board member and veterinarian, Dr. Kristian J. Krause, assumed the position by unanimous vote of the Board. Joe was very happy that she accepted the nomination and position as they both shared the same passion and commitment to EFBC's mission.

Dr. Krause is also the small cat veterinarian adviser for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Felid Tag, and will continue our legal battle with California Fish and Wildlife.

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Donations

GENERAL DONATIONS: As the colder weather is upon us, lots of things tend to break and thanks to the following for their support of our general operating fund we can get them fixed. **Linda Braun & William Cammack, Squire & Freda Brown, Anne Calabrese, Vicki Collins, Clifford & Patricia Crader, Jill Evensizer, Linda Frank, Louise Fry, David Gregory, Kat Hannah, Cathy Lewis, Roberta Lotter, Sarah Mapel, In Memory of Adam McKay, Linda Olds, In Memory of Joe Philley, Stephanie Stone, Synopsys Community Foundation, Chris Tromborg, Rita V. Truderung, Robert & Patricia Waidner, Rebekah & Wesley Ward** and “Lifetime” members **Toni Chancellor-Adams, Lisa Edmondson and Michael J. Stevens.**

CAT RESCUE FUND: When Sierra Cat Haven needed help to evacuate their cats due to a wildfire, EFBC didn't hesitate and immediately rendered aide. To help offset the extra expense incurred, we asked our members to help with donations to this fund. We raised \$1,525 thanks to **Russell & Claire Bailinson, Patricia Chapman, Kathryn Davis, George & Janet Fischer, Evelyn Jennings, Jan Jerrin, Betty Ann Jones, Gail Lofdahl, Roberta Lotter, Dolores Mathews, Susana Watson, Linda C. Young** and a \$500 donation from **Iberdrola Renewables.**

RESTROOM BUILDING FUND: This less-than-glamorous building project raised \$444 this quarter thanks to a \$200 donation by **Justin Smith** and \$200 from **Sarah Mapel.** This brings our total to \$12,288 still shy of our \$75,000 goal.



Lesbeth Radda with her Savannah cat Mondo. Radda's son, George Radda, donated \$75,000 to EFBC-FCC in memory of his mother.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS: In our last newsletter we told you about **George Radda**, our adoptive parent who donated his consulting fees to help EFBC and get the word out about our mission. We received another \$1,625 from Yellow Matter Entertainment. However, it didn't stop there. George presented EFBC with a check for **\$75,000** in memory of his mother, **Lesbeth Radda**, to help our small cat breeding program. Lesbeth enjoyed her visits to EFBC, and loved the opportunity to see the smaller lesser known species of wild felines. It is George's

hope that this substantial donation will encourage others to donate funds to help EFBC develop an area designated for the breeding and exhibition of Sand Cats, Pallas' Cats, Margays, Jaguarundi and other small felines. **THANK YOU GEORGE!**

We have several cats scheduled for import and export over the next six months. A young female Malayan tiger named Batari was recently received from the Fresno Zoo and two young male Malayan tigers are scheduled to arrive from Alexandra, LA in January. Also in January, a Snow leopard will be arriving from Tierpark-Berlin. We are also exporting 0.1 Fishing Cat and 0.1 Bobcat to Novosibirsk Zoo in Russia. Our breeding programs cost money and we sincerely thank the **M. Piuze Foundation** for the very generous dona-

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Fall Events Raise Funds for Compound

Three fall events rounded out EFBC-FCC's special fundraisers for the year.

Our last **Twilight Tour for 2015** was on Sept. 26 and raised **\$9,695**. The Twilight Tours are one of our most popular events. Held three times a year, these tours are for adults 18 and over. Guests have access to the "back areas" of the grounds, which are not open during regular business hours. We'd like to thank those who came out this year to the Twilight Tours and the many people who donated raffle prizes, as well as our staff and volunteers. Mark your calendars for next year's Twilight Tours, taking place April 30, June 25 and Sept. 17.

In October, our popular **Kids' Day** took place. This day-long event is specially designed for our younger visitors, with games, prizes, an animal education program, crafts and face painting. This year, we replaced the train ride to see the tigers and jaguars with a hay ride! It was a day of fun that raised **\$3,904** for the facility.

In the last issue of Spots & Stripes, we featured on the cover our newest fundraiser, the **After Dark Red Light Tour**, the first of which took place Aug. 22. This evening event takes place at night. Visitors are taken on a special red light guided tour of our public area. The red lights allow visitors to see our residents – who are more active at night – in a more natural setting without the glare of spotlights or flashlights.

Due to the event's popularity, we hosted another Red Light Tour on Dec. 5 and doubled the amount raised! The August tour raised a little more than \$1,000 and the Dec. 5 tour raised **\$1,860**. Given the popularity of this event, we will have more dates for these tours next year. We hope to see you out there!

Be sure to check our website for event dates and times. For the latest news, follow us on **Facebook** (EFBC's Feline Conservation Center), **Twitter** (@wildcatzoo) and **Instagram** (@wildcatzoo).



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tion of **\$15,000** to help with these upcoming expenditures. The M. Piuze Foundation has been a major supporter of EFBC for many years now and we are extremely grateful for that continued support.

We also want to extend a special thank you to the **Roth Armstrong Hayes Foundation** for their generous general donation of **\$5,000**. Unrestricted grants and donations such as this gives EFBC the flexibility to utilize the funds in any way needed to support its mission to help save the world's wild felines, whether it be through breeding, research or our educational programs.

Thank you to all our members for supporting us over this last year. Please remember us with a year-end donation or check out our wish list (right) for donation ideas.

Happy New Year!

EFBC-FCC Wish List

- Two-Way Radios (10 or more)
- Electric golf carts (New or Used)
- Golf cart batteries
- Drought-tolerant plants or bushes (Desert lavender, Goldenbush, Indian Rice Grass, Desert Needle Grass)
- Craftsman heavy-duty garden hoses
- Lowes or Home Depot Gift Cards

Joe's Legacy



Vet Clinic

Joe turned his former residence into what is now the compound's clinic. Equipped with an operating room, X-ray room and more, the clinic allows for medical procedures to take place on site. Joe's vision to have a clinic has saved many cats' lives and also provided a top-notch facility for researchers to collect important samples and conduct fertility studies with world-renowned experts.



Facility Improvements

The EFBC-FCC you see today has evolved over time, thanks to Joe and his handiwork. When first opened, EFBC's public area was all dirt. A single-wide trailer was our dietary prep center. The gift shop was a small trailer. And the office was the house, which is now our clinic. Joe made use of the existing adobe structures to build out cages and storage facilities. EFBC today boasts a large gift shop center and concrete walkways with guard rails. Our new dietary prep center and freezer allows us to store more food and keep it safe, especially during the hot summer months. Project Tiger, a labor of love that took years to build, now has two Malayan tiger residents. There are still more projects to implement, all part of Joe's vision.



Joe with Chen-Chi the three-legged North Chinese leopard. Chen-Chi was born at EFBC and hand-raised.

Remembering Joe Maynard: A life in pictures

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At the Zoological Association of America's conference in November, Dr. Krause accepted the Lifetime Achievement award which was presented to Joe in honor of all his contributions and work over the last 40-plus years in protecting and preserving the many endangered species of animals he was involved with, as well as his contributions in establishing standards and management of wild felines in captivity.

Joe always said he was an animal person – not a people person. Many only got to see the rough exterior he liked to show, but many of us got to see the man that melted when he held a baby leopard. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue without interruption.



EFBC will be closed to the general public on Saturday, January 30, 2016 so his family, close friends and colleagues can gather at EFBC to celebrate the life of Joseph Maynard.

A memorial fund has been established in Joe's memory.

Donations may be sent to:

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Please indicate your donation is for the Joe Maynard Memorial Fund.

A LIFE DEDICATED TO SAVING ENDANGERED FELINES

Known Around the World

Joe was an self-made expert in feline breeding. He had no formal education in zoology, biology, animal husbandry or anything related to the breeding of endangered cats. Yet, scientists from around the world studying wild felines, including Dr. Jim Sanderson (pictured right), an expert in small cat conversation, worked with EFBC-FCC and visited the facility often. Joe established a world-class facility and reputation in the heart of the Mojave Desert.



Support Your Local Cathouse



Joe was EFBC-FCC's ambassador, at home and around the world. Through his close relationships with the community, he was able to raise funds for EFBC-FCC and help other organizations around the world. Additional medical equipment not needed at EFBC-FCC was donated to other facilities, including a cheetah conservation center in Africa. The compound sells shirts benefiting the Amur Leopard & Tiger Alliance. When other facilities needed assistance whether due to wildfires, cage design or animal transfers, Joe was there.



Friends & Family

Joe's family consisted of cats and people. He was respected and loved by all who knew him. And he is deeply missed.

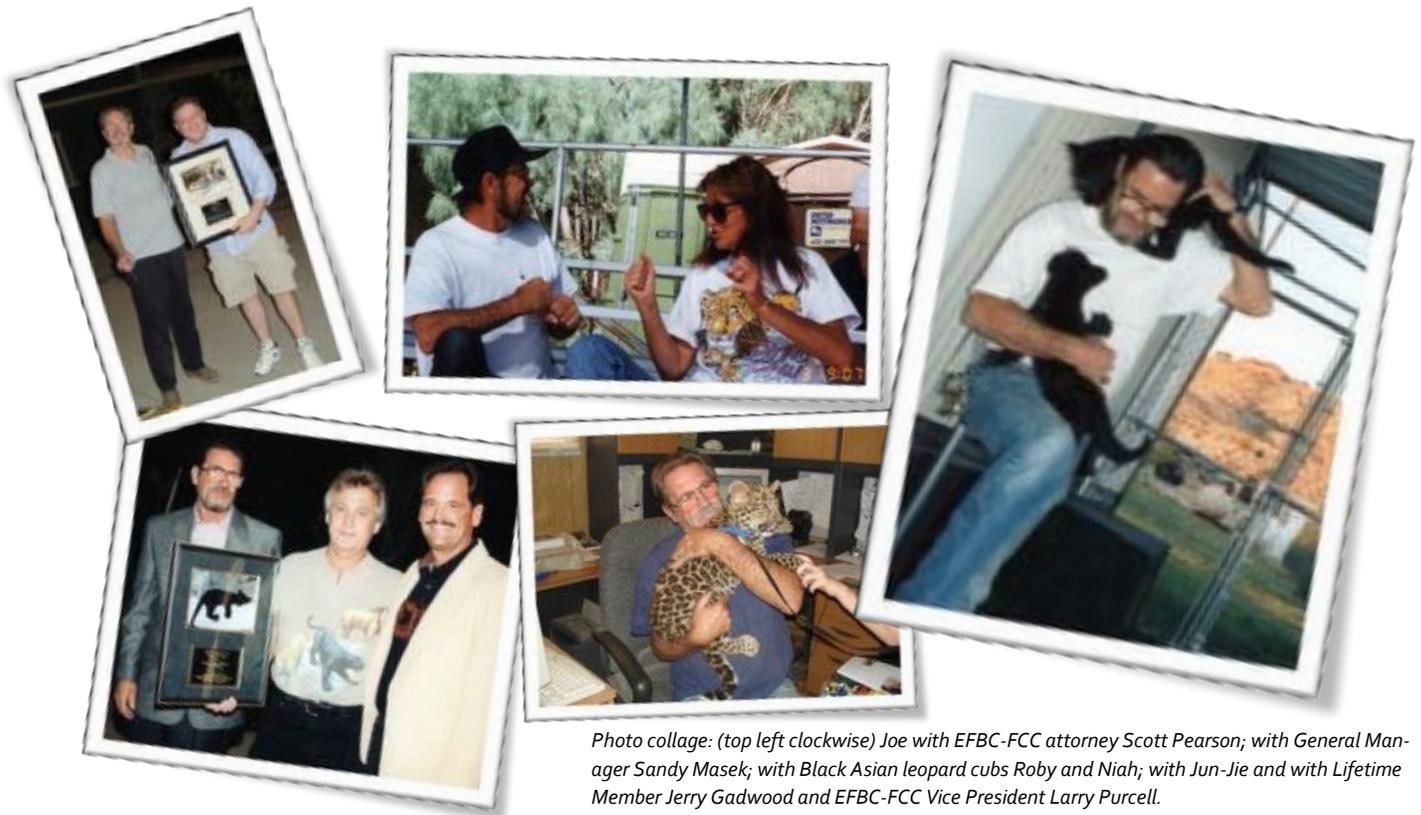


Photo collage: (top left clockwise) Joe with EFBC-FCC attorney Scott Pearson; with General Manager Sandy Masek; with Black Asian leopard cubs Roby and Niah; with Jun-Jie and with Lifetime Member Jerry Gadwood and EFBC-FCC Vice President Larry Purcell.

Cats of the Quarter: North Chinese Leopards



From left: JunJie, KimLee and Yanna.



One of the first species of cats to breed at EFBC-FCC was the North Chinese Leopard (*Panthera pardus japonensis*). These leopards live in northern China, south of their critically endangered cousins, the Amur leopard. North Chinese leopards are listed as “endangered,” one step below critically endangered, with approximately 2,500 remaining in the wild in highly fragmented ranges.

North Chinese leopards are large leopards – males weigh between 80 and 198 pounds, while females weigh on average between 65 to 133 pounds. Their fur is a darker orange background than other leopard subspecies. Their rosettes are large, have much darker enclosed fur and sometimes even a spot within the rosette – traits common in Jaguars, but not seen in other leopard subspecies. As with most species, their largest threat is man and encroachment on their habitat as well as hunting.



Tao, born at EFBC-FCC, is our oldest cat at 21 years.

About 100 North Chinese leopards exist in captivity today. EFBC-FCC currently houses the largest “genetically diverse” population outside of China. We are home to five – Tao, KimLee, Li-Ming, Yanna and Jun-Jie. They are all related to each other, however. Tao and KimLee are half-siblings who share the same father, Bao. For both Tao and KimLee, we brought in mates from outside the country to keep the captive population genetically diverse.

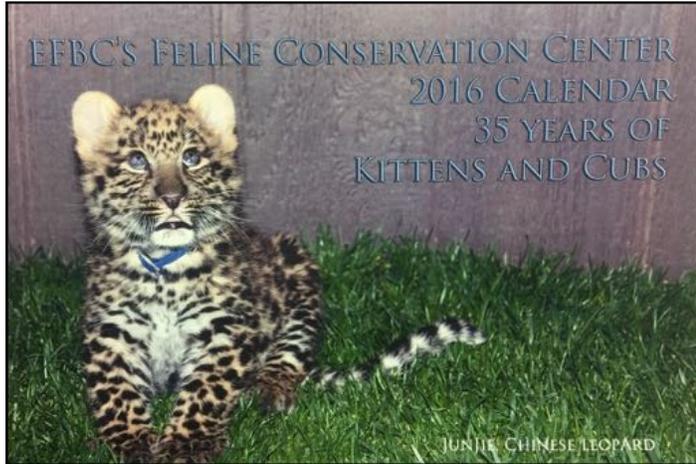
Tao was paired with a female from the Paris Zoo named Ran, but they were not successful in producing offspring. Ran passed away several years ago. Kim Lee was paired with a male from Germany named Kandgi, who also passed away in recent years. The pair produced several off-spring, including Li-Ming, Yanna (who were litter mates) and JunJie (known as JJ).



MEET BATARI our newest arrival! She is a female Malayan tiger who arrived in October from the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. She is in one of our two Project Tiger cages. The other is occupied by Tiga, a male Malayan tiger. Batari will turn 1 years old in January.



2016 Calendars in Stock!



This year's 12-month calendar theme is "35 Years of Kittens and Cubs," featuring pictures of all our adorable babies over the years. It's a perfect holiday gift for friends, family and the office! Calendars are \$9.30 plus tax in our gift shop or you can order online for \$17.99 from our Café Press shop, www.cafepress.com/wildcatzoo.

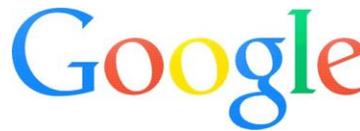
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for the latest on new arrivals, births and construction projects.



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In November, the Zoological Association of America (ZAA) honored Joe Maynard with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his service to the organization and his work. Joe was an integral part of ZAA and was an active board member, as well as the accreditation committee chairman. The ZAA's mission is to promote responsible ownership,

management, conservation and propagation of animals in both privately funded and publicly funded facilities through professional standards in husbandry, animal care, safety and ethics.

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SAVE THE DATES!

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Twilight Tours	April 30 June 25 Sept. 17
Feline Follies	Aug. 13
Kids' Day	Oct. 15

EVENTS CALENDAR



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