

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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Turpentine Creek
FOUNDATION, INC.

Mission Statement

To provide lifetime refuge for abused and neglected "Big Cats" with emphasis on tigers, lions, leopards, and cougars.

Vision Statement

Through public education we work to end the Big Cat Trade. Together, we can preserve and protect these magnificent predators in the wild for our children's future.

To Fulfill this Mission and Vision our Goals are:
EDUCATION, PRESERVATION AND COMPASSION

Education

TCWR is evolving how we educate today's youth, in classroom visits, onsite programming, and around the world through our virtual classes and tours.

Our Certified Wildlife Interpreters introduce students to our animal residents and their stories along with the workings of a true sanctuary to teach why predators should never be made pets or exploited for entertainment. Through Public Education we can foster advocacy and environmental stewardship to end the Big Cat Trade in our lifetime.

Preservation

Turpentine Creek is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) licensed facility for exotic and native wildlife, accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and a member of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance (BSCA), and the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK). We rescue animals from exploitation, neglect and abuse, providing them a safe lifelong home with exceptional care, while working to preserve endangered species in the wild through Public Education and Advocacy.

Compassion

We believe Big Cats and Bear are predators, not pets or entertainment for the masses. They and other exotic and native wildlife deserve to live out their lives with dignity, allowed to be the wild animals they instinctively are. We will continue to be their voice, both for those forced to live in captivity and those struggling for survival in the wild.



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Over the past 32 years, we've accomplished extraordinary milestones for big cats—all made possible by your unwavering support. Together, we celebrated the historic passage of the Big Cat Public Safety Act (BCPSA) in December 2022 and the construction of 44 new habitats in Freedom Field in 2023.

Now, as officials enforce the BCPSA and rely on us to rescue and provide lifelong sanctuary for animals in need, our 102 habitats stand ready to offer refuge to up to 200 animals.

Your voice remains critical as we work to educate the public and ensure the successful enforcement of this vital legislation. Unfortunately, the challenges don't stop with big cats. Small wild cats are now becoming targets for profit-driven wildlife dealers and roadside operators, facing the same neglect and abuse their larger relatives endured.

Yet, amidst these challenges, I am deeply inspired by all we've accomplished this past year:



Jasmine

Infrastructure



Throughout the spring of 2024, our team worked to complete the finishing touches on our new Freedom Field habitats. We built tiered big cat benches for lounging, erected shade cloths for comfort, and constructed in-ground pools for our water-loving cats to enjoy. We thank supporter Ron Volden for so generously constructing fire hoses and wooden benches for the small cat habitats, ensuring every resident gets the care they deserve.

- Tiered benches constructed in all 14 big cat habitats.
- Fire hose & wooden benches installed in 28 small cat habitats.
- 28 Coolaroo beds installed in 28 small cat habitats.
- Six inground pools installed for the current big cat residents to cool off and play.
- Ramps built for small cat benches to provide easier access for arthritic cats.

Because of your incredible support, these spacious, natural habitats are now filled with wild cats thriving in freedom, comfort, and excellent care. Thank you for making this possible!



Mrs. Claws

Existing Infrastructure Improvements



In addition to the new infrastructure, we connected habitats H16 & H17 with a run for tiger triplets Rosie, DOJ, and Jinx in the hopes that, as they age, the additional space will allow them to continue to live together harmoniously.

Education

Public Education is a critical pillar of our Vision. In 2024, TCWR continued to spread awareness to 68,358 people of all ages in person and virtually. TCWR offers the only non-formal STEM-focused curriculum that teaches how to tell if a facility treats their animals well, why predators should *never* be pets, the alarming details of the US wild cat crisis, and how children and their families can help preserve apex predators and their eco-systems. If you know of a local event coming up where you feel our Education Team would add value, please have their organization contact shayleen@tcwr.org.

Expansion of TCWR Public Education is vital to enforcing the BCPSA and ending the abuse and exploitation of all wild cats. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help us spread awareness!



Internship

Training the Next Generation of Animal Care Experts

Since 1996, the TCWR Internship Program has been a cornerstone of our commitment to excellence in wildlife care and education. This highly competitive, six-month, immersive program is designed for college graduates with zoology, biology, or related animal disciplines. It offers an unparalleled hands-on experience that shapes the future of animal behavior experts.

TCWR alumni are applying the skills learned at the Refuge worldwide, whether working with reputable zoos, sanctuaries, or dedicated veterinarians. In fact, over 84% of TCWR internship graduates remain in the animal care field, many advancing to roles that make a lasting impact.

The impact of TCWR's internship program extends far beyond the sanctuary itself. Many interns reapply for additional terms, accumulating invaluable experience that strengthens their resumes and deepens their commitment to the animal care field. Through continued learning, they are prepared to train the next generation of experts in animal behavior and care.



Spring 2024 Internship Cohort:

- 16 total interns
- 9 new interns
- 7 returning interns
- 8 graduates

Fall 2024 Internship Cohort:

- 15 total interns
- 7 new interns
- 8 returning interns
- 10 graduates



The Power of the Program:

Of the 18 program graduates, many are working in renowned zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, and field studies, contributing to the field in meaningful ways. Several have earned veterinary degrees, while others have become respected animal care leaders, continuing to uphold TCWR's legacy of compassion and expertise. Three graduates stand out - Jo Brown is completing her 4th internship with us. She has been here for two years. Jo has been hired at Oklahoma Primate Sanctuary, GFAS verified as a Primate Caregiver.

Noah Urbanek is completing his 4th internship as well. He has been hired on at White Oak Conservation, AZA accredited as a Conservation and Recovery Specialist.

Madelyn Beehler, finishing her third internship, has been hired at Safe Haven Wildlife Sanctuary, a GFAS-accredited facility that shares our commitment to ethical animal care.

Other Ways We Spread Awareness

In 2024, TCWR Social Media helped spread awareness to over 11.7 million people, sharing the rescue stories and lives of the TCWR animals to educate people of all.

Most Viral Cats (individual posts) - Poncho, Glacier, Aria, Rayn, Flint, Khaleesi



Poncho



Glacier



Aria

Spreading Awareness Locally



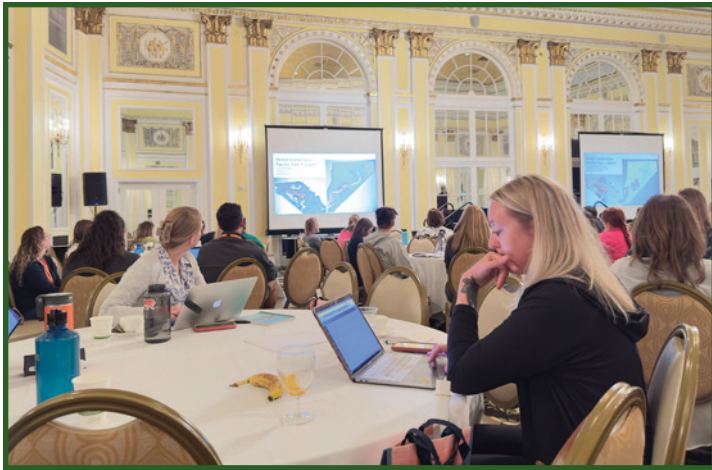
We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us on April 27 to celebrate the ribbon cutting of **our monumental 44-Habitat Freedom Field expansion**. This milestone stands as a testament to 32 years of nationwide rescue and unwavering dedication to providing the most expansive habitats in our history—offering freedom, safety, and dignity to generations of wild cats.

The event was presided over by TCWR President and Founder Tanya Smith, alongside Curator Emily McCormack, who carefully designed each natural habitat to suit the unique needs of various species for generations to come. We extend a heartfelt thank-you to Congressman Steve Womack, Heritage Commission Director Marty Ryall, and Eureka Springs Council Member Terry McClung for honoring us with their presence.

Whether you attended this special celebration or generously donated your ticket value, your support has made this milestone event a resounding success. Together, we raised over **\$60,495** that will ensure that Freedom Field remains a haven of safety and enrichment for the animals in our care, now and for years to come.

As our largest annual event, Feast with the Beasts is more than a fundraiser—it is our opportunity to connect with and express our deepest gratitude to the dedicated supporters who make our mission possible. Together, we are paving the way for even greater sanctuary expansion, better lives for rescued wildlife, and a legacy of compassionate care.

TCWR continued to contribute to evolve best practices throughout the international animal welfare industry throughout the past year:



Curator Emily McCormack (right)

AZA Felid Tag Conference

In August, Curator Emily McCormack attended the AZA Felid Tag Conference at the John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids, MI. The Felid Taxon Advisory Group (TAG) mission is to bring together animal care staff and scientists to **further the conservation of felids in the wild, effectively manage felids in AZA-accredited zoos throughout North America, and support scientific research concerning felid species.** Emily attended with other GFAS-accredited sanctuaries, zoo professionals, veterinarians, researchers, graduate students, and conservationists from around the country and international partners worldwide to collaborate and transfer knowledge about felid husbandry, science, well-being, and conservation.



Scott & Tanya Smith



Wildlife Confiscations Network Conference (WCN)

In September, President & Founder Tanya Smith and Vice President Scott Smith traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to represent TCWR as a new member of the WCN to provide a cooperative and coordinated response for the care and welfare of wildlife confiscated from illegal trade. The WCN is a new conservation initiative led through a cooperative agreement by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The purpose of the WCN is to create a coalition of reputable and trusted animal care facilities that can provide immediate medical care and housing for wildlife that are trafficked through U.S. ports of entry, allowing wildlife law enforcement to concentrate on the investigation and prosecution of criminals.



Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance

In October, our President & Founder, Tanya Smith, and Curator, Emily McCormack, traveled to New England to attend the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance (BCSA) conference. Emily's speech at the conference was titled "Road to Rescue" and was about rescue preparedness and travel necessities. TCWR helped to ally our Colorado Project of 2016- 2017. BCSA member sanctuaries work together on nationwide rescues and strive to better care for captive big cats. In 2024, Emily McCormack served on the BCSA Board and Event Committee and Tanya Smith served on the Rescue and Finance Committees.



Emily McCormack (R) with Lily Tomlin (L) and Catherine Doyle, Director of Science, Research and Advocacy for the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS),

PAWS Conference

TCWR Curator Emily McCormack traveled to Los Angeles, California, on November 9 and 10, for the world's only International Captive Wildlife Conference, and to celebrate the Performing Animals Welfare Society (PAWS) remarkable 40 years of rescue, sanctuary, education, and advocacy. Emily spoke at the Conference on the growing US small cat crisis.



Holly

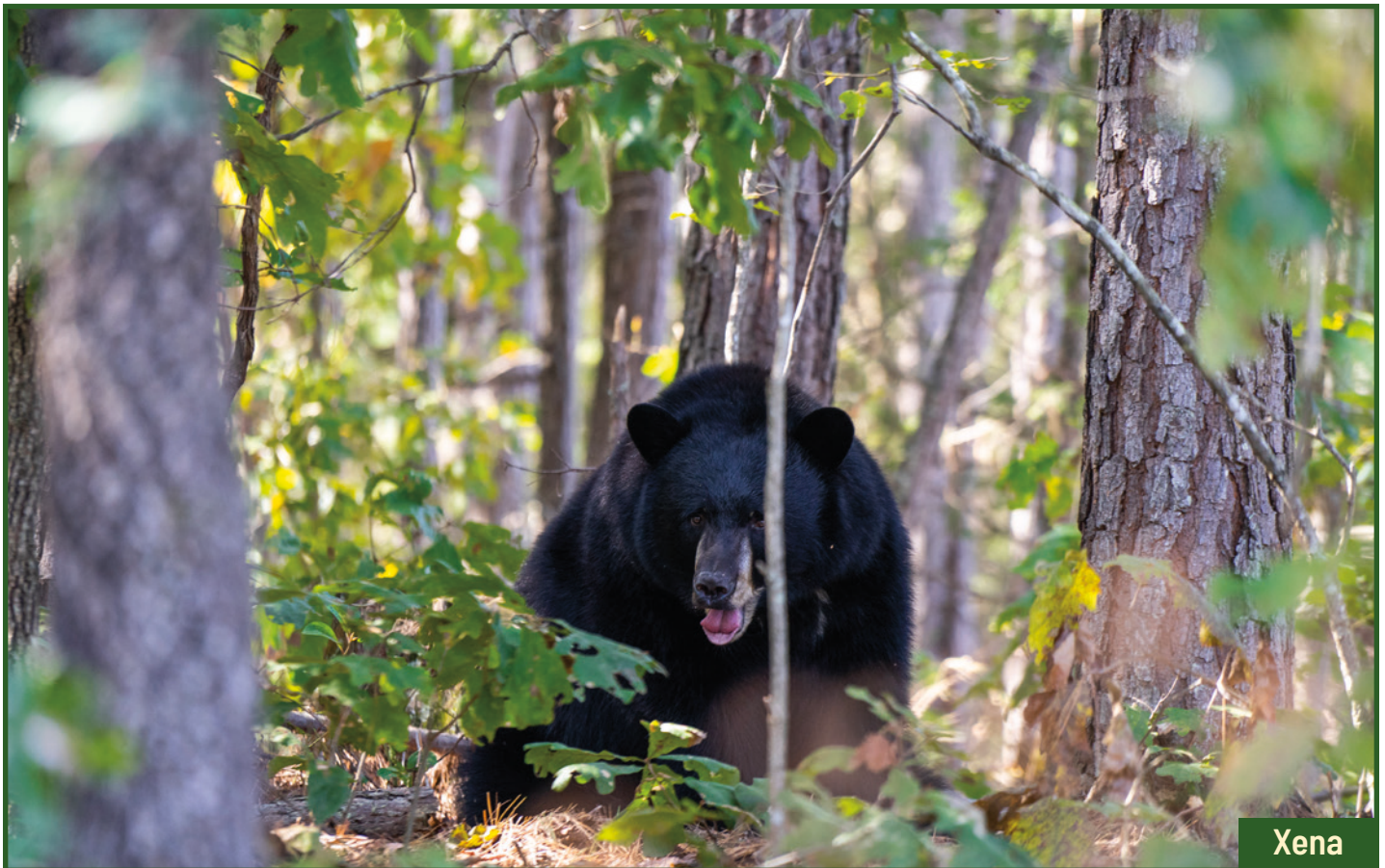


Huggy

The Bear Care Group (BCG) mission is to enhance global bear welfare and conservation through communication, collaboration, and education among international professionals. In May 2024, the group, in partnership with California Fish and Wildlife, hosted *Advancing Bear Care - The Next Level* in Oakland, CA, attended by 82 delegates from four continents, with 21 giving presentations.

In November, the group held a virtual webinar titled *Euthanasia, Welfare, and Resiliency*, featuring Dr. Julie Howard, TCWR Board Member, as one of two invited speakers.

As secretary of the BCG Board of Directors, TCWR Assistant Curator Laurie Vanderwall participated in monthly meetings and contributed to planning and executing both the conference and webinar.



Xena

Giving Tuesday



Robbie

On Tuesday, December 3rd, you joined us in raising over \$170,426 to protect the TCWR wild cat population from potentially fatal tick-borne diseases. This monumental Giving Tuesday effort not only funded three years of preventative medication but also underscored the power of our community to rally for a cause that saves lives.

The day concluded with a special showing of our documentary, *Robbie's Legacy*, a story that encapsulates both the challenges and triumphs of our mission. Robbie, a tiger we rescued from a closing facility in Oklahoma in January 2019, was just three months old and narrowly escaped being destroyed after he was no longer profitable for cub petting. Despite his rescue, Robbie and five other male tigers endured severe neglect under their caretaker, living in filth, suffering from extreme obesity, and receiving no proper diet or veterinary care.

When Robbie arrived at TCWR, his transformation was nothing short of remarkable. Over five years, our team provided him with a natural, expansive habitat, expert care, and enrichment, allowing him to thrive as a healthy, fit tiger. Tragically, Robbie fell ill in August 2024, becoming lethargic and losing his appetite. Suspecting an obstruction, our team rushed him to our veterinary hospital, but Robbie passed in his sleep before exploratory surgery could be performed.

His death devastated us. Later lab results revealed he had succumbed to *Cytauxzoonosis*, commonly known as Bobcat Fever—a tick-borne illness that can claim a life within 48 hours of onset. Robbie's passing was a stark wake-up call - despite our regular habitat maintenance, growing tick populations—exacerbated by climate change—require more robust preventative measures.

Thanks to the compassion and generosity of our supporters, including the Huck Family, who pledged a \$60,000 challenge match, we secured the funding needed to provide Bravecto, a critical tick-prevention medication, to our wild cats. This lifesaving medication will help ensure no other cat suffers the same fate as Robbie.

Robbie's story has sparked a movement, inspiring a wave of action and solidarity among our community. His legacy lives on as we commit to safeguarding our animals from preventable diseases and continue our mission to rescue, protect, and provide lifelong care.

We are profoundly grateful to every donor who made this success possible. Your unwavering support honors Robbie's memory and reinforces our commitment to ensuring a future where no wild cat suffers needlessly. Together, we will continue to make a difference—one life, one legacy at a time.

Robbie's Legacy
Documentary

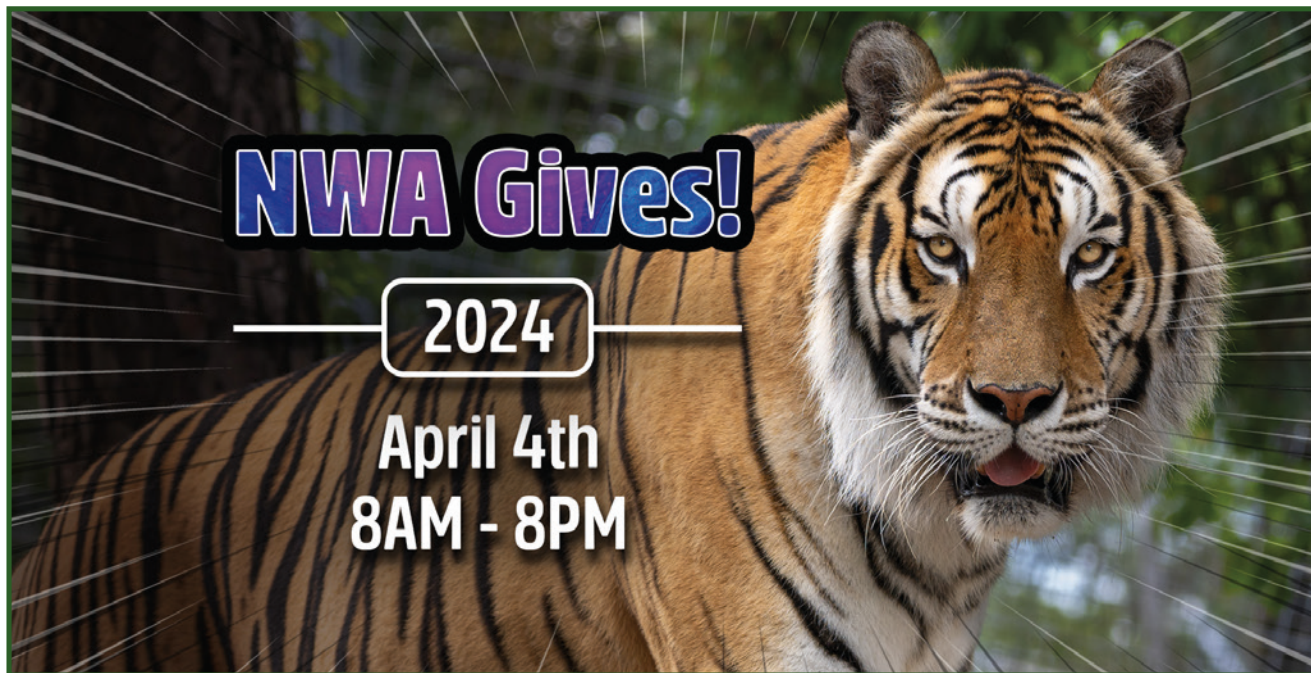


TRAILER



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The Power of Communal Fundraising was evident in 2024 through our online events.



NWA Gives

We want to say **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who supported us on NWA Gives Day on April 4, 2024, and helped us reach \$89,701 in total donations! Your support will help us give the wild cats and bears we rescue the year-round care they deserve.



EVENT AND ONLINE FUNDRAISING

NWA Gives	\$89,701
Giving Tuesday	\$170,426
Feast with the Beasts	\$60,495
Kite Fest	\$350

Thank You Volunteers



Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers - Making a Lasting Impact

At Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, our mission to provide lifelong care for rescued animals is fueled by the dedication of our incredible volunteers. In 2024, 45 volunteers contributed over 15,283 hours to animal care, habitat maintenance, social media, and donor relations—directly improving the lives of the animals who call TCWR home.

Volunteers are the backbone of our sanctuary. Your time and skills enable us to provide exceptional care, maintain a thriving refuge, and expand our educational outreach. Many of you also serve as ambassadors, raising awareness about the importance of wildlife rescue and sanctuary.

Through your commitment, we're building a compassionate community dedicated to spreading TCWR's message of respect and care for all captive wildlife. Your efforts make a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Thank you for helping us create a legacy of compassion that will resonate for generations to come.

Naula

MAJOR EXPENSES

Habitat Construction/Repairs/Maintenance	\$13,094
Animal Food Includes \$49,015 cost of freezer storage.	\$890,583
Animal Enrichment (treats & toys)	\$4,467
Animal Care/Veterinary/Medications	\$81,960

FINANCIAL TOTALS

<i>Dedicated Fund:</i> Capital Campaign	\$513,593
<i>Dedicated Fund:</i> Inground Pool Enrichment Project	\$37,500
Grants	\$105,092
Private Donations	\$1,698,037
In-Kind Donations (Including Meat & Produce Donations)	\$2,830,013
Adoptions	\$58,480
Sponsorships	\$123,816
Memberships	\$254,924
Lodging	\$323,192
Admission	\$871,114
Special Tours	\$80,994
Other Revenue Streams	\$766,234
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,750,906
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,507,948
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,242,958

Veterinary Care Highlights

As of January 2024, TCWR cares for 107 animals!

- Emergency exams - 14 animals
- Wellness exams - 36 animals
- Blood collection & sampling - 51 animals
- Urine collection and analysis - 33 animals
- Took 283 X-rays, 10 dental radiography series, & 19 abdominal ultrasounds
- Used small animal anesthesia machine 25 times
- Used large animal anesthesia machine 4 times
- Performed therapeutic laser therapy 12 times
- Joint injections 4 (2 joints each for Hunter & Shiloh) with help of Dr. Kara Amstutz
- Performed 13 full dental exams with cleaning & treatment
- Used the COHAT dental cleaning machine 6 times
- FVRCP vaccinations given - 75 (35 on exam + 40 in the field)
- Rabies vaccinations given - 61 (32 on exam + 29 in the field)
- DHLPP vaccinations given - 5 (in the field)
- Surgeries performed - 8
- Claw trims performed - 32
- Bravecto - administered 3x in 2024
 - 318 tablets given to felids 88 to 120 lbs
 - 53 tablets given to felids 22 to 44 lbs
- Fed animals 180,258 lbs of meat (avg. 495 lbs. per day!) including a Nebraska specialty diet
- Fed animals 7,719 lbs of produce

Animal Care & Rescue Highlights:



Advances in Animal Care:

Throughout 2024, our dedicated team conducted 36 wellness exams, uncovering significant diagnostic findings in 5 animals—despite none displaying obvious symptoms. These findings highlight the critical role proactive care plays in ensuring the well-being of our residents.

In some cases, the exact cause of the pathology remains undetermined, but our team has provided supportive treatments tailored to each animal's needs:

- Hunter the serval was found to have dangerously low blood calcium levels, despite a bone-rich diet with supplements. To address this, we've added extra calcium to his meals, ensuring his levels remain stable.
- Lil Miss Priss the bobcat was diagnosed with significantly low red blood cell levels. She now receives daily supplements to help her body produce more red blood cells and support her overall health.

Other cases involved chronic, progressive conditions that can be managed to improve quality of life:

- Lovey the bobcat was diagnosed with end-stage chronic kidney disease in July. With added treatments and supplements, she enjoyed five more months of excellent quality of life before her condition began to severely impact her.
- Ginger the serval has been receiving treatment for significant liver pathology since September. With supportive care and supplementation, she has gained weight and become more active.

Finally, during **Prince the Bobcat's** exam in September, we discovered a partially unerupted canine that will require surgery to prevent further oral damage. Additionally, he was confirmed as a carrier of bobcat fever. To protect other animals, we've ensured he stays up-to-date on oral tick-prevention medications.

These stories underscore the importance of routine exams and the exceptional care TCWR provides to ensure every animal receives the best possible chance at a healthy, fulfilling life.

Rescue Calls Point to Growing Small Cat Crisis

This spring, our mission to protect vulnerable wildlife brought us four rescue calls for small wild cats. Among them, we welcomed Tigger, a serval, and Emma, a caracal, into our care in March. Tragically, Tigger's story serves as a heartbreaking reminder of the dangers of private ownership. Like so many others, he suffered irreparable harm from the neglect, malnutrition, and abuse that plague the exotic pet trade.

As the wildlife trade shifts its focus to smaller wild cats in pursuit of profit, these animals face the same cruel exploitation their larger relatives have endured for decades. At Turpentine Creek, we are committed to ending this cycle of suffering and providing these animals with the care, safety, and dignity they deserve.



Tigger

The USDA confiscated a six-month-old African serval named Tigger from his owner, who failed to provide urgent veterinary care. Diagnosed with a diaphragmatic hernia caused by trauma, Tigger also suffered six rib fractures. His injuries had pushed abdominal organs into his chest cavity, collapsing his lungs and restricting his heart. Despite a two-hour surgery involving TCWR's Dr. Kellyn Sweely and two additional veterinarians, Tigger could not be saved. His tragic case highlights the need to educate against privately owning or exploiting wild animals for entertainment or profit.

Shortly after Tigger's loss, TCWR welcomed Emma, a middle-aged caracal rescued from a family's basement. She had spent two years languishing indoors after being purchased from a breeder. Following her rescue, Emma was introduced to Freedom Field and embraced her new life, adapting quickly to her spacious and natural environment.



Emma



Malcolm

In April, The Wildcare Foundation contacted TCWR after many attempts to rehabilitate a young bobcat named Malcolm. Taken from the wild as an orphaned kitten, Malcolm's early exposure to humans made it impossible to return him to his natural habitat. Despite enjoying seeing his caretakers, his wild instincts still emerge, reminding us of the delicate balance between caring for animals who can never return to the wild.



In August, Zuri, an African serval, arrived at TCWR after a Tennessee family realized they could not meet the needs of this small but fierce predator. Having spent her life indoors, Zuri is now thriving in her expansive Freedom Field habitat. She transitioned to sanctuary life at her own pace and has shown a keen curiosity about her wild cat neighbors.

In November, TCWR rescued Nala II, a female African serval, at the request of the Missouri Animal Protection Association (APA). Our team brought Nala II to the refuge after a devastating car accident in St. Louis County that claimed the life of her male companion – reportedly due to a possible DUI accident. Today, Nala II is getting the care and freedom she deserves after a life of darkness in the attic of a private home.

Species like servals, caracals, and bobcats face significant challenges when kept inside homes as pets. They require specialized diets, medical care, and large habitats to thrive and use their natural instincts as small predators. These things most private owners and breeders are ill-prepared to provide.



Advances in Veterinary Care

This spring brought exciting advancements to our veterinary program. On March 10, Dr. Kara Amstutz, CEO of the Canine Rehabilitation Institute, visited Dr. Kellyn to demonstrate the use of a laser unit and PEMF mattress donated by Dr. Janet Van Dyke, who toured the Refuge in December 2023. Respond Systems is also working to create a 'tiger-sized' PEMF therapy unit for donation.

Dr. Kara consulted on cases and returned in July to donate her time and expertise by performing joint injections on Hutch Serval and Shiloh Bobcat during their wellness exams. The injections relieved pain, improved mobility, and slowed arthritis progression for up to a year.

Both cats showed significant improvement and comfort afterward. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Kara and your donations, which help us continue raising the standard of veterinary care for TCWR animals.



Animal Highlights



Fred

Fred!

In October, TCWR proudly announced that Fred, a tiger cub central to one of the first prosecutions under the Big Cat Public Safety Act, has found a permanent home at our sanctuary. Two Arkansas men pleaded guilty to charges involving the illegal possession and concealment of the cub.

The case began in March 2023, when reports of a tiger cub roaming a residential neighborhood in Conway, Arkansas, prompted an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission investigation. To ensure Fred's safety during litigation, TCWR cared for him in Witness Protection starting April 28, 2023.

Fred's story underscores the ongoing crisis of private big cat ownership in the US, where countless animals remain at risk. Public vigilance is crucial in helping authorities address these violations. Today, Fred thrives in his spacious habitat, enjoying enrichment activities that provide him with the best possible quality of life in captivity.

Bagheera's Transformation Rescue to Refuge

In May 2021, TCWR assisted the Department of Justice in saving 68 big cats, including three-year-old Bagheera, from the infamous Greater Wynnewood Animal Park (Tiger King Park) in Oklahoma. Bagheera had been confined to a cramped 10' x 20' metal and wire cage alongside two large lions. Bullied relentlessly, he spent his days cowering in a corner; his tail stripped of fur from stress. At TCWR, he thrives in a spacious natural habitat, enjoying veterinary care, enrichment activities, and the peace of sanctuary life. His tail has regrown, and he delights in hoarding toys, lounging on elevated platforms, and cooling off in his pool during summer.



Bagheera

Every animal at TCWR benefits from personalized care, including tailored diets, enrichment activities, expansive natural habitats, and protection from the elements. In summer, water-loving cats enjoy cooling off in pools, while heated dens and buildings keep African and elderly cats snug all winter. TCWR's leadership in animal husbandry is so well-regarded that AZA-accredited zoos send their staff to learn from its practices.



Ungowwa



Chief

World Lion Day

Saturday, August 10 was World Lion Day. Seven lions currently reside at the Refuge, free from exploitation and neglect. As an overnight visitor, you can delight in listening to their caroling, usually led by lioness Ungowwa, whom we rescued from wildlife abuser Tim Stark in 2020. Because of your generosity, the TCWR lions now enjoy individually designed diets, enrichment programs, and regular wellness exams.

While some of our lions enjoy sunny winter days in their habitats, they can all stay cozy in their heated dens. Sponsoring a lion ensures they will continue to get the care they deserve all year. Due to rising costs, all animals rescued since January 2020 can receive multiple sponsors—please call if you do not see the animal you wish to sponsor on our website dropdown menu!

TCWR's Oldest Animal Residents - Amber & Chloe

Due to your reliable monthly support, TCWR can provide our animal residents with the best care possible. The number of elderly animals residing at the Refuge that still enjoy an excellent quality of life bears testament to this.



Amber - 20 years



Chloe - 20 years

In Loving Memory

This year, we said goodbye to thirteen of our beloved animal residents. These incredible survivors of the captive wildlife trade will live on in all our hearts.



Bosco - age 16



Payson - age 19



Robbie - age 9



Moses - age 23



Floyd - age 7



Whistler - age 15



Harley - age 22



Simba - age 19



Jagger - age 14



Tigger - age 5 ½ mo.



Bailey - age 21



Lovey - age 16



Keesha - age 17

Though they are no longer with us, their legacies and stories will continue to inspire our fight to end the exploitation of all wild cats and bears.

Major In-Kind Donations



For over 32 years, Tyson Foods has donated most of the meat we feed our animal residents. We cannot thank them enough for giving the animals we rescue the best care possible in captivity! In 2024, Tyson Foods donated 375,989 lbs of meat valued at \$1,857,386.



We are highly grateful to Cargill, who donated 119,943 lbs to feed the animals. The value of this in-kind donation was \$592,519.



We greatly appreciate Google Ads for donating Google advertising valued at \$347,045.

We also wish to offer the following donors for their significant in-kind contributions:

Jesse Weegens, 250 Turkeys	\$3,500
Sheila Harrison, 1,050 lbs	\$2,153
River Grille, Steaks	\$1,500
Brenda Bell, Calf	\$1,500
Duncan & Son's, 300 lbs	\$1,200
Paul Gilbert	\$800
Terra Rosa Farms	\$1,325
Chris Hall, 40 lbs	\$200
Sarah Jones, 20 lbs	\$80

Of course, we also want to thank each of you who donated to our auctions and helped them succeed!

Wild About Wildlife!

We want to extend a special thank-you to all our Membership Level Donors:

The members of the Hilda Jackson Society, the Kenny Fellowship, the Bam Bam Benefactors, and the Friends of India include Turpentine Creek's most committed family members who support TCWR's rescue and education initiatives. By enrolling in a membership tier and pledging to give again, these dedicated stewards enable us to budget for more significant projects and projects with further impact in the coming years. Our humble thanks also go to all who declined membership benefits but chose to give at a Tier level. Thank you for helping us continue our mission of Rescue to Refuge.



Hilda Jackson

The Hilda Jackson Society Annual Donation of \$10,000+

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Create a Legacy That Protects Wild Cats and Bears for Generations

At **Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge**, legacy giving is more than a donation—it’s a commitment to the future. By including Turpentine Creek Foundation, Inc. in your will, you become part of **TCWR’s Legacy Society**, a community of dedicated supporters working to ensure the long-term care and protection of rescued wild cats and bears.

Your legacy gift helps sustain our **Rescue to Refuge** work, providing lifelong sanctuary, advocating for captive wildlife, and educating the public about the challenges these animals face. Through our trusted partner, **Free-Will**, you can create or update your will in as little as 20 minutes—securely and at no cost. Get started here - turpentinecreek.org/support/#freewill

Why Legacy Giving Matters:

Planned gifts are critical to our future. They allow us to rescue more wild cats and bears from neglect and abuse, improve and maintain habitats, and expand our advocacy efforts to create a safer world for captive wildlife.

“Being part of the TCWR Legacy Society means helping Turpentine Creek’s mission live on. My legacy is the footprint I leave behind—the values I cherish and the impact I make. While I can give my time, talent, and treasure today, a legacy gift ensures that my support continues even when I’m gone. It’s a message to the future, inspiring others to carry on this work and create their own lasting impact. Our gifts today will continue giving tomorrow.”

— Chrystie Winston, Legacy Society Member

If you’ve already included Turpentine Creek in your estate plans, we’d love to hear from you! Let us honor your generosity by welcoming you into the Legacy Society. Simply visit turpentinecreek.org/support/#freewill to notify us.

Our special thanks to all of you who’ve joined our TCWR Legacy Society. Your support ensures that Turpentine Creek’s mission continues to thrive, giving wild cats and bears the safe, dignified future they deserve.

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Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge stands at the forefront of a transformative era in big cat and wildlife rescue, driven by our unwavering commitment to expanding our footprint, enriching lives, and advocating for systemic change.

In 2024, we celebrated incredible milestones. With legislation like the Big Cat Public Safety Act reducing the need for big cat rescues nationally, we are inspired by a bold vision - a future where big cats and captive wildlife thrive in their natural habitats, free from exploitation.

With over 460 acres of sanctuary honoring the dignity of the animals we protect, TCWR is building a legacy that transcends rescue—toward a world where sanctuaries are no longer necessary. Every life saved and every habitat created speaks to the power of our mission and the steadfast generosity of our supporters.

What we've accomplished together is extraordinary, but our journey is far from over. By becoming a recurring donor, you provide the stable support needed to rescue more animals, give them the care they deserve, and save countless lives. Joining TCWR as a member amplifies your impact while connecting you to the animals through exclusive benefits.

The work ahead is critical, and your unwavering support transforms lives—turning suffering into hope and survival into thriving. As we look toward 2025, a New ERA of Education, Rescue, and Action, we'll build an even brighter future for wild cats and bears everywhere. For this, we are endlessly grateful.

With Gratitude,



Tanya Smith, President/Founder
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge





THANK YOU

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