



THE WILDCAT SANCTUARY



They will never know freedom.
Can they at least know compassion?

Fall 2011

FROM THE DIRECTOR

So much has gone on this summer. We have had so many highs and lows, it's comforting to know you have been there every step of the way!

With your help, **Layla, Kita** and **Zeus** have all moved into **Wild Woodlands**. TWS contributed \$2,500 to help upgrade our **township road** to prevent the issues we had this past spring. An **intern bunkhouse** has been moved in and we just completed the septic. We helped facilitate the **rescue of several bobcats, servals, cougars and a lynx** to accredited facilities. And we met so many new supporters at our **outreach booths**.



The summer was devastating with the **loss of 6** very special residents. Our hearts broke but you and the other animals in our care continue to help us heal. Now that we have **15 cats over 15 years old**, we know

more will sadly move on but they will always be remembered in the new **Memorial Garden and Pavilion**. Residents **Titan, Cody, Andre, Leisha, Diablo Guapo, and Tahiti** all received dental exams and treatment from the **Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation**. And over 24 residents received exams by **Dr. John Baillie & Dr. Noemi Plantz of Cedar Pet Clinic Lake Elmo**.

The Sanctuary's **operating expenses** have dramatically increased with the addition of more animal buildings, habitats and big cat residents. We knew the **Texas tiger** rescue would increase our costs and we continue to work hard to find ways to increase support. In addition to the **sustaining care**, we are hopeful to continue construction of Wild Woodlands so that **Sabrina, Sierra & Ekaterina** can move to their final natural areas.

Your support allows us to rescue and care for so many. There are many ways you can help us help them: through our **Legacy Pride, Sponsorship Program, Monthly Giving** or by **volunteering**. You can learn more at WildcatSanctuary.org or by calling 320-245-6871. I am always happy to help you find a program that fits your needs and helps the cats!

Tammy Thies / Executive Director



NOVEMBER 16TH - GIVE TO THE MAX DAY!

SAVE the date for Nov. 16, 2011 and you can double your donation for wildcats in need! This is the great **Minnesota Give Together** for non-profits, but the great news is you don't have to be a Minnesota resident to give; you just have to donate on November 16th to TWS at this secure link: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Wildcat-Sanctuary>

Why Give On This Day?

- Generous supporters Peggy Fisher, The Stelter Company & the Mahley Family foundation will match up to \$15,000 of the donations received on November 16th through the **Give to the Max Day**.
- Nonprofits with budgets under \$750,000 a year (that's us) will compete for \$15,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000. Prize grants to be given to the top three organizations that receive the MOST dollars on **Give to the Max Day**.

Last year our amazing supporters gave over \$30,000 in one day to help abandoned and abused wildcats. Proceeds this year will help us care for the over 100 rescued residents at the Wildcat Sanctuary and to continue with education programs to decrease the number of wild animals kept as pets.

Where Does Your Donation Go?

- Our annual food bill is \$30,000.
- Heat and electricity for the coming winter months.
- Compassionate care to all of our residents.
- Cover an unexpected cost of a cross-country big cat rescue or new habitat at The Wildcat Sanctuary.
- Education to help end the captive wildlife crisis.

It's easy. Just donate at this secure link:
<http://www.razoo.com/story/Wildcat-Sanctuary>
on November 16th!



LAYLA



SIERRA



TITAN & LILLY



THE WILDCAT SANCTUARY



Mission: Provide natural sanctuary to wild cats in need and inspire change to end the captive wildlife crisis.

Vision: Help create a world where wild animal sanctuaries are no longer needed.

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JUNGLE BOOGIE 2011 IS A ROARING GOOD TIME!

Jungle Boogie, with its Roaring 20's theme, on Sunday October 9th was the cat's meow! Our wild evening raised \$58,670 for The Wildcat Sanctuary's cats! Over 180 sponsors, donors and guests joined us for a fun-filled evening. During this year's Silent Auction, we had an amazing 'live' painting created on-site by **Dim Media**. Guests were able to bid on this piece and many other wonderful silent auction items.

Our Media Sponsor, **LOVE105 FM**, provided an informational table and our 'Feed-a-Feline' wall was a hit. **The Fred Astaire Dancers of Minnesota** staged a prohibition 'raid' on our guests to shuffle them into the dinner presentation. Dinner music was provided by **Steve Clarke** and Master of Ceremonies, **Nadine Dubois**, started the dinner program. Guests watched the debut of The Wildcat Sanctuary's new informational video produced by **HDMG**. **Dr. John Baillie, DVM** and **Rachelle Wood** received special recognition as our Lion Pride Award recipients. The live auction and 'Fund-a-Need' portion of the evening reiterated the generosity of our donors in support of TWS and in ending the captive wildlife crisis. The **Mahley Family Foundation** bequeathed a \$5,000 Match donation for Nov 16 2011 **Give to the Max Day**.

After dinner the fun continued with our yearly raffle drawing. The first-prize raffle of \$500 went to Lisa M. of MN; the second prize of \$250 went to Sara P. of TX; and third prize of \$100 cash went to Kevin S of MN. **The Fred Astaire Dancers** put on a show and taught our guests how to do the Charleston. The costume contest had many great era-authentic costumes. The Gift Bazaar sold our beautiful 2012 Calendar and the 5th in the series of Vintage Wildcat Wine featuring servals Phoenix and Nunda. **DJ Jared** closed out the evening with his Jungle Boogie blend of music.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out everyone who contributed to the success of Jungle Boogie 2011! The night would not have been possible without the support of our attendees, many gracious donors and sponsors... and the enormous energy of our volunteers, interns and Jungle Boogie committee. We are already looking forward to next year!



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT:

DIRECTOR, TAMMY THIES
ADDRESSES GUESTS;

VOLUNTEERS KRISTA,
PAMELA AND JEANNA;

DINNER GUESTS ENJOYING
THE EVENING;

FRED ASTAIRE DANCERS
LEAD GUESTS IN A DANCE
LESSON.



A special thank you to our patron tables:

EatonGolden
Mahley Family Foundation
Ray Quist & Rita Lehman



MEET OUR SENIOR KEEPER: TRISTA CAMPBELL



By Brynn Baker

Trista attended the University of Minnesota, earning a degree in Ecology, Evolution and Animal Behavior. While in school, Trista searched for hands-on experience to coincide with her studies, which led to her discovery of the captive wildlife crisis.

Trista's research unveiled the 'insane number' of wild cats, in particular, that are struggling in captivity—with rescue facilities 'busting at the seams' as exotic felines are mistakenly becoming an average household pet.

'This drove me nuts,' Trista said. 'It actually had an impact on my decision from working with animals in the wild doing research, to working with them here in the states. We should not be attempting to domesticate wild animals when their natural role out in the woods and savannahs are so much more important than our selfish desire to be close to an exotic.'

Until there is an end in sight, Trista and TWS will continue to further their goal to end this cruel mistreatment of exotic animals. Trista's drive and determination has brought her to this point in her career, and will continue to carry her passion forward, she says.

Trista is truly TWS' 'Grrrl Gone Wild' and lives her life wild at heart.

(To read the complete article, please go to:
<http://www.wildcatsanctuary.org/senior-keeper>)

WELCOME KEESA



We received a call from a woman who was frantic due to her hybrid cat's behavioral issues. She had been patient and tried several approaches to make Keesa a family pet before, sadly, feeling her only option was to put her down. Luckily she called TWS as a last resort and we agreed to help Keesa the F1 Bengal. Keesa is very timid but is slowly integrating into a group in Hybrid Haven.



ANDRE

THE COUGAR HOLDS THE GUINNESS RECORD FOR THE ANIMAL WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NAMES WITH OVER 40 NAMES IN ENGLISH ALONE. (MOUNTAIN LION, PUMA, PANTHER, ETC.)

WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH TWS

Don't forget to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to receive news and photos. Sign up on our website.

- Find us on Facebook and get the latest updates!
- Follow us on twitter: twitter.com/wcsanctuary
- See videos at: youtube.com/user/wildcatsanctuary
- Visit our Ebay store



Ask the Vet:

Is chocolate really bad for dogs?

Dr. Noemi Plantz of Cedar Pet Clinic Lake Elmo reminds dog-owners that, although chocolate is nutritious for humans (not to mention delicious!) it is quite toxic to our four-legged friends. Chocolate contains two substances that are toxic to dogs: theobromine and caffeine. The amounts vary with the type of chocolate. Baking chocolate contains the most, followed by dark chocolate, and milk chocolate. White chocolate contains the least amount of theobromine and caffeine. Variables, such as the type of chocolate, the amount eaten, and the weight of the dog, mean the results could vary from mild to extremely dangerous. Call your vet when you think your dog has eaten chocolate. At the clinic and in our homes, we keep all foods containing chocolate out of reach of our dogs, and well within our own reach only!

Vet care for TWS residents is provided by Cedar Pet Clinic of Lake Elmo www.cedarpetclinic.com 651-770-3250

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF BRENDA K. BOESE FROM MILDRED MILLER
IN MEMORY OF DELPHINE PALMERSHEIM
FROM DIANE PALMERSHEIM
IN MEMORY OF DELPHINE PALMERSHEIM
FROM THE WILDCAT SANCTUARY
IN MEMORY OF DAN NICHOL FROM DIANE PALMERSHEIM
IN MEMORY OF KARL NELSON FROM MICHELLE FRIESEN
IN MEMORY OF SYDNEY & RASCAL FROM KIMBERLY NORTON
IN MEMORY OF SYDNEY FROM SANDY & ANGEL SCHMIDT
IN MEMORY OF SYDNEY FROM JOE & JUDY HICKEY
IN MEMORY OF GLENNA EDWARDS FROM RICHARD EDWARDS
IN MEMORY OF FRANCES KLIMER MACKIEWICZ
FROM STEPHEN MACKIEWICZ
IN MEMORY OF SHANTI FROM CARL & EILEEN ADAMEC
IN MEMORY OF TERRI KLAPHAKE FROM KAREN SPENCER
IN MEMORY OF PJ THE CAT FROM DR. MELISSA ANNE HENSLEY
IN MEMORY OF SOPHIE & SIERRA
FROM ERICA MARSTON, BRIGITTE SANDAGER, JENNIE & JOAN
AND MARY & SCOTT ROLLINS
IN MEMORY OF BOOTS & GOLDY FROM THE NEWMANS
IN MEMORY OF ZENA
FROM HOOMAN SHAHIDI & LYNN MAHONY AND NICOLE LANE
IN MEMORY OF RASCAL FROM JOAN OPRIAN, TOM AND TOBY
IN MEMORY OF NANOOK & SISTER ROO FROM JESS ETTEN
IN MEMORY OF MYSTIQUE FROM ELIZABETH EIDE
IN MEMORY OF PAULI & PONZI FROM MARA PAINE
IN MEMORY OF DANA L. MILLER FROM MILDRED MILLER
IN MEMORY OF GREY CAT BY TED SITZ

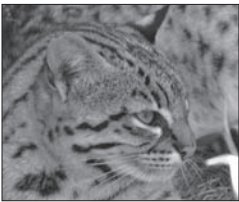
IN MEMORY OF PETS WE HAVE LOVED FROM LISA & DAVID
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IN MEMORY OF DELPHINE PALMERSHEIM FROM JANELL TRAVIS
IN MEMORY OF SIMON FROM THE WILDCAT SANCTUARY
IN MEMORY OF OSCAR FROM KIMBERLY NORTON

IN HONOR OF:

IN HONOR OF PAULA NELSON'S BIRTHDAY FROM WAYNE NELSON
IN HONOR OF ELIZABETH EDIE'S BIRTHDAY FROM KANE LARSON
IN HONOR OF ADA TRUMAN
FROM CATHERINE CROWLEY, ADAM TRUMAN
AND GINNY & MARK BETZER
IN HONOR OF GWENN CHRISS FROM PAUL HYDE
IN HONOR OF PRISCILLA FRENCH FROM KIMBERLY NORTON
IN HONOR OF DEBBIE PIERCE'S ANNIVERSARY FROM BRUCE OLSON
IN HONOR OF MATTHEW KNEESHAW FROM MICHELLE BLACK
IN HONOR OF ED HOWELL FROM MORGAN HOWELL
IN HONOR OF ROSALIND ANNEN'S BIRTHDAY FROM PAULA NELSON
IN HONOR OF DIANE PALMERSHEIM FROM LOIS KRUSE
IN HONOR OF BRENDA K. BOESE FROM MILDRED MILLER
IN HONOR OF BUTTONS, WENDY AND CATPURNICUS FROM ERIN HYNES
IN HONOR OF DIANE PALMERSHEIM FROM JANELL TRAVIS
IN HONOR OF PAULA NELSON'S BIRTHDAY FROM ROSALIND ANNEN
IN HONOR OF PATTIE ANDERSON FROM REBECCA ANDERSON

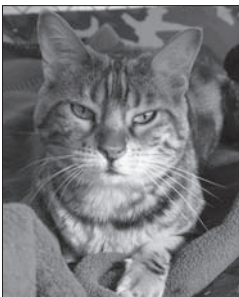
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PASSAGES



Rascal (Geoffroy's cat) had a presence about him that could fill up a room. Just to look at him was to love him. A favorite among staff and volunteers, his presence can still be felt in his bungalow.

Mystique (F1 Bengal) was such a fighter. Diagnosed with cancer and given six months to live, Mystique beat the odds and lived three years longer than expected. She was, and still is, such an inspiration to so many of us. Thanks, Mystique, for teaching us to not sweat the small stuff and live life like we mean it.



Zena (Bengal) was so full of life that we couldn't believe she left us. She was the definition of spitfire, a true diva, always singing for attention. But the minute you tried anything she didn't like, watch out. We hope wherever she is now that she receives the pampering a true diva deserves.



Sydney's (Eurasian Lynx) sudden death shocked us all. He lived through so many terrible things in his life but it never stopped him from celebrating the wonderful things in the present. His willingness to forgive humans for the past atrocities is why we work so hard and care so much. We are so glad to have known Syd and are the better for it.

Sophie & Sierra (Siberian Huskies) shared such a great bond that we can only strive for in our daily lives. They leaned on each other in times of need and protected one another when things were scary. They also brought dog people and cat people together to share a common goal, to end animal suffering. We are glad they were able to go together and we know they are now truly wild and free.



You can read their full memorials at:
<http://www.WildcatSanctuary.org/residents>

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: DIABLO GUAPO

Diablo was born in 1995 and arrived at TWS in 2006 with a cougar, a bobcat and two lynx. The facility he came from in Colorado had to close due to lack of funding. At TWS, he quickly became a favorite. We knew with such a stunning personality, it was fitting to change his name to Diablo Guapo, meaning 'Handsome Devil'. A name we felt better expressed his beauty and spirit.



Diablo Guapo enjoys his life with all his neighbors, including Aslan's pride and Shazam, a black leopard, with whom he has a special kinship. He loves all kinds of enrichment and is especially fond of lounging on his specially-designed perch equipped with stairs. He has also found a great talent in creating paw paintings for our auction events. He never fails to amaze us with his devilishly handsome face and angelic personality.

As Guapo ages, he's provided the best veterinary care. Recently he received a complete dental exam, donated by the **Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation**. He was also given a clean bill of health by veterinarian Dr. Noemi Plantz. With your help, he can live the rest of his life wild at heart. You can sponsor Diablo Guapo, and other cats like him, at: <http://www.WildcatSanctuary.org/sponsor-a-wild-one>



JAGUARS HAVE THE STRONGEST JAWS AMONGST ALL CATS; SECOND STRONGEST AMONGST ALL LAND MAMMALS. GUAPO WAS ANESTHETIZED FOR HIS DENTAL WORK.

TWS 2012 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Bring in the New Year with this fabulous calendar filled with 12 amazing photographs of our Sanctuary residents, taken by Pamela Lammersen of PCML Photography and our staff. You can order yours through Ebay or by mailing us a check for \$12 with the word 'calendar' in the notes section.

Did you know?

Sadly, 80% of TWS cats were declawed on all four paws by their previous owners.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP TWS

Winter is approaching and our transmission broke down in our older plow truck. We are desperately in need of a donated, good-working, commercial bobcat, tractor or plow truck before winter sets in.

Book TWS' Director, Tammy Thies, for a speaking engagement. She recently was the keynote speaker at the Iowans for Animal Welfare conference and will be at the Conversations of the Valley sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Foundation on November 15th in Stillwater. Tammy shares why it is important to keep the wild in your heart not your home. Her personal story, personality and incredible experience with some of the most abused and endangered species on our planet, makes for a riveting presentation.

We need help in researching grant opportunities, especially Minnesota family foundations which can be difficult to find. If you have grant experience and are willing to research contact information and make calls to see if TWS qualifies, please contact cat@WildcatSanctuary.org. We currently have a volunteer writing grants for us, so we really only need help with the feasibility research.



APPROPRIATE PET PROGRAM FEATURED: FRIENDS OF FLICKA

Friends of Flicka is a 501(c)3 charitable organization created in memory of a beloved golden retriever. Their mission is to provide funds to other qualified exempt organizations and individuals engaged in the rescue, adoption and care of animals that have been abandoned, lost, or abused. They have been a wonderful supporter of TWS as well as many other animal groups. Learn more at www.flickafriends.org



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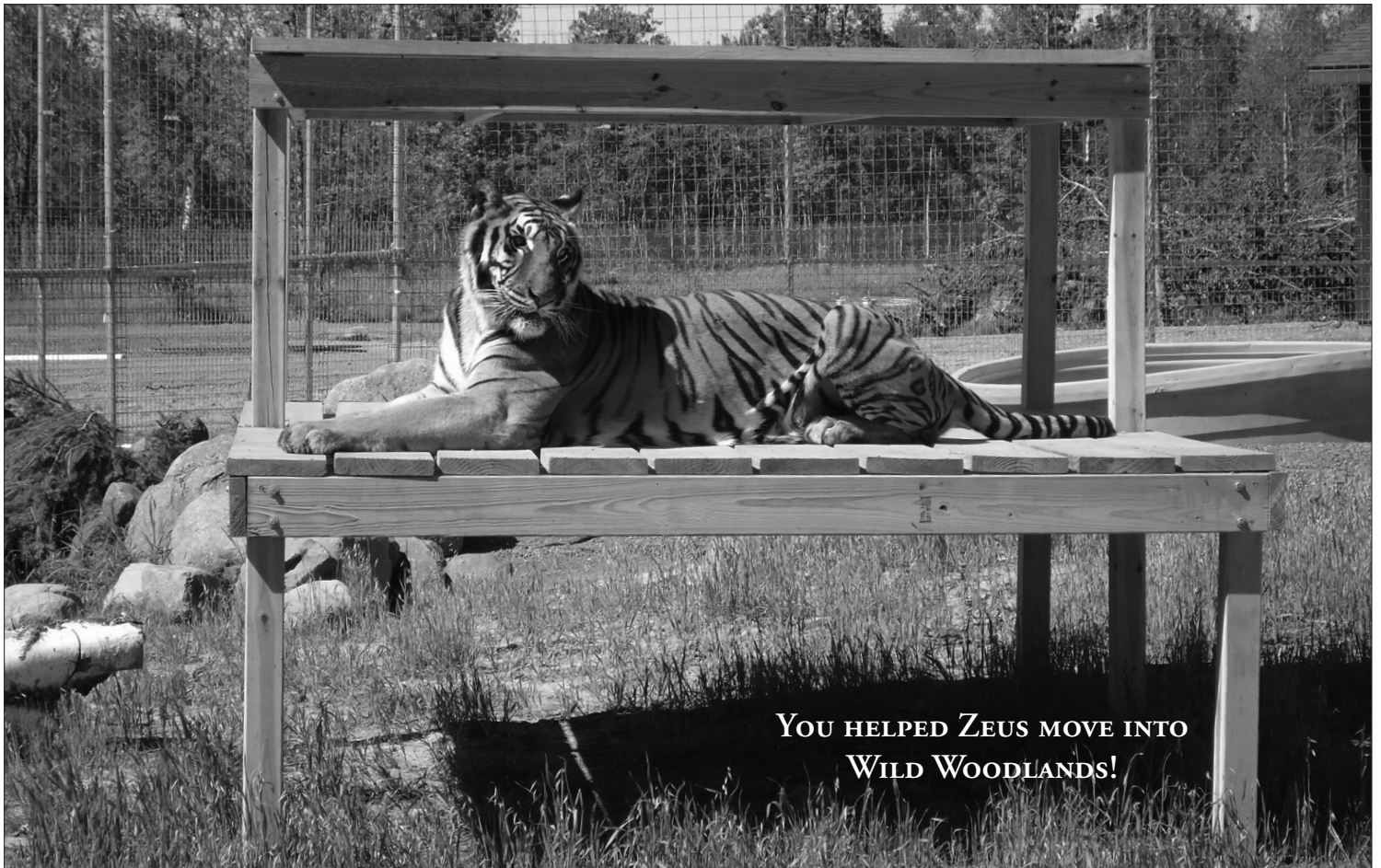
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Did you know?

Tiger stripes are individually as
unique as the human finger print.



YOU HELPED ZEUS MOVE INTO
WILD WOODLANDS!