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Kitu, Cheetah

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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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Winona, tiger



From the Founder



Overcoming Obstacles

I thought, after the extreme cold we had here and after surviving a covid outbreak in January, things would have slowed down. That sure hasn't been the case at all!

Along with sanctuaries across the country, we often see a greater number of losses over the winter and when the seasons change. But that wasn't what happened this year.

Our losses waited until spring and didn't stop until summer. Having a large geriatric population, we prepare ourselves the best we can.

We know we need to make the most compassionate decision for each resident. But, when so many come in such a short time, there's just nothing that can prepare us for that.

As much as we wanted to take time to mourn and celebrate how each touched our lives, life had another plan for us.

One of the largest federal seizures in history took place out of state and we were called to help. New residents can never replace the ones who've left. But they deserve the same care and attention every cat receives.

Our staff drove across country again to transport our first ever cheetahs to the sanctuary. And Bengal cat Katniss journeyed over 4,000 miles to find her forever home here at The Wildcat Sanctuary.

The new residents just kept coming—cougar Anastasia, bobcat Bogart, and four Bengal cats Besty, Dahlia, Xena, and Riku, too! We were so busy with intake exams, spays and neuters.

Then, at the same time, we had to rush tigress Callie into emergency surgery for an 8 lb. tumor in her uterus. And unexpectedly, we were faced with surgically removing Kimba's right eye due to trauma he suffered.

If all of this doesn't emphasize how important the new onsite hospital is, then I don't know what can. We were extremely excited to break ground on this truly ground-breaking project.



Callie, tiger



Just like you, Covid continues to impact us in ways we're having to adapt to.

We had a fraction of interns apply this summer. We also lost our incredible AmeriCorps team due to similar low enrollment.

Despite this, our amazing staff has stepped up again and again, ensuring there were no missteps for safety and for animal care.

We've seen a 40% increase in building costs, as well as a back-up of replacement parts for our UTVs and lawn mowers.

But through these challenges, you've been our constant. You've been there for us and the cats. And we thank you!

We continued the build out of the Animal Care Center. We built and added specialty bungalows along with new habitats.

Our hearts began to heal as we enjoyed watching all the new residents settle into their new lives here at the sanctuary.

With your support, you've proven there's no obstacle we can't overcome together.

T. Thies

Tammy Thies
Founder & Executive Director

Saving Lives in Secret



As you know, we have many cats here who are part of our witness protection program. That means we agree to provide emergency placement for these cats who need to be removed from their current situation.

We've traveled as far as 2400 miles roundtrip to transport them. Some cases have been active for three years and counting.

Tiger King Park confiscation

You may have heard that federal law enforcement, led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), seized 69 protected lions, tigers, lion-tiger hybrids and a jaguar from the notorious Tiger King Park in May.

This was a large-scale rescue effort we've also been a part of.

Since December 2020, authorities had conducted three inspections of the animals at Tiger King Park. Owners Jeff and Lauren Lowe received numerous citations for failing to provide the big cats with adequate veterinary care, nutrition and shelter.

Several of these big cats have come to our sanctuary. These were in addition to the number of big cats already in our witness protection program.

Placement of an animal in legal cases is considered to be temporary, until the case is resolved. There's always the possibility that, after caring for an animal, we may have to return them. Naturally, this would break our hearts.



Witness Protection Tiger

No matter the outcome of a case, our sanctuary bears the costs of providing habitat space, food, and veterinary care for these animals.

I wish we could share more, but we're asked to keep the cats confidential until the case is resolved in order not to impede the outcome.

How does an animal become the subject of a law enforcement action and confiscation?

They may be confiscated based on a particular law, such as a prohibition of the private possession of wild animals, or illegal import of an animal into a state.

Other cases might involve abuse, deprivation, unrelieved suffering, or potential for imminent great harm or death.

Legal actions can be initiated by local police and sheriff's departments, state fish and wildlife agencies, or federal agencies – and in some cases a combination of these agencies.

But more often, legal cases are brought by the PETA Foundation or the Animal Legal Defense Fund under the Endangered Species Act.

What we're doing

Our sanctuary, along with the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance, informs legal and law enforcement entities that the group's member sanctuaries are available to help with captive wild cat placements.

We are always here to support law enforcement to better the lives of captive cats. You may not hear about these cats for a while, but you can be sure we're providing them with the same individualized care as all of those you know.

Becoming a Monthly Pride member, donating whatever amount you'd like each month, ensures care for them. We're not allowed to fundraise for our witness protection cats. Your ongoing sustaining support is what makes a whole new life possible for them.

We hope you might consider becoming a Monthly Pride member by visiting bit.ly/TWSMonthlyPride. And we hope we can introduce them all very soon so you get to know just how special they are!

Animal Care Center Update

We can't wait for the completion of the Animal Care & Education Center by year end!

It will make our medical marathons so much easier. Plus, it will provide educational opportunities about the issues we have to deal with because of the captive wildlife crisis.

Thank you to our Founding Members and Patrons who stepped up to make this project possible! There are still sponsorship opportunities available.

At the \$3,000 patron level and above, you'll be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony onsite in October.

Please email me at cat@wildcatsanctuary.org or call 320-245-6871 if you'd like more information.

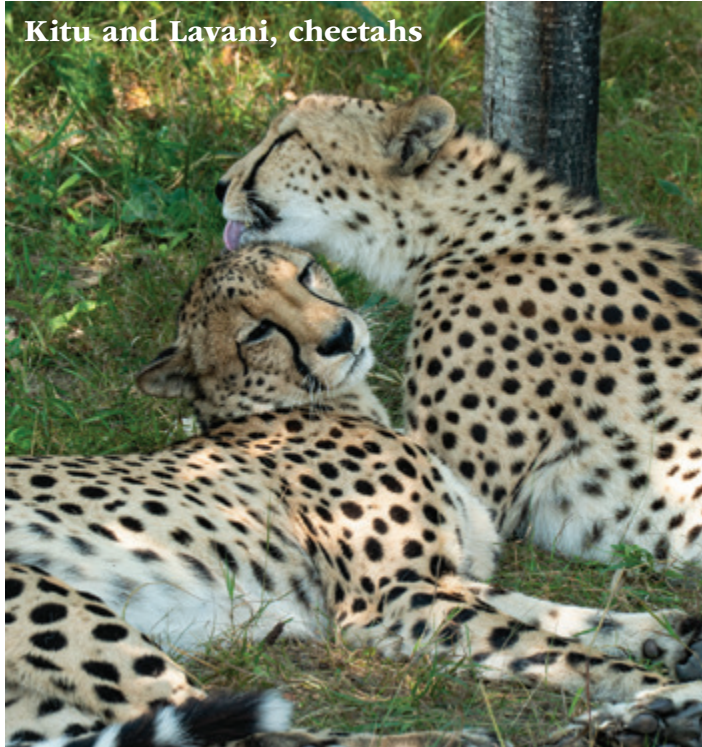


Shanti Deva's pawprints



Welcome Home to Our New Residents

Kitu and Lavani, cheetahs



Cheetah brothers Kitu and Lavani

We've welcomed our first cheetahs ever, 11-year-old brothers Kitu and Lavani. Being retired from an AZA-accredited zoo where they were part of the Species Survival Plan, these elderly cheetahs were now in need of a permanent home.

Our first priority is, and has always been, rescuing privately-owned wild cats in need. But when we have available habitat space, we're happy to help other exotic cats who would benefit from life at our sanctuary, too.

Both have settled into their new lives as if they've always been here. Whether it's catnapping in the shade under the trees, or chatting with new neighbors or their caretakers, they're perfectly at home now...for the rest of their days.

Anastasia, cougar



Cougar Anastasia

When we received the call about Anastasia, we knew things were dire. Purchased as a pet but unsocialized to people, she ended up outdoors on her own.

She couldn't fend for herself, was starving and emaciated. We're thankful good Samaritans intervened to get her to our sanctuary.

Anastasia's intake exam was so concerning. She'd been bitten in several locations. Her tail was degloved. At only 22 pounds, she was extremely underweight and dehydrated.

Anastasia also had a urinary tract infection, low thyroid and giardia. Seeing how badly injured her face was broke our hearts.

But helping cats like Anastasia is what we do. And now, after only a few months here, she's a completely different cat.

She's playing like a kitten and learning to trust that her caretakers are the best. It's been wonderful seeing the change in her already!

Bengals Xena, Dahlia, Besty and Riku

Four Bengal cats were purchased by someone who'd planned on breeding them. Due to that person's health issues, the cats ended up with a family member who took care of them for the past year.

The three females had been living together—Besty, Dahlia, and Xena. But since they were all intact, the male, Riku, lived in a room by himself.

All were in need of veterinary care, which they received as soon as they arrived.

We're patiently working with them, helping them see life here will be totally different and exciting. Stay tuned to see how they blossom.



Xena, bengal

Bengal Xena

Xena is a female Bengal who's become quite the explorer now that she's here at the sanctuary. Can you imagine, after living many years inside a house, how exciting it must be to have all this new space to enjoy? And she's determined to explore every inch of it!

Whether outside on perches, enjoying the shade or in the grass, she's shown us we made the right decision offering this Bengal group a second chance.



Dahlia, bengal

Bengal Dahlia

Dahlia, another female Bengal, is still the shyest of the group. She tends to use Xena as her security blanket since Xena's far more social.

We're glad we were able to keep this group together so they can provide support and reassurance for each other whenever it's needed. Given time, we know Dahlia's going to feel more and more comfortable here at her forever home.



Besty, bengal

Bengal Besty

Right when Besty arrived, she needed emergency surgery for her life-threatening pyometra. She has recovered from surgery and feels a lot better.

She is the most outgoing of the four and can be easily overstimulated and gives a swat or a nibble to get what she wants.



Riku, bengal

Bengal Riku

Riku was the only male in this group of four Bengal cats we accepted. Since he was intact, he'd been kept alone in a room by himself his entire life. He arrived extremely shy and hadn't interacted with the other girls he came with.

But now, he's living in a whole new world. He was neutered during his intake exam so Riku gets to spend his days with Xena, Dahlia, and Besty. It's so heartwarming seeing him enjoying the outdoors in the tall grass. He's already come out of his shell!



Katniss, bengal

Bengal Katniss

Bengal Katniss had been found as a stray in Hawaii, where hybrids are illegal. A rescue group there rushed to find a home for her on the mainland to save her from being euthanized.

We've rescued others from Hawaii and were happy to say yes to Katniss, too. She was such a trooper making a 4,444-mile journey here to her forever home!

Since she's FIV positive and aggressive towards other cats, she'll need her very own "private suite." But she's one of the sweetest cats and we're already totally in love.



Puma, bengal

Bengal Puma

Puma was surrendered to a shelter when he wasn't using the litter box consistently. The shelter worked hard to find him a home where he felt secure enough that he wouldn't mark out of his litter box. But he was returned each time. He is a very social boy and will fit right in with the other Bengals here at the sanctuary.

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sponsor parent at:
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Bogart, bobcat

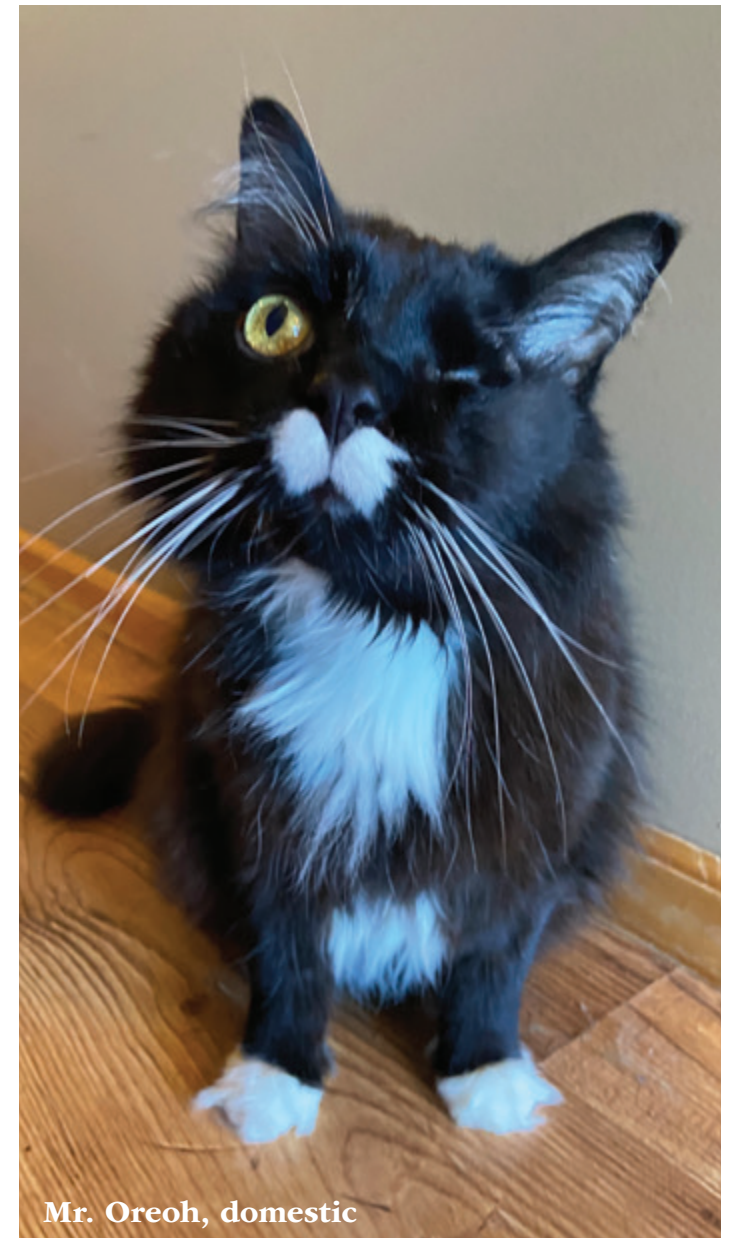
Bobcat Bogart

Police in Missouri had been called to a home regarding a shooting. They were surprised to find an illegally kept "pet" bobcat there. Bogart was confiscated and we agreed to take him in.

He was at a Missouri rehab facility before being transported here where he was exposed to a Parvo outbreak. Thankfully, Bogart has cleared quarantine, had his intake exam and neuter.

He is such a sweet, calm bobcat and has settled in just fine. We think he'll really love companionship of his own kind.

And, who knows, he may find his very own "Bacall" type female love right here at the sanctuary!



Mr. Oreoh, domestic

Domestic Mr. Oreoh

Ever since Remoh passed away, our office has been a little quiet.

When we saw Northwood Humane Society's post about a 13-year-old male cat who got along great with other foster cats, we thought it was worth a try to give Benny and ShyBear another companion while, at the same time, providing a forever home to another older cat in need. And, of course, we had to bedazzle Oreo's name to Mr. Oreoh (so he has the Remoh and Homer namesake in the letters of his name, too).



Dash, tiger



Rainier, cougar



Blaze and Aspen, cougars



Chupino, lion



Denali, serval



Caesar, tiger



Leo, lion



Shadow, leopard



Haley, bobcat



Wally and Marlene, lions



Kitu and Lavani, cheetahs



Marcus, tiger

It's a Big Job Providing Vet Care to Big Cats!



If you tried to get into your own vet during the last year, you know how difficult it is. You can wait weeks for an appointment due to increased business and staff shortages.

Even the University of Minnesota Large Animal Hospital had closed for three days a week due to lack of staffing. This is another reason why completing the new hospital, purchasing upgraded equipment and growing our onsite veterinary staffing is so critical.

Just over the past months, we've had a medical marathon of big cat spays, neuters and exams to keep our cats healthy. We also performed emergency surgeries on tiger Callie and lion Kimba.



Would you consider helping by making a donation toward any of these much-needed hospital items? You can contact Tammy at cat@wildcatsanctuary.org to help.



- Digicare LW one monitoring system (ecg/HR, spo2, co2/RR, temp, BP) **\$5,211**
- Tonopen to read eye pressures **\$1500**
- Dental x-ray unit, process software and plates **\$15,000**
- Jorvet Fecal-Fuge centrifuge **\$934**



*Gifts of \$25+received
3/22-8/12/2021*

In Honor

In honor of Anastasia
Laura Parcells

In honor of Aunt Christine. Love Mama Doe and the Stops
Merrill Stoppelbein

In honor of Benson
John Carter

In honor of Bip!, Jerry Dandridge, Julie Cadbury
John Bailor

In honor of Brenda Browne's birthday
Kimberley Stroncek

In honor of Mary Ann Fuller's birthday
Mary Jane Fuller

In honor of Bella
Melinda Hunt

In honor of Brooke Haynes and Steph Tank
Steven Dungan

In honor of Callie
Dee Gieser

In honor of Dash
Diana Price

In honor of David, Debbie and Marybeth Kliffe
Dore Dokos-Loewenthal

In honor of Walter and Zoe whose Furry Puppy Love bring Joy to the Hearts of Teri and Michael
Dore Dokos-Loewenthal and Kitty Ohana

In honor of Princess Violet, Prince Jo-Jo and Molly, and Blessing of Fritz, All Beautiful Cherished Kitties of Love
Dore Dokos-Loewenthal and Kitty Ohana

In honor of Dr. Cecilia Wolf our Newly Graduated Veterinarian, Beloved by all of Us and all our Pets
Dore Dokos-Loewenthal and Kitty Ohana

In honor of Dawn Perault's birthday
Kris Sittig-Barnard

In honor of my son, Finn
Finn Marinaro

In Honor & In Memory

In honor of Elijah Black
Michael and Nancy Keller Family Foundation

In honor of Elizabeth Eide's birthday
Kande Larson

In honor of Evie
Bethany Ring

In honor of my beautiful, Love. "Meow, purr, meow"
Paula Johnson, Lily, & Willow

In honor of my friend Wally's birthday
Connie Rawa

In honor of Joan Plombon who loved Minnesota and TWS
Jennifer Plombon

In honor of Griffin's 18th Birthday
Annette DiBiase and Ellen Richardson

In honor of Mia & Clara Badenfort Schmidt's birthday
Kim Badenfort

In honor of Jane's birthday
Penny Fuller

In honor of new adoptee, special needs kitten. We love you kitten Strom!
Wanda Strom

In honor of Anastasia and her healing journey
Gena and John Connelly

In honor of Finley's 9th birthday!
Brooke Lamb

In honor of my new sponsor cat, Anastasia!
Constance Perenyi

In honor of the SixBlindKids YouTube Family
Danielle Teresa Gastineau

In honor of Kay LaFleur's Birthday
Marcia Woodward, Matthew Kasinkas and Carol Hausler

In honor of Kevin and Michelle Walsh (they finally tied the knot!)
Kari Eischens

In honor of Kim Culbertson, DVM
Audrey Beckstrom

In honor of Kona
Janet Kelley

In honor of Linda Kosfeld
Katie Kosfeld

In honor of Love's recovery, from her momma. Daisy and Luna, too
Laura Vinelli

In honor of Luitta Paluck
Lisa Champ-Paluck

In honor of Mary Ann Fuller's birthday
Leslie Yates

In honor of my friend Rhonda Mikel's birthday!
Elizabeth Walker

In honor of my Great-Nieces; Palmer Lee, Rooney June and Dakota Rae
Deborah Sandford

In honor of my nephew, Luke, in honor of his 13th birthday. He loves tigers!
Laura Ralph

In honor of our little wild ones, Louie and Josie
Holly and Brad Winscott-Cook

In honor of our beloved Quigley
Cassandra Weldon-Faulkner

In honor of our new rescue cat Bella who has found her forever home with us and joins Cleo
Lynne Alfieri

In honor of Peter Ellwein
BevSource

In honor of Randi H. Birthday
Vickie Lachelt

In honor of Rosalind Annen's birthday
Barbara Sharpe

In honor of Tame Shannon
Bryan Shannon

In honor of Tammy and My Mom's Birthdays
Constance Perenyi

In honor of Handsome Zack of Handsome Zack's Records
Amber Katada and Medtronic Foundation

In honor of Todd Rundgren the Cat
Christine Bergeson

In Honor & In Memory cont.

In honor of Yukon, Max, Duke and Allison

Ruth Conley

In honor of Yvonne Kelly

Nancy Dutton

In Memory

In memory of my beloved kitties, Rita and Cookie. As long as I live, you will live in my heart.

Ann Eastham

In memory of Casey, our fur family member who passed 2 years ago, but will never be forgotten.

Pam Rogers

In memory of Castle, who welcomed Anastasia to the Sanctuary

Willie Mae deGraffenried, Eileen Dulin, Kacy and Kevin Egan, Nancy Gronseth, James Howard, Larry and Rita Iverson, Paula Johnson, Pamela Knudsen, Marjorie Lulay, Julie Magilen, Constance Perenyi, Susan Warner, Rochelle Williams, and Everit Terhune

In memory of Christine Anderson

Tim Leistikow, Thomas Knoll, Mike and Cherie Hanson, Sandra Schlagel, Nancy Steinke, David Anderson, Thomas & Mary Anne Arsenault, Jacquelyn Bolen, James Borg, Steve & Mary Eggert, Glenn and Sue Lindgren, Bonnie Magin, Paul Campobasso, George Wollenburg, Gary & Patricia Goodmanson, and Jo Young

In memory of Cleo, Burton, Mohan, Adrian, Kasha, Cooper, Vista, O'Malley, Stelter, Jahara, Maui and Phoenix. Each so very dearly loved.

Kim and Joel Meline

In memory of Copper, River, Suzie and Panda

Nancy Bolin

In memory of Creamy who fought the brave fight. Rest in peace.

Annette DiBiase and Ellen Richardson

In Memory of Margaret Champ

Lisa Champ-Paluck

In Memory of Dennis Dolney

Vickie Lachelt

In memory of Daisy Kitty

Carl Wenning

In memory of Donald Woods

David Woods

In memory of Vikki Johnson's faithful friend Howie.

TJ, Mary Ann, Sue and Carie Peterson

In memory of Fantasia, cherished feline companion of Jon and Teri Humphrey.

Marilynne Roberts

In memory of Ilana Pressel in memory to Spike

Amanda Stump

In memory of Fraggie Simon

Ann-Marie Krahel

In memory of Harley, my dear little boy whom I loved with all my heart.

Richard Radford

In memory of Harold

Constance Perenyi

In memory of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

Kim Banks

In memory of my Mom, an animal lover all her life, who would have been 91 this month.

Kande Larson

In memory of dear Mohan, such a sweet and gentle soul. He is deeply missed.

Kim and Joel Meline

In memory of Larry Lachant, loving and devoted husband to Rowena, father to Michael, and father in-law to Cheryl. "Where there is love there is no death."

Rowena Lachant

In memory of my precious "Little Kitty" who gave us 27 years of joy.

Kitty Foyle

In memory of my Rocky

Liz Klann

In memory of Terry Fierce

Colleen Sexton-OBrien

In memory of Carson

Melissa and Dustan Cross

In memory of Anna, sweet & steadfast until the end

Kande Larson

In memory of Chase, who gave me 17 years of love and devotion

Carol Ferraiuolo

In memory of Maxine Stedman Hair

Wells Fargo Community Support Program

In memory of Jesse Rasmussen, Gary Rasmussen and Craig Jondahl

Sheri and Chris Vitullo

In memory of the special cats TWS has lost and to welcome the new ones to the sanctuary

Lisa Henderson

In memory of Isabelle our rescue

Donna Parfitt

In memory of Jaharah

Vicki Martin Anderson, Nancy Bolin, Peter Davison, Kacy and Kevin Egan, Terri Guillamas, Carol Johnson, Bela Lukacs, Melissa Milford, Sharon Osgood, Margaret Owen Thorpe, Kristan Rivas, Everit Terhune, Stephanie Wittenberg, Carla McRorie, Marjorie Lulay and Paula Johnson

In memory of James S. Whitten

Bev Whitten

In memory of James W. Bell

Ann Bell

In Memory of Gerald Plombon, who love Minnesota and TWS.

Jennifer Plombon

In memory of Jules Meow Bailor and Alex

John Bailor

In memory of John Patrick O'Rourke

Andrea Marxer, Maureen Phillips, Nancy and David Pinzka

In memory of Juliet, my much-loved, sweet and loving Bengal

Diana Penhaven

In memory of Karen Kitchen, volunteer at Feline Rescue, Minnesota

Patricia McGowan

In memory of Kathy Stein's handsome and loving boy Meeko.

Randi Helgeson

In memory of Mahri, Bitsy, and Sydney. All 3 passed this year, they were 15, 17 and 19 yrs of age

Delia Weitting

In memory of Kona

Kacy and Kevin Egan, Kathleen Jackson, Paula Johnson, Athena Kautzman, Ann Latzke, John and Carla McClellan, and Joan Oprian

In memory of Latka, Sheba, Charlie, Brandy and Frosty

Barbara Stillman

In memory of Little B, Maddie and Averett

Mary Dail

In memory of Sarah Seaberry Judkins

Liv Nash

In memory of Madison, forever in our hearts. We'll see you again at the Rainbow Bridge!

Nicole Rusch

In memory of Marie Smelser

James Gerhart and Todd Smelser

In memory of Michelle Roemer

Mridul Rahman

In memory of Millie

Linda Dickson

In memory of Mrs. Pascale Macarthy

Diane Burica

In memory of Mufasa

Evelyn Brooks, Kacy and Kevin Egan, Nancy Gronseth, Paula Johnson, Marjorie Lulay, Vicki Selzer, Everit Terhune, Teri and David Treiger, Virginia and Joseph Leary

In memory of my beautiful mother, who loved her little cats

Ann Eastham

In memory of my beloved black cat Mr. Sims who just crossed the Rainbow Bridge at 22yo. In his heart Mr. Sims was always a young lion.

Romola Madsen

In memory of my Foster Kitty Mr. T.

Cari Mustard

In memory of my beloved Saltena, I miss her so much

Michael Hoefnagel

In memory of my beloved wife of 69 years, Barbara Ann Mitchell.

Paul Mitchell

In memory of my brother Pat O'Rourke

Maureen Phillips

In memory of my best friend, Julie Mollner, who recently passed from her battle with cancer. She has crossed to the other side and is now pain free. Sorrow is born of great joy.

Cindy Kosen

In memory of my cat Phantom, who also passed away from cancer of the jaw. My heart is with you!

Jane Stubblefield

In memory of my Dear Sister, Yvonne Kelly, she loved all cats!

Marie Wilkinson

In memory of my late not-so-wild cats: Brody, KC, Doc & Ella

Jennifer VandeVelde

In memory of my mom, Ann Macy who loved animals

Susan Macy Mewkill

In memory of my much-loved little dog Roxy who passed in March.

Linda Young

In memory of my pets that have passed on - Nikki, Sasha, Rolly, Misty and Cody

Jamie Clark

In memory of my sweet momma Robin Rhines and my long time 20-year companion GenGen

Wendy G Daniels

In memory of my sweet Victoria who passed away 4 years ago today at age 20. From deep in my heart, thank you for all you do.

Barbara Voorhees

In memory of Otis Saraceni

Belinda King

In memory of my black cat Dutchess who thought she was Shazam.

Cherie Eames

In memory of of Phoenix, my sponsor cat for 16 years

Gwenn Chriss

In memory of our 2 kitties that passed in 2020, Sophie and Minuit. We miss them every day.

Kristin Johnson

In memory of our Mother Ethel McCracken

McCracken Family Foundation

In memory of our Rottweiler, Kuruk. He was with us for almost 12 yrs. He was beloved by many.

Valerie Forsch

In memory of Phyllis Randolph

Holly Tifft

In memory of Rias Van Wyk

Thomas and Judy Tyler

In memory of Phoenix

Willie Mae deGraffenried, Paula Johnson, Carla McRorie, Deb Palmer, Joe Pitzl, Bonnie Reiland, Glenn Sikes, Everit Terhune, Cassandra Weldon-Faulkner, Gail Wescott, Janet and Dan Davis, Marjorie Lulay, and Janet Medlock

In memory of Pushkin, Tommy, Gramma, Frankie, Kiki-Dee, Mama and Shadow

Melinda Hunt

In memory of Remoh

Cathy Costello, Paula Johnson, Amanda Louiselle, Margaret Owen Thorpe, Bonnie Reiland, Kathleen Smith, Susan Warner, Maureen Ykema, Carla McRorie, Suzanne Bachorik, Laurie Heath, BWR Communications, Dore Dokos-Loewenthal, Nancy Gronseth, Sharrilyn Helgertz, James Howard, Marianne Podoll, Shirley Sinclair, Patricia Sullivan, and Barbara Faupel

In memory of my boy Stitch. "Always & Forever"

Suzanne Bachorik

In memory of RIP all the cats I have loved

Catherine Healy-Varley

In memory of Rinks

Jessica Winn

In memory of Rita Villeburn

Karen Villeburn Vranek

In memory of River, Copper, Panda and Suzie

Nancy Bolin

In memory of Rodney Melbinger

Ev Melbinger

In memory of Ron Tilson

Pat Koors

In memory of Ronald Phillips

Nancy and David Pinzka

In memory of Sox...that cute little half-stashed face is so missed by his mom and his BFF Lilcat

Cynthia Carter

In memory of Stelter, O'Malley, Vista, Jaharah

Judith Brauch

In memory of Tobias and Ziva, my sweet companions

Patricia DeBoer

In memory of Tigger and Tabby

Brenda Spearman

In memory of Sarah Judkins

Jeff Judkins, Valerie Sussman

In memory of Zoe

Lorna Anderson

In memory of Shanti Deva

Gena and John Connelly, Lorna Anderson, Tracey Archer, Leona Barad, Nancy Bolin, Devi Book, Sharon Bovie, Christine Bowling, Claudia Brockhaus, Evelyn Brooks, Cynthia Carter, Stephanie Caruso, Cathy Costello, Missy Crutchfield, Janet and Dan Davis, Willie Mae deGraffenried, Sindy Durham, Krystyna Duszniak, AnnMarie Fischer, Merrie Hamlin, Virginia Hayward, BettyAnn Hegland, Kathy Higgins and Terry Verigan, James Howard, Jennifer Howard, Karen Huey, Paula Johnson, Denise Jordan, Kimberly Kapschock, Wendy Kincaid, Lynda Kostrzewski, Lynn Krapf, Moser & Associates, Marjorie Lulay, Lari Maslar, Elizabeth McCaulley, Fabiana Meadows, James Meyers, Terry Milburn, Brook Miller, Lisa Milliman, Kelly Olson, Amanda Ortega, Sharon Osgood, Anne Marie, Connie Rawa, Patricia Ray, Bonnie Reiland, Jennifer Robinson, Marla Robinson, Constance Schey, Vicki Selzer, Donna Klein, Susan Shafer, Carol Shaw, Kathleen Smith, Karen Stalter, Sue Terry, Darlene Valdez, Sheri and Chris Vitullo, Susan Warner, Cristalle Wasche, Leesa White, Cheryl Wild, Deborah Zanish and Daniel Danielson

In memory of Tonka

Evelyn Brooks, Janet and Dan Davis, Peter Davison, Eileen Dulin, Carla McRorie, Kacy and Kevin Egan, Alison Flores, Jennifer Howard, Paula Johnson, Laurie Heath, Lynn Krapf, Robin Lyons, Jen Mangaro, Monica Michaelis, Anna Morris, Susan Warner, BWR Communications, Dore Dokos-Loewenthal, Nancy Gronseth, Sharrilyn Helgertz, James Howard, Marianne Podoll, Shirley Sinclair, Patricia Sullivan, Barbara Faupel, Paul and Michele Crecca

In memory of my brother and his wife who passed away

Barbara Faupel

In memory of Uncle Ray Westling, the broken hearts are too numerous to count.

Lynette Thomsen

In memory of Waffles, Jack, Toes and Shadow

Terri Sankey

In memory of Willard Beauchaine

Wade W Beauchaine

In memory of Wrigley. He was a lively and affectionate cat who had a great life.

Kaitlyn Schuh



Phoenix—Our hearts hurt as we said good-bye. But we're happy knowing you're reunited with the one you love the most, your brother Bronx.



Remoh—We don't know how you found your way to us, but we're so thankful you did. You have our hearts and always will.



Tonka—We wish your time with us was longer. Letting you go is so heavy on our hearts. But as your caregivers, we knew it was right to give you wings. Let your wings carry the weight your body no longer could.



Castle—It was nice to get to know you all over again. As much as you'll be missed, we know you're at peace being reunited with your sister Vista.



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Gone But Not Forgotten



Shanti Deva—At almost 26, lioness Shanti Deva was more than our Queen, she was our leader. It came natural to her.

Even though Aslan was the male of the pride, Shanti was always the alpha lion.

When she arrived with her pride in 2006 from the closed Catskill Game Farm in New York, Aslan and Asha were unsure of their new surroundings. Shanti was centered and steadfast and calmed the pride.

Shanti felt strongest when she had a routine and one she created herself. Every day, even into her last days, Shanti led her caretakers on walks around the wall of her habitat.

These walks were extremely important to help with her arthritis discomfort, water intake, and overall health. But they were even more important to the caretakers.

These were special, quiet moments with Shanti that will be cherished forever.

There've been several times, over the past few years, we thought it was time to help Shanti move on to her wild life in the sky. But she always changed our minds.

She led us to this moment. She had been Queen for so long and maybe her work was complete.

And maybe it was just time to be reunited with her pride on the other side, being here just long enough to welcome the new cats as her roars could be heard throughout the sanctuary.

Shanti, please continue to lead us from the other side. Your reign as Queen is yours as long as you want it. But if it is your time to rest, by all means you deserve it.



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Caesar and Logan, tigers