

Carolina Tiger Rescue

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PRESS RELEASE

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Carolina Tiger Rescue Welcomes Five New Tigers

PITTSBORO, N.C. – Carolina Tiger Rescue continues to participate in a significant cross-country rescue spearheaded by Tigers in America and Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge with the participation and support of the larger community of TIA Sanctuaries. Details about the circumstances of this rescue will be forthcoming once all animals are safely secured.

Saber, Shenandoah, Caprichio, India, and Carolina tigers arrived on Friday, October 14th. Saber is a young white tiger whose physical features indicate pretty extensive inbreeding, including crossed eyes and small size. All of the animals range in age from 2 to 6 years old, and they all traveled very well, without the need for sedation during loading and unloading. The cats will remain quarantined for at least three weeks during which time Veterinarian Dr. Angela Lassiter will conduct medical exams and neuter the two males. Keepers will also use this time to evaluate the cats' personalities and determine which ones, if any, would do well on the tour route.

Assistant Director Kathryn Bertok praised the rescue team for moving heavy transport crates through muddy terrain and getting the cats settled into quarantine without event. She also praised Tigers in America and the staff and volunteers of Turpentine Creek for their dedication and successful collaboration during this rescue.

The first five animals received two weeks ago included Savannah serval, Zari and Kitwana caracals, and Lily and Macano coatimundis. They should complete quarantine in two weeks, at which time some will join the tour route. The next group of animals should be received in about four weeks and will include four more tigers, a leopard, and two bobcats.

Carolina Tiger needs to complete a new habitat within the next 4 weeks for Anthony leopard. Construction on that habitat began earlier this year in anticipation of rescuing more leopards or cougars, species that need a large, fully enclosed habitat. It will cost approximately \$10,000 to complete that habitat. Carolina Tiger has not yet determined whether they will need to construct any more habitats for this rescue.

Carolina Tiger needs to raise the remaining \$10,000 for the leopard as quickly as possible to ensure that his new home is ready for him when he completes quarantine. Additional funds will also be welcome to provide medical exams, food, straw for den boxes, and other supplies for all 16 animals as they make Carolina Tiger their new home.

People interested in donating to the leopard habitat or to the cost for this rescue may *mail checks payable to Carolina Tiger Rescue to Carolina Tiger Rescue, 1940 Hanks Chapel Rd., Pittsboro, NC 27312 or go to*

CarolinaTigerRescue.org to donate online. Checks should include “Leopard Habitat” or “2016 Rescue” in the memo line.

Carolina Tiger Rescue is a nonprofit organization located in Pittsboro, N.C. The 55-acre sanctuary is home to 55 animals, including tigers, lions, ocelots, coatimundi, and more. Carolina Tiger Rescue rescues wild cats and provides conservation education for the public through tours, community presentations and exhibits. For more information, call 919-542-4684 or visit CarolinaTigerRescue.org.

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