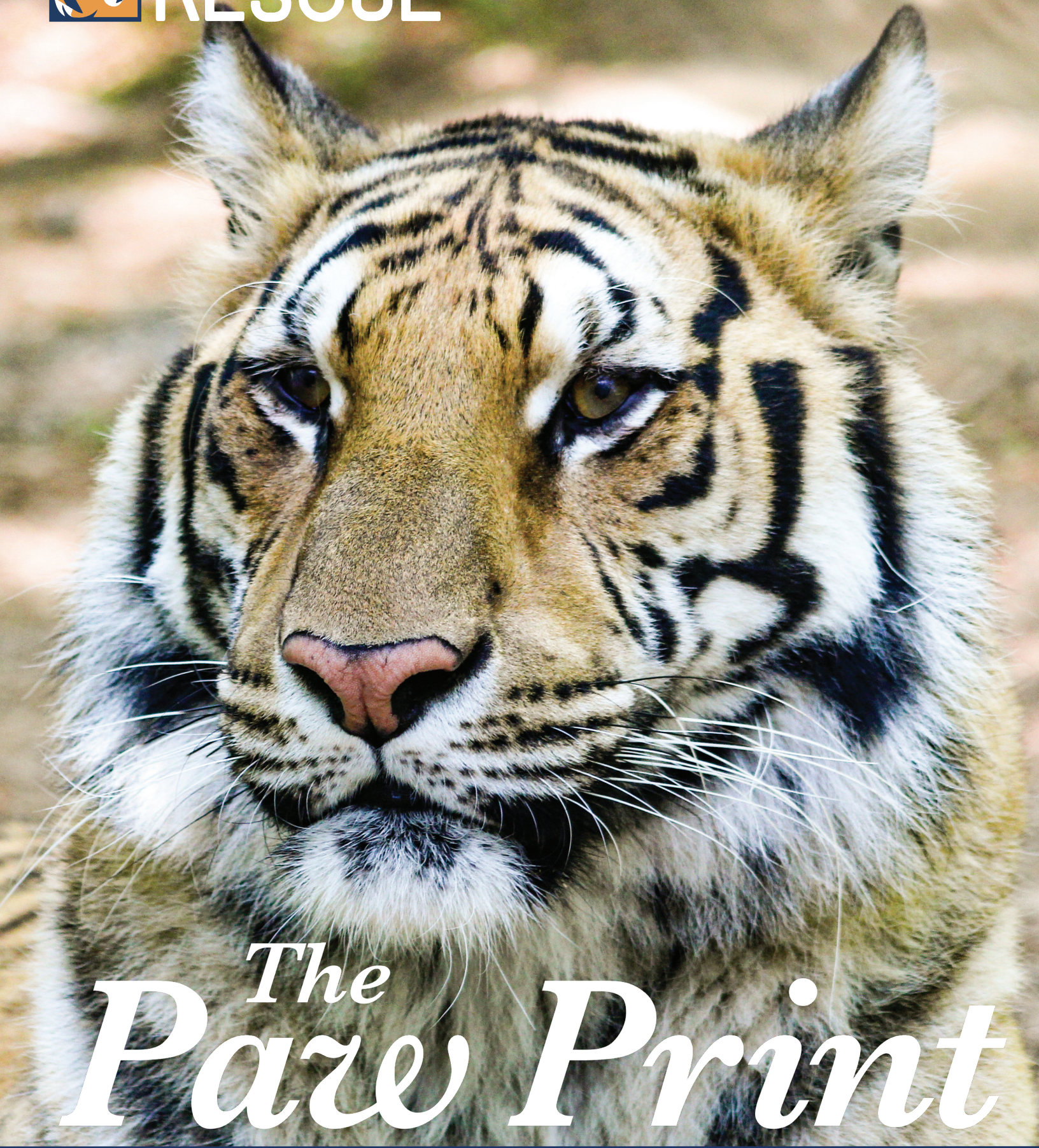




CAROLINA TIGER
RESCUE



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FALL 2021

The Director's Desk

PAM FULK
Executive Director



It is with both joy and sadness that I announce my coming retirement on March 1, 2022. Joy because I have worked hard my whole adult life, often two and three jobs. Also joy because I will be able to work in my gardens whenever I choose. I will be able to spend more time with my new little tripod dog (rescued from a Mayan community in Mexico). I can take Master Gardener classes. Travel. Well, you get the point. I will also continue to do consulting part-time.

I meet this transition with sadness though. I have been with Carolina Tiger far longer than I ever planned to stay anywhere in my career. Here I found continual challenges and the opportunity to build something that I love. While I will find that

in my consulting, it won't be the same without the people I have grown to love. I adore my colleagues and I will miss them so much. I have never worked with such a passionate and committed group of people, and I have never worked with a stronger team! I include volunteers, adoptive parents, donors, and all of you who have helped make Carolina Tiger what it is today. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I am proud of what we have built together and of our plans for the future. I know Carolina Tiger will continue to thrive and be a leader in ensuring a better life for wild cats in captivity and in the wild.

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Cover Photo: Mila Tiger

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Shira Tiger

Meet Mila Tiger



Mila and enclosure-mate, Riley.



The exploitation of wild cats can, unfortunately, come in many forms. Many of us have heard of cub petting, the practice of taking cubs from their mothers at birth to allow paying guests to pass them around and take pictures with them. It can come in the form of play time and photo opportunities with those cubs as well. The exploitation of wild cats can also look like entertainment - tigers doing tricks, jumping through hoops, or standing on their hind legs in a ring with a trainer.

Typically, those exploiting wild cats tell the public that they are helping to conserve the species or educate the public. Tigers doing tricks is not educational. Tigers being bred for their cubs to be taken away to provide photo opportunities does not save the species. These businesses are playing off humans' desire to be close to one of the most powerful animals on the planet. They know what to

say and how to present information to make us feel better about engaging in these activities. If everyone knew the truth, most would be outraged at what is happening.

Mila Tiger was born and taken from her mother at birth for the sole purpose of making as much money off of her as quickly as possible. Mila is a lucky one. Of the hundreds of tiger cubs that are born for this exact purpose each year, the majority of them become a liability instead of a money maker and are killed. Mila, however, was rescued in 2016 and brought to her forever home at Carolina Tiger Rescue where she is treated with the respect she deserves.

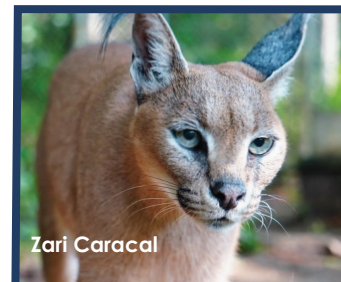


Join us for an in-person or virtual field trip!

Looking for a wild experience for your class? Our tours introduce students to lions, tigers, and other exotic species of carnivores. Students will have the opportunity to learn about Carolina Tiger Rescue's history, species information, and the personal story of each animal you meet. Our trained volunteer tour guides will present information in an age-appropriate and fun-loving manner, and if you're lucky, your class may get to witness our lions oofing! For more information on field trips, visit:

If you're a school teacher looking for a way to spice up in-person or virtual learning, we can help with that!

www.CarolinaTigerRescue.org/learn/field-trips



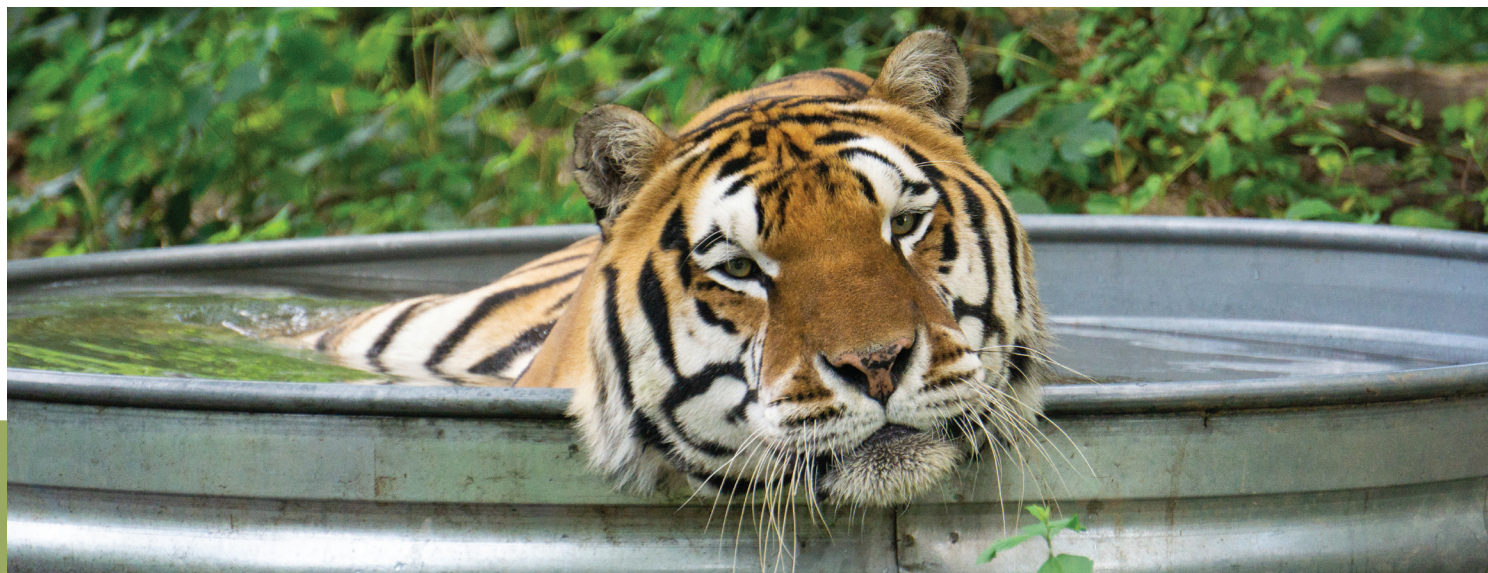
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Beau Cougar

Animal Spotlight

CAPRICHIO TIGER



Besides being our largest resident at over 480 pounds, Caprichio Tiger is also a prime example of the lasting effects brought on by beginning his life in the cub petting industry. Seeing Caprichio walk, it is obvious he has multiple joint issues, including metabolic bone disease. These issues are a result of him not receiving the proper nutrition while his bones were growing as a cub.

Animals born into the cub petting industry are taken from their mothers almost immediately to be used as props for paying customers to interact with. Cubs are often purposely underfed so they look younger and



are easier to handle. At around 12 weeks of age, they can no longer be handled by the public and are discarded.

Caprichio was fortunate to end up at our accredited sanctuary where he spends time relaxing in his pool and sometimes chasing the food truck.

He thoroughly enjoys taking naps in the sun and having the company of the tour groups as they walk past.

As long as there are paying customers, the cub petting industry will continue to exploit animals. Choose to respect big cats for the wild animals they are by not supporting these attractions.

Pet tabbies, NOT tigers.



Cub petting can have disastrous consequences. Animals are often underfed, declawed and/or defanged, and mothers are forced to breed more often than they are meant to. These actions can affect animals all the way into adulthood, like Caprichio. Say NO to cub petting and the exploitation of wild animals!

EXPLOITATION...NOT ENTERTAINMENT

Did you know?

Purchasing tickets to events featuring animal acts supports and normalizes animal cruelty.

Before his rescue, Saber Tiger (pictured right) was forced to perform in a magic show in Las Vegas. Not only did he have to engage in unnatural activities during performances, but he was declawed and defanged to make him "safer" to work with. This is the unfortunate reality of animals in the entertainment industry. Profit always comes before animal welfare.



Saber Tiger as a cub with his former owner.

5 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU VISIT A FACILITY THAT USES ANIMALS AS ENTERTAINMENT:

- 1 Exotic animals are forced to perform unnatural, degrading, and painful acts; whips, threats, and fear tactics are common training tools.
- 2 The lights are hot and bright, the crowd noise is anxiety-inducing, and animals performing in shows are often deprived of food to make them more likely to work. This stressful environment causes animals great anxiety, and behaviors such as pacing, weight gain, and attacking trainers or other animals.
- 3 Traveling shows routinely transport animals in barren cages that deny wild cats like lions and tigers their basic needs to exercise, roam, and play. They are often refused adequate vet care.
- 4 Oftentimes wild cats are drugged, declawed, and defanged, resulting in a lifetime of debilitating deformities and pain.
- 5 The alarming number of animal welfare violations issued to animal show organizers is raising concerns about animal mistreatment and public safety. As of March 2021, six U.S. states and nearly 150 municipalities in 37 states have passed restrictions on the use of wild animals in circuses and traveling shows.



Photo from a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus (2013)
Credit: Arthur T. Bar

Carolina Tiger Rescue asks that you not spend your money at facilities that exploit wild cats.

YOU make the difference!

Special Thanks to Our Volunteers of the Month!

August: Bridget Mackie



Bridget joined the Carolina Tiger family in May of 2019 as a gift shop volunteer and has logged 300 hours since.

About half of those hours

were earned in June and July of this year as a camp counselor! Before this, she was a camper at the first ever Carolina Tiger Rescue summer camp.

Favorite Animal: Beau Cougar

September: Elise Perry



Elise joined the Carolina Tiger family one year ago as a gift shop volunteer and has contributed nearly 100 hours of her time! Elise is so

positive and cheerful, ready to learn, and can take on any task. She's proven to be a valuable member of the team!

Favorite Animal: Tio Tiger

Volunteers play a vital role at the sanctuary. Whether you're a tour guide, helping keepers as an animal care volunteer, staffing the gift shop, or assisting our site team - we are always grateful for a helping hand!

Learn more: www.CarolinaTigerRescue.org

Leap into the new year!



Our 2022 calendar is on sale NOW in our gift shop! This upcoming year's calendar features photographs taken by Carolina Tiger Rescue's communications director, Louise Orr. It is focused on the experiences of staff members who work at the sanctuary. Enjoy getting to know the animals as well as the staff members who work hard every day to ensure the rescued cats of Carolina Tiger Rescue are cared for!

shop.CarolinaTigerRescue.org

All proceeds from calendar sales and other gift shop purchases go toward operating costs.

Mark Your Calendars!

**NOVEMBER 30, 2021:
GIVING TUESDAY**

This year on Giving Tuesday we will be raising funds for a new rescue transport vehicle.

**FEBRUARY 26, 2022:
BLACK TIE AND TAILS BALL**

2022's Black Tie and Tails Ball will celebrate the country of Mexico and the jaguar! Stay tuned for details!

Keeper's Corner



Saber Tiger is one of sixteen animals we rescued from a Colorado roadside zoo. As a cub, Saber had all four of his canines filed down to his gums and was declawed on all four feet. It is not an uncommon practice for tiger cubs being

used in a "pay to play" operation to have their canines filed down or removed completely or be declawed to minimize injury to the public. However, this is all inhumane to the tiger cub.

When Saber's canines were filed down, the roots were exposed, which would have been painful. This loss would have prevented Saber from hunting and surviving in the wild, because a tiger uses his canines to catch and hold their prey. After Saber's rescue,

the Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation (PEIVDF) was able to perform four root canals on all of Saber's canines. Saber's diet now consists mostly of smaller, easier to carry food items such as chicken and turkey. His lack of protruding canines means he can't grab larger items that our tigers are normally fed, like butchered cow leg.

It is all too common for rescued animals like Saber to need long term medical care for ailments or injuries sustained while being exploited. Together we can end these practices and ensure all animals receive the care they deserve.



Left: Cara Vitale – Keeper
Center: Larissa Hill – Keeper
Right: Lauren Humphries – Senior Keeper

Learn more about PEIVDF:

www.PeterEmilyFoundation.org

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT WORK

Carolina Tiger Rescue is proud to be part of EarthShare North Carolina, a coalition of nonprofits working to protect the health of our air, land, water, and wildlife for the betterment of our health, economy, and quality of life.

ESNC and its partner agencies make it easy for you to make a positive impact on climate change, environmental justice, and wildlife education through workplace giving campaigns.

This giving season, look for Carolina Tiger Rescue and ESNC in your workplace giving campaign (including the State Employees Combined Campaign) or contact **Heather@earthsharenc.org** to find out how to bring ESNC to your workplace. Our SECC number is **1104**.

**Check out other wildlife-related
EarthShareNC partner organizations:**

Carolina Raptor Center, Inc.
www.CarolinaRaptorCenter.org

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WORLD WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DAY:
December 4

**With your help, we were able to welcome
our newest rescue, Pixie Serval.**



**To learn more about the work we do and the animals we have
rescued, visit our website: www.CarolinaTigerRescue.org**