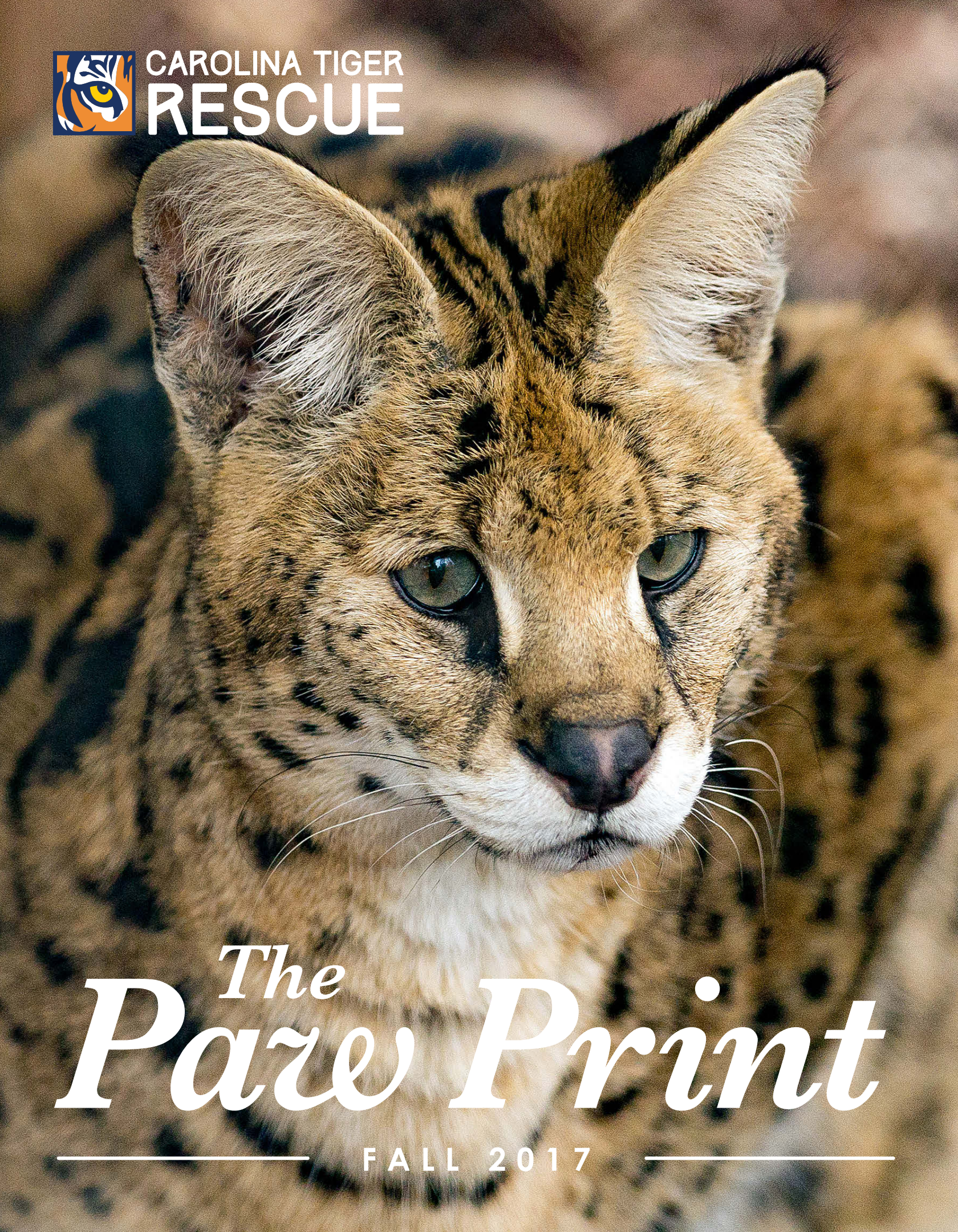
CAROLINA TIGER RESCUE



The Paw Print

FALL 2017

The Director's Desk

PAM FULK
Executive Director

Isn't that little cub adorable? So small. So cuddly. So much fun!

Fast forward two years: The adorable little cub has grown to be around 400 pounds and is still gaining weight. He is eating me out of house and home. Is it ok to feed him hamburger? Not so cuddly anymore, he tries to wrestle me to the ground and chew on me. He doesn't listen to me at all. I have not been able to find a veterinarian who knows anything about exotic cats or that will come to my house. The large dog kennel I put him in just isn't holding him anymore. I am worried about the safety of my 3-year-old son and my neighbors. What can I do?

You can call Carolina Tiger Rescue. We know that people can start with the best of intentions and then find that owning a wild cat is much more difficult than the person who sold them a cub made it out to be. We will respectfully help you transition your animal to a home here where we are equipped to care for wild cats. You will even be able to visit your animal to see how they are doing in our care. You can make the decision to give your wild cat a better life.

Do you know someone in this situation? You can help them make the right choice for their wild cat by sharing this newsletter with them. Thank you.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP
Get Involved, Lend a Hand

Volunteer

Be a Member

Adopt an Animal

Be a Monthly Sustainer

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Attend the Black Tie & Tails Ball

Include the Cats in your Estate Plans

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More information at CarolinaTigerRescue.org

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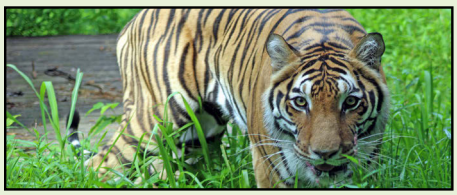
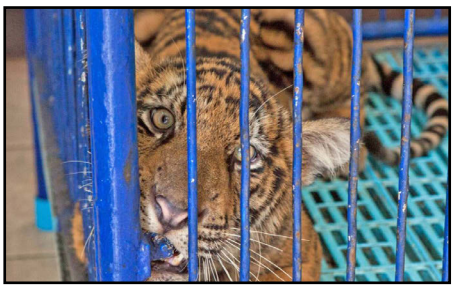


HONORING INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

Carolina Tiger Rescue celebrated International Tiger Day on July 29th with a whole month of educational outreach on social media and cool events for members and supporters. There were many activities, but the main goal was to educate about these magnificent creatures and the perils they face.

Palm oil production is a great danger to the wild. Rainforests are being cut and burned at an alarming rate to clear land for the product. It's cheap and found in more than 50% of common household products.

Learn more:
carolinatigerrescue.org/newsroom/whats-the-problem-with-palm-oil



The entertainment industry poses a threat to tigers being exploited for money. What happens to a cub when they are no longer profitable? Many are sold into the pet trade or into the black market for parts. Many are sadly destroyed.

Learn more:
carolinatigerrescue.org/newsroom/high-price-for-entertainment

Organizations such as WildTrack, based in North Carolina, are making a difference. They use paw prints to determine the population of wild tigers around the world. This non-invasive process provides valuable information, as researchers can determine species, sex, approximate age and even the individual tiger – from one paw print!

Learn more:
carolinatigerrescue.org/newsroom/conserve-protect-educate

Aria Tiger was kept as a pet in a family's backyard for 10 years. She was on the brink of death because her family could not find a vet to see her. When she arrived in Carolina Tiger's care, she hardly had strength to lift her head. Once she received the proper care, she climbed to a healthy weight. Aria enjoyed roaming her spacious enclosure until she died in November, 2016.

Learn more:
carolinatigerrescue.org/species/tiger/carolina-tiger-rescue-stories

North Carolina is one of five states where there is no federal regulation on owning wild cats. You can add your voice to the call by using #PredatorsNotPets on any social media platform and spread the word – predators are NOT pets.

Join us for our 11th annual Black Tie & Tails Ball!

Imagine Indonesia - a kaleidoscope of colors, cultures, and beauty. From soaring volcanic mountains to sunny beaches on lush tropical islands - the stunning variety of Indonesia's natural beauty awaits you.

Let Carolina Tiger Rescue tempt you with a taste of Indonesia at the Black Tie & Tails Ball - an evening filled with good friends, fine food and drink, and fun silent and live auction items.

Early bird tickets available September 15 at: www.501auctions.com/blacktieandtailsball

The Curator's Corner

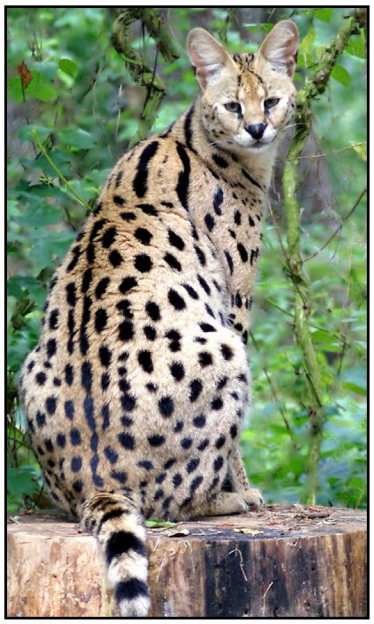
KATHRYN BERTOK
Curator

Wild cats have long captured our imagination; their beauty, power, and grace are fascinating. This fascination has led some of our ancestors to view wild cats as gods and worship them, but in modern times it often tempts us to try to tame them and bring them into our homes.

Here in the U.S., many states have no laws regulating wild cat ownership. Other states may have laws in place, but the laws are weak or not enforced. This allows private ownership of tigers, lions, leopards, and other exotic, dangerous cats. Unfortunately for the animals, this means a lifetime in captivity and possibly not having all their needs met. Thankfully, many owners realize their mistake and reach out for help. That is where we step in.

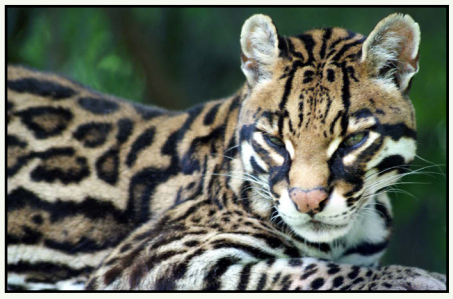
Carolina Tiger is honored to be the home for many former pets. From a tiger that is now 300 pounds and can no longer be handled, to a 25-pound serval who has decided to make your house their playground, we can help provide a safe home for these animals.

Making the decision to give up an animal is never easy. Former owners often struggle with feelings of guilt and sadness. At Carolina Tiger Rescue, we respect how hard it is for someone to give up an animal that they have cared for and loved. We hope that they feel more at peace once they know that we will continue to love and care for these animals for the rest of their lives.



Hobie Serval was kept as a family pet until he became too difficult to care for. As he matured, Hobie became aggressive toward one of the family members. He also ate socks and other household items that required surgery to remove, leading his family to call us. Now Hobie enjoys catching and eating snakes and mice that venture through his enclosure.

IN TRIBUTE



Julio Ocelot embodied the true ocelot spirit - giving a rumbly grumble when guests visited and making you work for his attention. His grumbles and striking features are greatly missed.

Julio was anesthetized due to a broken canine and his blood work showed progression of the lymphocytic leukemia that was diagnosed in 2015. As always, we waited, watched, and monitored him for quality of life. Julio began showing signs associated with anemia and, given the known disease, the decision was made to euthanize.

Mary Stewart Caracal was never short on personality. Her petite frame belied her immense spirit and her sassy demeanor made her a joy to visit. She was a beautiful girl with ear tufts that could never decide which way to go. Her unique spirit will be missed.

When Mary Stewart lost interest in her food, our veterinarian did a physical and blood work. Sadly, her blood work showed she was suffering the effects of advanced kidney disease and kidney failure. Given the severity of the disease, we made the hard decision to euthanize.

DAXON SERVAL

Animal Spotlight

Daxon Serval arrived at Carolina Tiger Rescue in June via a private car – talk about special delivery! Two Carolina Tiger staff members took an unusual road trip, driving across several states to pick up Daxon from a private owner.

After his stay in quarantine, Daxon was moved into his spacious outdoor enclosure, which was outfitted with several new platforms just for him. Servals most commonly have long legs and large ears. Their hearing is so precise they are capable of locating rodents tunneling underground. Daxon is a great example of these characteristics. He sits taller than most of our other resident servals and has beautiful large cone-shaped ears.

Thus far, Daxon has enjoyed playing hard to get with the animal care staff. He is wary of approaching visitors at first but is quick to follow as soon as they turn to leave.

Daxon now receives enrichment daily, as do all of our resident animals. He especially enjoys shredding paper and investigating the various posters and props we use around the outside of the enclosures. It seems his neighbor, Toby Bobcat, has also been keeping Daxon entertained; the two have been seen running up and down the fence together.

During quieter times Daxon can be found lounging in the sun in typical serval fashion. We are excited to be able to give Daxon a forever home where he is able to act like the wild cat he was meant to be.

I AM NOT A PET
I AM WILD

Daxon's former owner bought him as a kitten and kept him as a pet for nearly four years. Unfortunately, no amount of love can "tame" a wild cat and Daxon's owner came to understand that a house is not a home for wild cats. We are grateful they called on Carolina Tiger Rescue to provide Daxon with the best home for a wild cat who can't live in his natural environment.

YOU Make the Difference!

Special Thanks to our Volunteers of the Month

JUNE • ANIMAL CARE

Sarah Moyer

Sarah is incredibly dedicated and reliable – she is a great mentor for new volunteers. We are so happy that she found her way to Carolina Tiger Rescue.

Thank you, Sarah!

JULY • SUMMER INTERNS

From L: Emily Nona, Kelly Patterson, Erin Colby, Elizabeth Kenney, Caroline Borkowski

AUGUST • SUMMER INTERNS

From L: Josh Nunn, Emilie Burden

We are grateful to our 2017 summer interns for their hard work and youthful enthusiasm! We hope they learned a lot and enjoyed their experience at Carolina Tiger Rescue!

Applications will be available October 2017 for the 2018 summer internship sessions. For more information, go to:

https://carolinatigerrescue.org/learn/internship/

Cool Kids Need Cool Back-To-School Supplies!

Bringing your student out for a fun and educational tour to learn about the wild cats at Carolina Tiger Rescue? Check out the too-cool-for-school supplies in the Savanna Station gift shop while you're here!

EarthShare® North Carolina

EarthShare Conservation Education Community Impact

Employees across North Carolina have pledged more than $9.4 million for environmental and conservation efforts that support the wellbeing of our communities. You too can make a difference by supporting Carolina Tiger Rescue and other organizations through EarthShare, the employee workplace giving program for the environment.

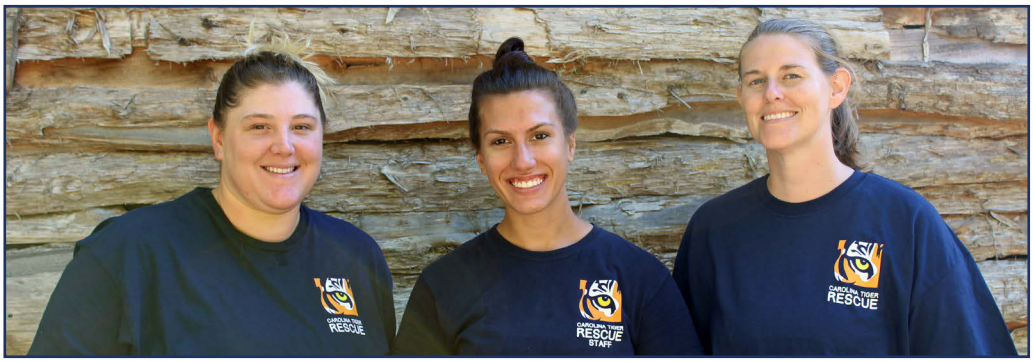
EarthShare's participation in workplace giving campaigns also provides an opportunity to raise awareness on how local, national and international environmental organizations are working on solutions to ensure we continue to have clean air, rivers where you can swim, food that is safe to eat, and wildlife that is healthy and thriving.

Carolina Tiger Rescue's conservation education program receives funding through ESNC. Look for EarthShare and Carolina Tiger Rescue in your workplace giving campaign this year.

State employees can donate to Carolina Tiger using the agency code: 1104

Federal employees can donate to Carolina Tiger using the agency code: 26612

Do you want to support Carolina Tiger through your workplace giving campaign? Contact SusanKingCope@CarolinaTigerRescue.org for more information!



Keepers: Cara Vitale, Larissa Keliher, Lauren Humphries

KEEPER'S LOG

NEWS FROM THE SANCTUARY

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Before we can settle newly rescued animals into the sanctuary, we must make sure they are healthy and assess their personalities. Animals start with a 30-day quarantine period while we check blood and fecals to be sure they are not carrying a disease that could put other residents at risk. After ensuring their health, we figure out a good placement in the sanctuary. Our newest rescue, Daxon Serval, is starting out in an enclosure off the tour route while he settles in. A new environment can be stressful so we found him a peaceful enclosure with a good combination of sun and shade and new platforms built just for him. He was wary as he ventured out of his transport crate to explore his new home but he is adjusting well.

Daxon Serval is ready to explore his new home!

Become a Member!

Enjoy Membership This Fall

- FREE unlimited daytime public tours
- 50% off Twilight Tour tickets
- 10% off Specialty Tours
- 10% off gift shop items
- Carolina Tiger Rescue Member decal
- Invitations to members only events
- Become part of the Carolina Tiger family and receive email about rescues, animal updates, job openings, upcoming events, and more.

Membership Levels: Student, Individual, Dual, Family, Grandparent, Family Plus

More information at: CarolinaTigerRescue.org

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Tours and Important Dates

DAYTIME TOURS: Year-Round
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

TWILIGHT TOURS: April-October
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Holiday tours, private tours, specialty tours, field trips, and volunteer opportunities available. More information available at CarolinaTigerRescue.org

SUMMER CAMPS: June and July, 2018

BLACK TIE & TAILS BALL: February 24, 2018
Join us as we journey to "Indonesia…where the sacred meets the wild."

Anthony Leopard thanks you for his new home at Carolina Tiger Rescue

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