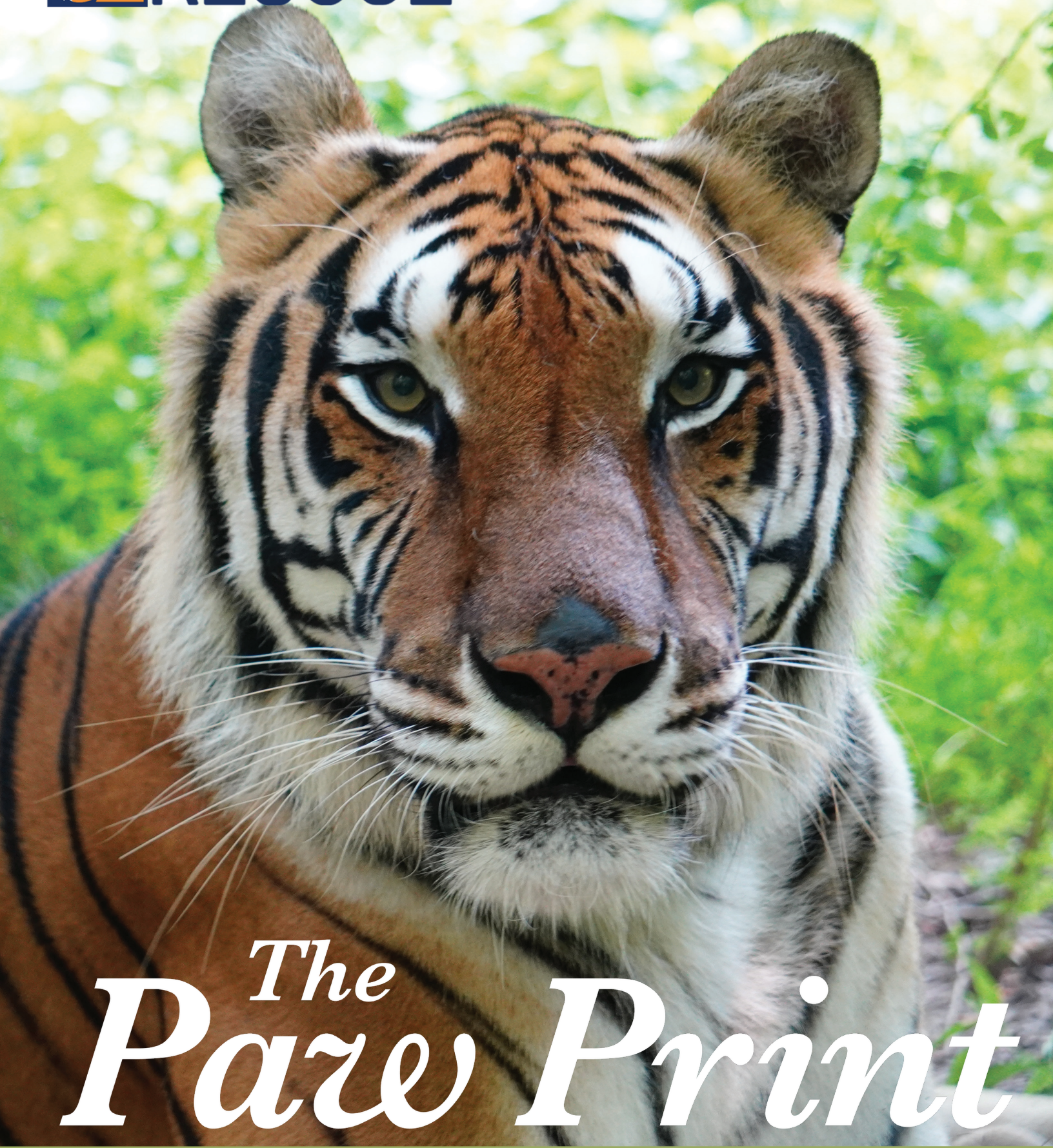




CAROLINA TIGER
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— SPRING 2022 —

The Director's Desk

KRIS MARINO
Executive Director



Dear Friend,

Spring is a time of transition. The birds return, the flowers bloom, the grass turns green.... This all signals a new season, a time of change.

On March 1st I stepped into my new role as Executive Director of Carolina Tiger Rescue. Even in my short time here there have been many transitions. We have added a new education building, which will provide space for summer camp and education programs; cleared new areas of the sanctuary to make space for additional habitats and tour route expansion; updated existing habitats with new external lockouts and created additional parking space.

In addition, we are now home to two red wolves, a native North Carolina species, as part of their Species Survival Plan. We also recently welcomed Molly Bobcat. Molly had been a pet before coming to live at the sanctuary.

As I look towards the future, I am excited to be part of this wonderful organization. From the first time I took a tour of the sanctuary and saw Caprichio Tiger I knew I wanted to become part of the mission. I look forward to getting to know you and hearing why you support Carolina Tiger Rescue.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer - Adopt an Animal - Be a Monthly Sustainer
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Become a Business Sponsor - Become a Big Cat Dinner Club Member
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MEET ROSCOE TIGER

Age: 12-years-old
Rescued: 2012
Operant Trainer: Larissa Hill



Roscoe's personality is one of timidness and sometimes anxiousness. Working with him one-on-one through operant conditioning increases his confidence and teaches him behaviors that allow us to provide him better care.

Through operant training with Keeper LA, Roscoe has successfully loaded into a transport crate on multiple occasions. This has allowed us to move him to a quieter enclosure better suited to his needs.

When the time came for Roscoe's most recent routine physical, operant training was used to voluntarily inject him with the necessary sedatives. This alternative option for injecting the animals is almost always less

stressful than using a dart gun. While still a work in progress, Roscoe is learning to stay calm with groups of people and machinery near his enclosure thanks in part to operant conditioning.

In addition to behavioral training, Roscoe has also developed skills that allow us to better examine him, such as flipping his paws over and standing on the fence. Currently, he is learning to open his mouth on cue.

While all animals can benefit from operant conditioning, it can be especially impactful for those like Roscoe. For him, the more he continues to learn, the better his quality of life.

GIVE A LITTLE TODAY

We strive to be strategic with our resources and act as good environmental stewards; to that end, we are including our Spring Appeal IN the newsletter.

It is only because of your support that we were able to rescue Roscoe Tiger and give him a forever home and the attention and care that he deserves. Please donate today to help us continue to provide a lifetime of care to wild cats in need. You can set up a recurring donation with the enclosed form or on our website at CarolinaTigerRescue.org/Spring

SCAN ME



Animal Spotlights

BEAU COUGAR

Rescued: 2019
Operant Trainer: Katie Cannon



Operant training with animals is used for a variety of reasons. For some, it's to provide them with medical care. With others, it is simply to help them experience new, sometimes scary, situations and help them become more confident in themselves and their surroundings. For Beau Cougar, it's both. Because he was wild born, Beau had a steep learning curve when it came to living at the sanctuary, surrounded by people, other animals, and all the commotion of sanctuary life.

Through operant conditioning with Katie, he has learned that loud noises like the lawnmower and weed eater often bring treats, and his fear has lessened. He also is learning to allow his trainer to hand inject him with medications so we can lessen his stress and provide him with the best care possible. Time, patience, and consistency have proven invaluable with this once timid cougar. He's becoming confident and is now eager for his training sessions, even if they do mean a needle poke from time to time.

SCAN ME



Caprichio Tiger is an animal that will forever be impacted by the mistreatment and inadequate diet he received as a cub, long before his rescue. His back right leg is permanently bowed which forces his body to carry nearly 500 pounds in a way that puts pressure on areas that wouldn't normally be strained. Over time this has resulted in arthritis. Part of his ongoing care is daily medication to ensure comfort. In February of 2021, Caprichio and Maryssa began working on positive reinforcement-based training to make his check-ups voluntary, no-contact, and not so scary.

With a lot of patience, turkey snacks, and mutual trust, Caprichio will comfortably lie at the fence for a daily visual exam, allow Maryssa to give him monthly intra-muscular injections for arthritis, and give him weekly sub-Q fluids. One of his daily medications can impact kidney function when used long-term, so the fluids help his kidneys not work so hard. All of this is done at the enclosure fence and without contact. Caprichio is one of the many animals at the sanctuary to benefit from this type of training.

CAPRICHIO TIGER

Rescued: 2016
Operant Trainer: Maryssa Hill



EDUCATION

A vital part of our mission at Carolina Tiger Rescue

One of Carolina Tiger Rescue's main goals is educating the public on the importance of preserving wild animals in their natural habitats, as well as the plight of wild cats in captivity right here in the United States. Tours, school field trips, group presentations, and internships are some of the ways we educate the public on what we do and why we do it.

Saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild can only be achieved when members of the public become partners in our mission and our work. We welcome the opportunity to educate everyone about the animals and their rescue stories.



Summer Camps

Our summer camps offer kids of all ages the unique opportunity to learn what life is like at Carolina Tiger Rescue. They visit the animals daily, learn about the essential role carnivores play in their natural habitats, find out what it takes to be a wildcat veterinarian, practice wildlife biology skills, and help some of tigers express their creativity through painting!

"Kid for a Day" Adult Camp

Our Adult Camp experience offers adults the chance to step back in time and become a kid again. Our adult campers learn the ins and outs of animal care at the sanctuary including helping the keepers feed the cats, learning about wild cat nutrition, creating stimulating enrichment for the animals, and learning about our mission at Carolina Tiger Rescue.



Field Trips - Virtual and In-Person

The pandemic presented our Education Team with new challenges, including the need to offer our field trips virtually in addition to on-site. Both options allow attendees the ability to learn about the animals either in-person or up-close via Zoom. Field trips are also adjusted according to curriculum needs, and are a fantastic way to bring this wonderful experience to the classroom.

Our Education Team also offers homeschool programs throughout the year, tours (both public and private), Tiger Tales tours for young children, community presentations, community booths, Facebook LIVES, a Tiger Tribe kids club, our Kids' Website, and more. We are committed to making a difference, not only in the lives of rescued wild cats, but through our education initiatives. We can't achieve our mission without your help!

Learn more at www.CarolinaTigerRescue.org/Learn



2022 Black Tie & Tails Ball Mexico

A Tapestry of Nature, History, & Culture

Close to 180 people were more than ready to shed their COVID sweatpants and join Carolina Tiger Rescue on February 26th for a "fiesta" at Washington Duke Inn. Of course, we're talking about Carolina Tiger Rescue's Black Tie & Tails Ball, which was back and in-person this year! Our theme was "Mexico: A Tapestry of Nature, History, & Culture."

Guests dined on delicious Mexican-inspired dishes, played fun games, and helped raise money for the animals at Carolina Tiger Rescue. There was never a doubt that The Black Tie & Tails Ball would be a fun and exciting event. Even after two years in a global pandemic, we proved that the Ball just keeps getting better! Every goal was exceeded:

The Live Auction raised \$27,200

The Silent Auction raised a record-high \$31,361

The Fund-A-Cause raised the roof and \$32,460 in support of our medical fund

Honorary Chair Julia Wood got the party started with a heart-felt welcome video. Carolina Hurricanes Announcer Wade Minter brought excitement to the event as our emcee and, of course, auctioneer extraordinaire Matt Holiday kept true to his word to make sure we raised the money needed to support the cats and our medical fund. With the funds raised, we will be able to purchase:

Large Animal Anesthesia Machine - to keep our tigers and lions safely under anesthesia

CBC Machine - to complement our chemistry machine for more complete bloodwork

Bair Hugger - to keep our animals warm while under anesthesia

Butterfly iQ Ultrasound - to allow for more diagnostics onsite

Small Animal Scale - to get accurate weights on our small animals

Oxygen Concentrator - to alleviate the need for multiple oxygen tanks onsite for procedures

We also said goodbye to long-time Executive Director Pam Fulk while celebrating the huge impact she has made at Carolina Tiger Rescue with her years of hard work and dedication. After getting the royal treatment, Pam thanked attendees for their ongoing support and confidence in the organization. After 19 years, Pam truly deserves some time in her garden and traveling with friends and family. Board President Jay Baas also ushered in a new era by introducing Kris Marino as Carolina Tiger Rescue's new Executive Director.



During our cocktail hour, guests mingled and bid on items in our Silent Auction. Beautiful original artwork, fun baskets, gift certificates, and one-of-a-kind creations by Carolina Tiger's cats were snatched up quickly by guests at the Ball and bidders at home! The energy and excitement only grew throughout the night. It was indeed an unforgettable night, particularly after the past two years. We are so grateful for the support of our many volunteers, auction donors, sponsors, and those who bid and purchased auction items! It was a wonderful evening full of energy and love for the cats – and we are thrilled to announce that we raised a total of \$142,759!

While it takes many volunteers to help us coordinate the Black Tie & Tails Ball, we would like to offer special thanks to the following individuals:

Wade Minter, Emcee
 Matt Holiday, Holiday Auctions
 Nogui, Triangle DJ
 John Teague, Tar Heel Photography
 Themeworks, for always making our Ball look beautiful
 Pam Earp, basket-maker extraordinaire
 Keepsakes Custom Framing, Pawcasso framing
 JW Image Co., canvas donations
 Maxie B's Bakery and Café for donating another delicious cake for our LIVE auction
 Auction Committee members: Chris Bush, Larry Conn, Heather Earp, Dawn Friedel, Renee McRogers, Rita Nunn, and Ruth Stalvey



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Thank you to our Black Tie & Tails Ball Sponsors and Auction Item Donors!

Jaguar Premiere

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Wade Minter

CAROLINA TIGER RESCUE MINI-BITES

Bite-sized stories to catch you up on what's happening at Carolina Tiger Rescue!

“Predators Not Pets Pilsner”

Carolina Tiger Rescue was proud to partner with local brewery Clouds Brewing out of Raleigh to raise money for the cats! As part of their “Silver Linings” program, Clouds worked with us to develop our own unique beer. Twenty percent of profits from all sales, both on-tap and canned, were donated back to the sanctuary. In total, our pilsner partnership raised nearly \$2,000! To learn more about Clouds Brewing, visit their website:

www.CloudsBrewing.com



“What’s your why?”



Willow Bobcat

Why do you love Carolina Tiger Rescue? What makes you passionate about our cause? How did you become involved at the sanctuary? Do you have any favorite memories or animals? We want to hear from you! We are collecting testimonials from volunteers, adoptive parents, visitors, board members, and staff. If you would like to share your Carolina Tiger Rescue “why” please email:

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For thirty years, EarthShare North Carolina's member nonprofits have worked together to do one thing: strengthen the capacity of the environmental movement. Now, more than ever, you can make an impact in your community by putting your skills to work for conservation. Through hands-on or virtual volunteering, learning about the issues, and taking part in the programs and solutions available through EarthShare NC nonprofits, you will make a difference.

Carolina Tiger Rescue is a proud member of EarthShare NC – look for us in your workplace giving campaign.



Yanaba Tiger



Saber and Shira Tigers

Your Plans Can Make a World of Difference for the Cats

Estate gifts are truly transformational at Carolina Tiger Rescue. These gifts have allowed us to build our veterinary facility, improve habitat fencing and sanctuary infrastructure, and purchase a new education building!

These generous and personal gifts allow Carolina Tiger Rescue to provide the best forever-home possible to the animals in the sanctuary and enable us to further our mission of saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild.

Donors, volunteers, adoptive parents, and friends who have included Carolina Tiger Rescue in their estate plans are invited to join our Sanctuary Stewards group. By including you as a Sanctuary Steward, we gratefully acknowledge your thoughtful planning for the future of the animals that have found a forever home at Carolina Tiger Rescue. Thank you!

As a Sanctuary Steward, you will be invited to our special donor events, receive an annual gift, and get public recognition for your meaningful gift. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

We are honored to recognize and thank six new Sanctuary Stewards:

Merrilie Brown Susan McGovern Mark Chambers Vickie L. Pruitt Melanie Knight
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If you have included Carolina Tiger in your estate, please let us know so that we may thank you! Please contact Heidi Zangara, Donor Engagement Director:
HeidiZangara@CarolinaTigerRescue.org.

For information on including Carolina Tiger Rescue as a beneficiary of your estate, contact Heidi or find information online:
CarolinaTigerRescue.org/membership-giving/estate-giving



Become a Volunteer!

Carolina Tiger Rescue is on the hunt for more volunteers! Join a team of more than 150 dedicated volunteers who allow us to fulfill our mission every day. As summer arrives, we'll need lots of hands for groundskeeping as well as more tour guides and assistants. We are also recruiting for animal care volunteers, construction, and giftshop volunteers.

***As few as two shifts per month required.
 Must be 16 for gift shop and 18 for all other roles.***

TO APPLY, VISIT:
CarolinaTigerRescue.org/get-involved/individual-volunteering

Keeper's Corner



We are preparing to welcome our newest group of summer interns to the sanctuary! Our animal care internship prepares students for a career as an animal keeper,

and also focuses heavily on education. It's important to have the working experience to start in the animal-keeping field, but being educated about the animal industry as a whole is just as important.

In addition to being trained on daily husbandry responsibilities, our interns complete and present weekly research papers on topics ranging from the natural history of our resident species, conservation issues, medical issues surrounding captive exotic felines, animal exploitation, and other animal facilities. This not only helps them practice public speaking,

but it allows the interns to teach one another. We also discuss Carolina Tiger's values and position statements. We have these in place to help guide our decisions and clarify our message. We examine how these values reflect our current resident's stories and how they shape our rescue decisions.

Interns also attend workshops on veterinary medicine, operant conditioning, animal rescue and transport, use of trap cams, professional development, and other topics. These are hands-on workshops where interns can practice their skills and get feedback on their progress. We find it important to create an internship that not only trains students to become successful future keepers, but we want them to be knowledgeable and able to make informed decisions as they move forward in their careers.



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



SUPPORTING CAROLINA TIGER RESCUE

Save the date: *The Tiger Day 5k is Back!*

You definitely do not want to miss Carolina Tiger Rescue's 3rd Annual Tiger Day 5k. Like last year, all you have to do is register yourself or your team, then walk, run, or ride a 5k by yourself or with friends! The Tiger Day 5k is held the last week of July and celebrates International Tiger Day, on July 29th.

So, lace up those running shoes and get ready for some fun! Stay tuned for more information and a few new activities around this 5k fun run!





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EARTH DAY:
April 22

TIGER DAY 5K
July 22-29

INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY
July 29



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