



CAROLINA TIGER
RESCUE

The Paze Print

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Curator's Corner

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Every day at Carolina Tiger Rescue brings its own set of challenges and excitement. Some days that excitement involves the call about animals in need. Those calls set into motion many discussions to ensure that we make the best decision for the animals involved and for Carolina Tiger Rescue.

The first step in this process is to get as much information about the animal(s) as possible. There are times that we may only know the species and number of animals that need help. Other times we receive more details, like if they live together or separately, or information about their medical background. Under the best of circumstances, this discussion allows us to learn more about the animals and their needs.

Once we know more about the animals, it is time to discuss whether or not they are a good fit for Carolina Tiger Rescue. Our decision tree helps us make that decision. We discuss if the species is an animal that we have expertise in or if we can learn enough to care for them properly, whether we have the space for them, and if we feel that we have the resources to care for them for the rest of their lives. It's important to ensure that bringing in a new rescue is in the best interest of the animals and for Carolina Tiger Rescue. In this issue of The Paw Print, you will learn what life is like once the decision to rescue is made!

Kathryn

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

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MEET MOLLY BOBCAT

Age: 2-years-old
Rescued: 2022



Molly was about a year old when she was brought to us by a family who owned her and voluntarily surrendered her into our care. She was captive-born at an exotic breeding facility and was gifted to her owners at just a few months of age. While her owners love her dearly and provided for her better than most, they knew that being a "pet" was not the life she deserved.

While it took some adjusting to her new life, Molly has become quite the inquisitive bobcat. She is always curious as to what the humans are doing when they are near her enclosure. She can be found supervising from her favorite platform high above, but if it is really interesting, she will venture down for a better look.

Molly is unique in that her previous owners still come out to visit her. We offer those who relinquish their animals to us the opportunity to schedule visits and to maintain a more appropriate relationship with their animals.

"I realized I wouldn't be able to care for her for the rest of her life, so I researched Carolina Tiger Rescue and knew that was the best place to send her."

Molly's former owner

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 Molly Bobcat and give her a forever home and the attention and care that she 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



The Life Cycle of a Rescue

PHASE 1

How do we get the call that an animal is in need of rescue?

The call can come in many forms and will always be different scenarios. We could hear from a private owner who is looking to relinquish their pet. It could come from a sister sanctuary that is a part of the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance, or another partner organization like IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) or PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals).

Beau Cougar was a unique case in that he was born in the wilds of Washington state and orphaned as a cub. Washington's Wildlife Services contacted Minnesota's Wildcat Sanctuary (BCSA member) about Beau. Wildcat Sanctuary then contacted us to see if we had the ability to offer him a forever home. After determining that Beau would be a good fit for Carolina Tiger Rescue, he made the journey across the United States to Pittsboro, NC.



PHASE 2

How do we transport a rescued animal to the Sanctuary?

Once we have determined that we can take in an animal in need, we figure out how we are going to transport them to the Sanctuary. For smaller species, a Sanctuary vehicle and a small pet crate will suffice. Staff members, usually keepers, will drive to the pick-up location and drive back, taking turns throughout to ensure that transportation is as fast as possible. We have also relied on the help of sister sanctuaries with transport trucks that can fit big cats like lions and tigers.

In November of 2021, on Giving Tuesday, generous donors raised enough money to purchase our own transport truck and trailer so that we can pick up large rescues at a moment's notice. This is one of the many ways you have helped us stay rescue ready! For an in-depth explanation and tour of our truck and trailer, scan the QR code:

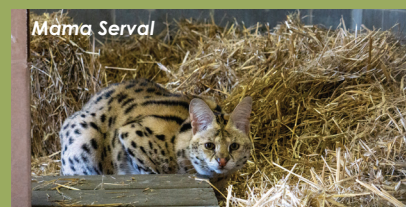


PHASE 3

What happens when a new rescue arrives?

When a new rescue arrives at the Sanctuary, they are immediately released into an enclosure in our Quarantine building where they will stay for about 30 days. This stay is an important part of the rescue process. During this time, we make sure the animal is healthy and not bringing in any diseases. We do this via a standard physical during which we check their body for issues that may need to be treated and administer vaccines.

Coming to a new home is scary, and keepers begin working to develop a trusting relationship as soon as an animal arrives in Quarantine. This time together allows keepers to better understand their personality, and helps them determine where we should release the animal when it is time to move into the Sanctuary!



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Where do the animals go once they are finished with Quarantine?

Once a rescue has been given a clean bill of health, it is time to introduce them to their new enclosure. At the Sanctuary, we make sure to match the animal with the right enclosure. We take into consideration factors like species type (big cats need our largest enclosures), personality (shy animals are never put on the tour path after Quarantine), and what enclosures we have available at that time.

Enclosures must include ample space for our animals to run, jump, hide, play, and sleep! They have access to fresh water and shelter at all times, are given daily enrichment and food to stay stimulated, and they are cared for every single day by our dedicated keepers, veterinarians, and animal care volunteers. While we wish all of our rescues could thrive in the wild, we make sure life at the Sanctuary is everything that they deserve and more.

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Do your rescues stay with you for the rest of their lives? Yes, we provide forever homes to all of our rescued animals. No matter how long they are with us, we make sure to give them the happiest and healthiest lives possible. Unfortunately, that does mean that we deal with death and dying quite a bit. When we notice an animal's quality of life has decreased

significantly, and they are suffering from incurable ailments, our animal care staff, including our veterinarian, will make the decision to euthanize.

Our vet, Dr. Angela Lassiter, has stated that euthanasia is a gift that ends suffering. Their death is peaceful and quiet, and they are surrounded by humans who have cared for them daily. While we are well-practiced in dealing with the emotions that come from this decision, we always feel the sting of loss. Because of this, we memorialize every animal who passes with a ceremony and special brick in our Memorial Garden. While they may be gone, we make sure they are never forgotten.



It takes a lot of hard work to run a sanctuary and make sure every rescued animal lives out their life in the way they deserve. This could not be possible without your support. From fundraisers that allow us to purchase a truck and trailer or the materials for a new enclosure, to symbolic adoptions, daily purchases off of our Amazon wish list, volunteer hours, and more, the life cycle of a rescue would not be possible without you.

Thank you!



Keeper's Corner

A Day in the Life of a Keeper



Keeper Larissa (LA) feeding Roman Lion

We have 55 animals that need daily care, feeding, watering, and cleaning. However, every day is different and there are always new goals to be met. Keepers hand

out medications twice a day; it's the first activity in the morning, and the last activity of the afternoon. Some of the common health issues our animals are treated for include arthritis, pain management, GI and behavioral issues.

We have incredibly dedicated volunteers that help us accomplish many other daily activities, like changing water dishes (a two-person, two-hour task) or cleaning enclosures. Omnivore diets are prepared in the morning and consists of fruit, vegetables, and varying types of protein. The coatimundis are fed in the

morning, but our nocturnal porcupine, raccoon and kinkajous are fed at the end of the day. Carnivore diets are thawed the day before and often require butchering. We usually feed the cats in the morning, but if the weather is mild, we will sometimes feed them later in the day.

Afternoons consist of cleaning enclosures, handing out enrichment, operant conditioning, or working on enclosure maintenance. As we wrap up the day, we record the day's events and medications into our database. This helps us keep track of the animals' health and what was completed during the day. Animal care is always a physically demanding job, but it is rewarding work to take care of such amazing animals!

Lauren



From Left to Right: Senior Keeper Lauren Humphries, Keepers Larissa Hill, Kalyn Walker, and Cara Vitale

Cheers to our Volunteers of the Month!

FEBRUARY: DAN S.



Animal Care Volunteer

Favorite Animal: Naveen Tiger

Hours Logged: More than 270!

Dan is an unstoppable volunteer who works hard every single time he visits the Sanctuary for an animal care shift!



MARCH: MARK D.



Construction Volunteer

Favorite Animal: Kitwana Caracal

Hours Logged: More than 70!

Since joining the construction team last June, Mark has had a huge hand in helping us complete a number of important sanctuary projects!!

Southeast Asia

A Celebration of Tigers Past & Promised

Tigers Past & Promised were honored at the Washington Duke Inn on February 25 for Carolina Tiger Rescue's 16th annual Black Tie & Tails Ball, celebrating the eleven countries that comprise Southeast Asia. Close to 200 guests dined on delicious Southeast Asian-inspired dishes, played fun games, and helped raise funds for the animals at Carolina Tiger Rescue.

There is never a doubt that the Black Tie & Tails Ball will be a fun and exciting event, but this year, we proved that even with a smaller crowd, we could still raise the roof!

***The Live Auction was a hit, raising \$21,350.
The Silent Auction raised \$25,554.
The Fund-A-Cause raised \$21,350 towards our food fund.***

Honorary Chair Lolly Gasaway welcomed Ball attendees with a personal story about how she became engaged with Carolina Tiger Rescue and highlighted a few of the many changes she has seen over the years.

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!

In addition to the live and silent auctions, guests enjoyed Southeast Asian-inspired meals, appetizers, and signature drinks (so yummy). Guests tested their knowledge in games like "Pin the Country" and an all-time favorite, "Eat It or Wear It"!

The total raised to support the cats was \$111,351.80!





Photographers Shana Perry and John Teague helped guests capture the memories candidly during the event and at a fun photo booth. To view photos from the event, scan the QR code:



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:

***Pam Earp, Basketmaker extraordinaire
Keepsakes Custom Framing, Pawcasso framing
JW Image Co., beautiful canvas donations of the cats
Maxie B's Café for their beautiful Asian-inspired cake
Nogui Aramburo, Triangle DJ
Matt Holiday, Holiday Auctions
Shana Perry, Love & Perry Photography
John Teague, Tar Heel Photography
Themeworks, for always making our Ball look beautiful***

Ball Patrons & Sponsors

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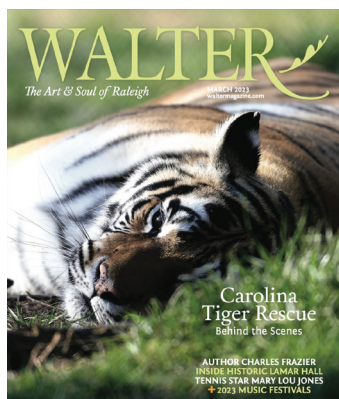
Many thanks to the generous individuals and community members who donated to this year's auction. Thanks also go to the Black Tie & Tails Ball Auction Committee members who brought in an excellent array of auction items!

A Kitchen Must	Golden Fig Books	Noel Flanary
Ali Cat Toys	Grandfather Mountain	North Carolina Museum
All Pets Considered	Stewardship Foundation	of Art
Andrew Freeman	Greg Puertolas	North Carolina Opera
Angelina's Kitchen	Heartsong Farm	North Carolina Theatre
Angus Barn	Heather Earp	Once in a Blue Moon
Ashley Andrews	Hillandale Golf Course	Bakery and Cafe
Beal Family	Hook & Larder	Pam Earp
Bellamy Manor	Isabella Eala	Phydeaux
Beverly Clapp	Photography	Piedmont Farm Animal
bmc brewing	Jan Dye	Refuge
Bonnie Burroughs	Jean Whitfield	Postal Fish Company
Carolina Ballet	Jewelsmith	Raleigh Little Theatre
Carolina Brewery	John Gallagher	Richard Haynes
Chapel Hill Toffee	JW Image Co.	Rita Nunn
Chewy	Kamala Hughes	Rocky River Bee Farm
Chris and Susan Bush	Kathie Young	Rocky River Hemp
Christine Hales	Kathleen Turner	Root Cellar
Circle City Supper Club	Kathryn Bertok	Ruth Kravitz
Circle Double J Crafts	Katie Cannon	Ruth Stalvey
Clayworx Studios	Keepsakes Framing	S&T's Soda Shoppe
Coronato Pizza	Kelly LaCour	Sharon Bass
Dan Dye	Kevin & Sherri Shepard	Sharon Sheppard
Dawn Friedel	Kilwins Apex	Siler City Automotive
Debbie Lyerly	Kim Warren	Skin Sense, A Day Spa
Diamonds Direct	Kyra Bucich	SkyWheel Myrtle Beach
Don Bucich	Larry Conn	Sofia's Boutique
Elizabeth Zeringue	Laurie Blizzard	Solstice Herb Farm
Fair Game Beverage	Lee Mims	Sonora Taylor
Company	Lena Ennis	Sturdivant's Tire Pros
Fiddlehead Farm	Lily Den Farm	Surly Squirrel
Fidelity Bank	Mark Zeringue	Susan King Cope
Fiesta Grill	Marksline Designs Art	Sylvan Heights Bird Park
FireClay Cellars Winery	Studio	The Sycamore
Flair Restaurant and	Mary Tamez	Top of the Hill
Wine Bar	Maxie B's Bakery	Umstead Pines
Fragrance Shop	Mellow Mushroom Cary	Wild Beauty LLC
Game On Escapes	Myrtle Beach Family Golf	Wolly McNair
	Nancy Ratan	

CAROLINA TIGER RESCUE MINI-BITES

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

Sanctuary featured in WALTER Magazine



Carolina Tiger Rescue is featured in the March issue of WALTER Magazine! The article, written by long-time adoptive parent and volunteer, Genie Safriet, goes in-depth into what it takes to care for all of the animals at the Sanctuary. India Tiger graces the cover in a photograph taken by Bob Karp. Hard copies are available for pick-up at Carolina Tiger. If you would like to read the online article, scan the QR code:



Partnering with Local Breweries



Love tigers AND beer? **Southern Peak Brewery** in Apex, NC has supported us for the past several years by collecting enrichment pumpkins during the fall, and most recently, hosting a "Community Day" in early March during which they donated 10 percent of proceeds to the Sanctuary.

Be on the lookout for a second partnership with **Clouds Brewing** this summer. Our "Predators Not Pets Pilsner" was a hit and we may be bringing it back to taps near you!



Workplace Giving with EarthShareNC



For more than 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: SECC #1104.



India and Caprichio 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 four new Sanctuary Stewards:

Julie Curran

Elizabeth Kimsey

Kevin Renn

One Anonymous Donor



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/ways-to-give/estate-giving

JOIN US AT WINE & DESIGN CHAPEL HILL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY CELEBRATION!

Paint it Forward! We are thrilled to be partnering with Wine & Design Chapel Hill for an event raising awareness and resources for Carolina Tiger Rescue. A portion of each ticket price will be donated back to Carolina Tiger Rescue. Each ticket will include a 4 x 6" Pawcasso painting participant created by the cats at the Sanctuary.

When: Saturday, July 29 at 5:30 PM
Where: Wine & Design Chapel Hill
Tickets: \$50.00





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DAYTIME TOURS:

*Year-round, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
Get tickets online.*

*Holiday tours, private tours, specialty tours,
virtual tours, field trips, and
volunteer opportunities available.*

TWILIGHT TOURS:

*Beginning in March and running through October.
These sell out quickly! Please book in advance.*

EARTH DAY:

April 22

TIGER DAY 5K

July 29

INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

July 29

Naveen Tiger



Twilight Tours are back! Now through October enjoy a quiet evening with the animals of Carolina Tiger Rescue. For tickets, visit our website:

www.CarolinaTigerRescue.org