

Winter 2014

Dedicated to the Protection and Preservation of Endangered Felines

Sponsors Needed for New Cats

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Over the next few months, EFBC-FCC will be receiving several cats from international locations for important breeding programs here in the U.S. The process of importing wild animals is a lengthy and expensive process, so we are putting out a Call to Action for our supporters to help sponsor the shipping costs for these animals.

The following felines are scheduled to arrive within the next three months:



EFBC's male snow leopard Zach.



Sand cat born at EFBC-FCC in May 2014.

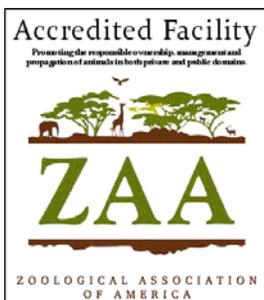
Snow Leopards: Shipping cost estimate is around \$6,000 per cat.

- One male from Nordens Ark in Sweden;
- One male from Wilhelma Zoo in Germany; and
- One female from Zoo de Servion in Switzerland.

Sand cats: Shipping cost estimate is around \$1,200 per cat.

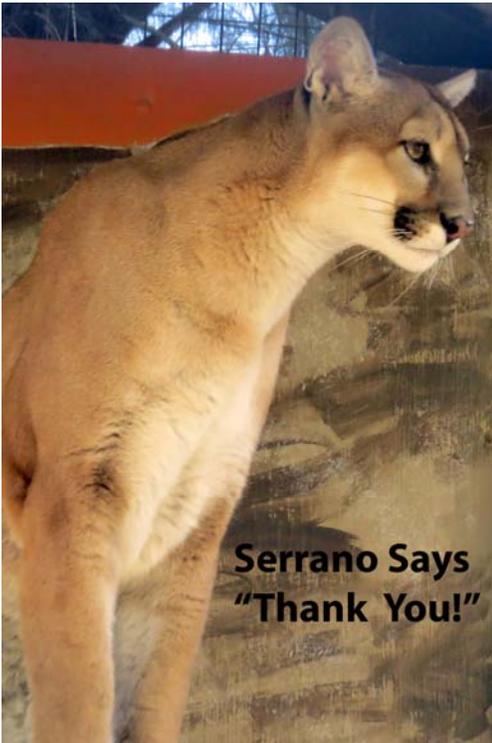
- One male from Le Parc des Félines in France; and
- One female from the Tallinn Zoo in Estonia.

These cats are being sent to augment the SSP population in the United States. If you would like to help sponsor the shipping of a cat, please contact our offices at (661) 256-3793. We are open every day except Wednesday. Every dollar counts!



Donations

GENERAL DONATIONS: For the last year the facility has been faced with an infestation of the parasitic beetle. Although we have tried treating the infestation with natural pesticides, we lost over 25 of our long standing



pine and poplar trees, which were scattered throughout the facility. The shade provided by these trees were essential to providing comfort to our felines during the warmer months, and we have been working hard to remove the dead and deteriorating trees and roots, and replacing them with new fast growing trees. The job is time consuming and expensive and thus far we have been able to replace about half the dead trees with the support we have received to our general operating fund. We thank the following for their general donations this last quarter: **Anne Calabrese, Vicki Collins, Kathryn S. Davis, Jill Evensizer, Sarah Mapel, Joan Maule, John Ruby, Allison Seical, In Memory of Melvin M. Taylor, Jr., Chris Tromborg, Lee Turner, Rebekah & Wesley Ward,** and our "Lifetime" members **Michael J. Stevens, and Brent Prindle & Vicki Haneckow.**

RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM: In our last newsletter we mentioned it was time to register again with the Ralph's Grocery Giving Program. It's easy and they will send EFBC a percentage of the purchases you make in their stores. This last quarter we received \$302 and we thank everyone who signed up.

RESTRICTED DONATIONS: Our supporters are welcome to make donations to EFBC that are used for a specific purpose that may be close to their hearts. Every Christmas, we provide our feline family

with a special holiday dinner of turkeys, whole chickens and game hens stuffed with horsemeat, gizzards and fish. They love their special dinner and we thank **Debbie & Bill Crosthwait** for their \$500 donation and **Gertrude Myneer** for her \$50 donation to help provide the feast.

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM: Many companies have an employee matching gift program but few employees take advantage of this benefit. Employers will match your donations to EFBC that you make for any of our membership programs and even your tickets to the Twilight Tour events. It only involves filling out a request form and can usually be done online at your employer's website. This year we received matching gift funds from: **Microsoft, JPMorgan Chase, Boeing Company, IBM Corporation** and **Nestlé.** We thank all our members who are assisting EFBC with extra funding through this program, and hope you will all check to see if your employer also has a matching gifts program.

IN-KIND DONATIONS: A special thank you to **Nikki Clark** and **Coast To Coast Communications** for answering our wish list by donating a Norstar Digital Telephone System. In the next couple of months, EFBC will be erecting a new 36'x60' modular office building and the wonderful people at Coast To Coast Communications will be on hand to help install the new phone system which we desperately needed. It will be very professional with music while on hold and message capabilities. Thank you!

Rosalie Roth came upon a complete Persian Leopard tanned pelt which was purchased by her father while visiting the Himalaya mountain area back in 1958. She donated her find to EFBC's museum exhibits which will be used for education. Thank you Rosalie.

Cat of the Quarter: Kyoke the Clouded Leopard

Kyoke (known as “Ky”) is a female clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) who arrived at EFBC-FCC from a facility in Kansas in April 2012 at the age of one year. Her home at EFBC is in one of our small cat natural habitat cages located near the gift shop. On any given day, visitors can observe Ky at play, showing off the excellent balancing, jumping and climbing skills these tree-dwelling species of cats are known for.

Is she a big cat or a small cat? Well, for the clouded leopard they’re in a class all their own – *Neofelis* – as opposed to the big cat genus of *Panthera*. However, they are known as the smallest of the “big” cats. Weighing in at only 30-50 pounds full grown, these cats are found in a wide range of forests in tropical Asia, including Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; China; India; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia (Peninsular Malaysia); Myanmar; Nepal; Thailand; and Vietnam. They are listed as “Vulnerable” in the wild by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and their populations are considered to be in decline.



This rare photo of a clouded leopard in Borneo, was taken during a nighttime river cruise. Photo: Paulo Philippidis/Flickr Creative Commons

The clouded leopards of Sumatra and Borneo were diagnosed within the last decade as a separate species, *Neofelis diardi*, known as the Sundaland clouded leopard.



Kyoke is one of two clouded leopards who call EFBC-FCC home. Ted, one of our “senior” cats, also resides at the facility.

The clouded leopard gets its name from their distinct and unusual spot patterns. They also have the longest canine teeth relative to body size of any cat. Additionally, while most cats are good climbers, clouded leopards are exceptional. With the use of their large paws, sharp claws and long tail, clouded leopards have been known to hang upside down beneath large branches and can climb down headfirst.

The biggest threat to clouded leopards is the deforestation of their habitat. The area of the world they come from is undergoing the world’s fastest regional deforestation, according to the IUCN. They are also victims of illegal trade for their skin and bones.

Their population size is suspected to be fewer than 10,000, with no single population numbering more than 1,000, according to IUCN’s 2007 Cats Red List Workshop. Clouded leopards may be found in high densities where populations of larger cats, such as tigers and leopards, are lower.

Vet's Corner: Make it a Safe Holiday for Your Cat

By Dr. Kristi Krause

In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is important to take time to remember our pets.— not just hanging a stocking for them or packing the area under the tree full of presents for them, but paying attention to what they are doing and eating and with what are they playing.

Most people automatically think of poinsettias as being the big holiday offender for pets. Actually, these plants are only mildly toxic and are irritating to the mouth and stomach. Christmas trees can also be mildly toxic in the same manner. The oils in fir trees and the needles are irritating to the mouth and stomach. These can cause drooling, nausea, and vomiting. The true toxic holiday plants are holly and mistletoe. Both can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and depression. Mistletoe is the more toxic of the two and can cause cardiac and respiratory problems, but it is rare that this happens because cats usually do not eat enough to ingest a high enough dose of the toxins.

Another common holiday problem for cats is electrocution. With the holidays come strings of lights. These strings of lights around the house, on the Christmas tree, decorating the cat's favorite places to hang out are a tempting toy – paw at a light and the whole thing moves! And when the cat bites the cord, the cord will bite back. Electrocution can result in a range of symptoms. A mild case could be superficial burns on the tongue and lips. More significant burns can make eating difficult and require significant nursing care and potentially the placement of a feeding tube until the burns are healed and the cat is able to eat on its own. The worst cases of electrocution result in pulmonary edema, which is an accumulation of fluid in the lungs, making breathing difficult, often ending in death.

But, the biggest holiday hazard of them all is tinsel. What cat doesn't love a fluffy, sparkly string? That is one decoration they are sure is meant specifically for them. However, when ingested, it causes the intes-

tines to bunch up like an accordion and cuts through them. This requires immediate hospitalization and surgery. Many cat owners do not use tinsel at all for this reason.

A more recent deadly hazard that is being encountered is lily toxicity. Plant bulb kits for Amaryllis and other plants in the lily and daffodil family, *Narcissus*, are popular gift items. These plants are highly toxic for cats. The entire plant is toxic – flower, leaves, stem, and bulb. The most common problem encountered is acute kidney failure. If caught in time, hospitalization with intravenous fluids and supportive care can be done to help save the kidneys, but there is often some degree of permanent damage.

The best gift you can give your cat is a safe home for the holidays!

Dr. Kristi Krause DVM is a member of the Board of Directors of EFBC-FCC. She also serves as the Fishing Cat and Jaguarundi Veterinary Advisor for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Felid Taxon Advisory Group and the Cheetah Veterinary Advisor for the Zoological Association of America and has a special interest in Pallas' Cats.



Happy
Holidays

From the
Board of Directors,
Staff and
Volunteers of EFBC-FCC.
See you in 2015!

In 2014, three of our small cat species were successful in breeding. Our Sand cats, Fishing cats and Black-footed cats were very busy, delivering a total of 10 surviving kittens. We've pulled together some photos of our 2014 arrivals. Unlike the big cats, many small cat species reach the age of maturity within their first year.



The Sand cats were born May 2.

The Sand cats (*Felis margarita*) born on May 2 are all doing well and living in enclosures that are not in the public areas, as these cats can be high-strung and sensitive to groups of people. At eight months, they are almost full grown and have been separated by sex. The males, Anubis and Osiris, live in one enclosure, while the females, Safi and Margo, share another.



Otis the Fishing cat was born July 24.

Otis, the fishing cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*) born to April and Chimlin on July 24, continues to be hand-reared by staff and now

enjoys his own enclosure off from public display. He made his first public appearance at our last Twilight Tour of the year in September.



These three Fishing cats were born Sept. 21.

In the fall issue of Spots & Stripes, we announced the exciting news that our facility's first-ever **Black-footed cat** (*Felis nigripes*) was born on August 7. The baby has been identified as a male and is named Booker. He remains with his mom, Gabby, in the back area off public viewing.

On Sept. 21, our "super couple" of **Fishing cats**, Kai and Nemo, became parents again. This time to three adorable kittens. Kai is a pro at raising a rowdy group of babies, and they are all doing well!



Black-footed cat born Oct. 5.

Not to be outdone by Killa and Gabby, our second pair of **Black-footed cats**, Josephine and Mr. B, also became parents on Oct. 5 to one kitten. As of press time, it has not been named, but it is doing very well and Josephine is a great mom.



Booker (top) with mom Gabby.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Exotic Feline Breeding Compound Incorporated, Feline Conservation Center is a not for profit, 501 (c)(3) public benefit corporation dedicated to the preservation and propagation of rare and endangered felines through breeding, research, and education. EFBC/FCC is run by an active Board of Directors which governs policies, procedures, and the direction of the corporation.

Directors and officers receive no compensation for their services, nor retain any personal interest in any portion of the assets of the corporation. Officers are elected at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors and serve a term of three (3) years.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Audited Financial Statements for the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound Inc., Feline Conservation Center fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 are now on file. The following are highlights of our annual report. For copies of the complete financial statements, please send a self addressed #10 envelope and a check for \$10.00 for postage and handling to: EFBC/FCC, 3710 60th Street West, Rosamond, CA 93560-7779. Audits of EFBC/FCC's internal operation and the compiling of its financial statements and required Federal and State filings are completed by an independent, outside accounting agency.

Total support and revenue, including non-cash donations:	\$390,387
Program service expenses:	\$381,621
Administrative & fund raising expenses:	\$ 37,371
Net support and revenue over (under) expenditures:	\$ (28,605)
(includes depreciation of	\$51,081
Total net assets:	\$1,083,831



Katmandu, the white tiger, plays with an enrichment created by a young Kids Day attendee.

'Kids Day' Educates Youth

The annual Kids Day once again drew hundreds of children out to EFBC-FCC for a day of fun, games and education. The young visitors played games, had their faces painted, took special train rides to see the tigers and jaguars and were treated to a Wonders of Wildlife show by Cheryl Rendes. The special event raised \$3,011.

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Visit www.wildcatzoo.org for the latest on new arrivals, births and construction projects.



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the cats of EFBC-FCC!**

Important dates, including our Twilight Tours and Feline Follies are also noted, so you won't miss any important events in 2015.

These calendars also make great presents!

Available for sale in our gift shop or
online at our Cafe Press store.



Visit us at www.wildcatzoo.org



**SAVE THE
DATES!**

Twilight Tours	April 25 June 20 Sept. 26
Feline Follies	Aug. 8
Kids Day (2015)	Oct. 17

2015 EVENTS CALENDAR



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