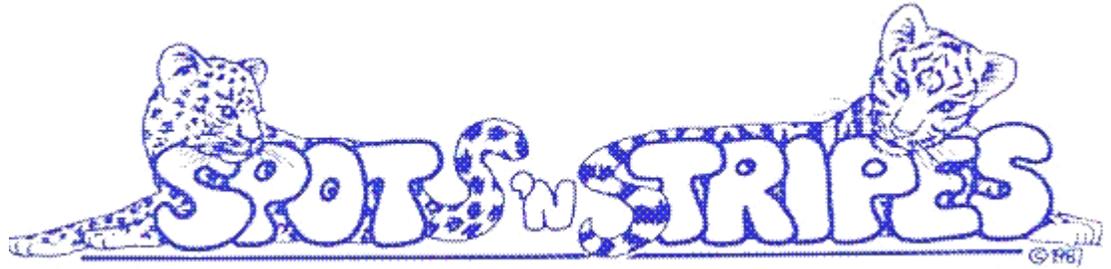


EFBC's Feline Conservation Center

WINTER 2017



Dedicated to the Protection and Preservation of Endangered Felines

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Facebook Video Goes Viral

Our two Pallas cat brothers, Gimli and Tyrion, born last March, are Internet sensations!

The two brothers were caught on video doing what Pallas cats do best – trying to be invisible by slowly walking while looking at you with a fixed gaze. The video was posted to our Facebook page. More than 400,000 people have watched the video, shared it and/or commented on it, putting the total number reached at more than 1 million people.

6.5 month old Pallas' Cat kittens. "If we move slowly they can't see us". And don't blink!



1,029,589 people reached

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If you're not one of the more than 12,000 people who like us on Facebook, then you're missing out! You can find our open group page under EFBC's Feline Conservation Center. We are also on Instagram @wildcatzoo, where we now have more than 600 followers, and @wildcatzoo on Twitter.

Record Numbers at Red Light Tour

More than 170 people came out Dec. 3 for our After Dark Red Light Tour. These tours – open to all ages - take place after hours from dusk into the night. Though it was cold, those who came out were treated to special guided tours under red lights.

These After Hours Red Light Tours have been a great attraction and fundraiser for the cathouse during the winter months when visitor numbers tend to drop.

We will have another Red Light Tour on **Feb. 25** beginning at 5:30 p.m. Visit our website or Facebook page for more details.

Donations

GENERAL DONATIONS: Unrestricted donations to our general operating fund are always appreciated as they allow EFBC to handle expenses which crop up on a daily basis. We utilize a lot of different equipment to keep the facility at peak operation, and that equipment is always in need of repairs, servicing and parts. Medical expenses can also run very high when one of our feline family members becomes ill and needs special treatments and medications. We thank the following donors for their support of this fund: **Priscilla Benson, Alice Bickers, Emily Blundell, Connie Bradish, Barbara & Jim Bradley, Linda Braun, Squire & Freda Brown for Max & Margaret Brown, Anne Calabrese, Joseph & Bettie Castiglioni, Bea Clark, Susan & Jeff Cristol, Linda DeJesus, Jill Evensizer, Mike & Ann Green, Marvi Guttenfelder, Sharon Hathaway, Diane Herriges, Dell Hledik, Illumina Foundation, Kendra & Guy Langer, Roberta Lotter, Joan McClain, Gertrude Mynear, Eric Nichols, Robert & Monika Norton, Steven O'Dell, Scott Pearson, Philip Roberts, Steve & Patti Shepherd, Kim & Scott Steadman, Chris Tromborg, Rita Truderung, Rebekah, Robert & Patricia Waidner, Brad Wallis, Wesley Ward, Anthony Williams, Paul Zerella, and our Lifetime Members – Charlotte Chinnovsky, Julian & Katharine Donahue, Lisa Edmondson, Margo Koss, Michael J. Stevens and Lucy Tidwell.**

RESTROOM FUND: Our adoptive parent **Justin Smith** continues to provide monthly donations in the hopes others will also help with this less than glamorous project. **Diane Herriges** and **Sharon Hathaway** heard your pleas and also made donations. This quarter we raised \$1,655 bringing our fund total to \$16,423. Our goal is still \$75,000, however shortly we will have to increase that goal due to inflation factors.



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THANK YOU!**

HOLIDAY CHEERS! Each Christmas we erect a tree in our gift shop and decorate the bulbs with an EFBC cat picture along with an enrichment item that cat likes. Our visitors can then go on the computer in the gift shop and directly make a purchase of the item. For their generosity, they get their picture taken with the bulb, which is displayed by the cat's enclosure, and also get to take the bulb home to hang on their own tree. When we added up the items requested it came to \$2,985. Well, we want to extend a special thank you to **Avangrid Corp.** who matched this fundraising effort by sending us a check for an equal amount. Way to spread holiday cheer!

MAJOR DONOR: A special thank you to **Apple Inc.**, for their generous unrestricted donation of \$20,000 in support of our programs. This donation was made possible by our EFBC Board Director **George Radda** who is always spreading the word about our work here at EFBC.

A special thank you to the **M. Piuze Foundation** for its generous donation of \$15,000. This donation comes at a perfect time as EFBC is planning renovations to the snow leopard natural enclosure in its exhibit area. The renovations include block walls and Michael Piuze's generosity will allow us to purchase the materials to complete this phase of the renovations. The M. Piuze Foundation has assisted EFBC with many of its projects and we are grateful for his continued support.

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Sponsorships Available for Annual Feline Follies

EFBC-FCC's annual dinner fundraiser, the Fabulous Feline Follies, will take place this year on Aug. 12.

We are currently seeking sponsors for the event, which raises important funds for the cathouse. Sponsor levels vary and those interested can visit our Follies page online at www.wildcatzoo.org/follies.html.

We are also accepting donations for our silent auction. Items should have a wildlife theme, preferably feline. Please contact our offices for details at (661) 256-3793 during business hours.



EFBC's Feline Conservation Center
Annual Fabulous Feline Follies

IN-KIND DONATIONS:

Our feline family got to enjoy a special Christmas dinner of turkeys, whole chickens, Cornish game hens and turkey legs costing \$669 thanks to the generosity of our members **Randy & Terry Scott**. In addition to purchasing this holiday feast, Randy and Terry visited EFBC on Christmas Eve and helped prepare all the meals in our dietary preparation center and worked with the keepers and volunteers when feeding time came around. A special thank you to Randy and Terry for not only their generosity, but also for their time.

A special thank you goes out to **Kevin Eslick** of **SCP Pool Supplies** for donating four 50-pound buckets of E-Z quick dissolve chorine, a 22" pool brush, a pool jet net, four containers of test strips and an eight-foot pool pole with eight-foot extension. These are supplies we use daily to service our tiger pools and when local businesses support our facility by donating materials such as these, it helps us save funds that can be used in other areas. Thank you again Kevin for your generosity.

We also want to thank **Bill Kuhlemeier** for donating a 36-square-foot D.E. sand filter, four-way valve and 1.5 hp water pump with strainer. With the many upgrades and renovations we have planned, I'm confident we will be using this equipment shortly. Thank you Bill.

EFBC's Board Director **George Radda** is actively involved in helping supply EFBC with things we need. He donated 750 foot of LED Red Rope Lights and dimmer switches for our "Red Light" tours, which are growing in popularity, and a pair of Swarovski Binoculars so our keepers can observe behaviors from a distance.

Thank you to **Jerry Gadwood** who continues to donate the custom bags with our logo used in the gift shop. The bags not only provide a purpose but are also a great source of advertisement for the organization. Thank you Jerry for all your support over these many years!

We wish to thank **Eric Barkalow** and **Nancy Vandermeij** for donating a new Powerstroke Electric Pressure Washer. Both Eric and Nancy have been involved with EFBC for many years and share their talents in many areas of EFBC's operations. We are grateful that they both share our passions for saving the world's wild felines.

2017 ZOO RECIPROCAL: Enclosed is the brochure listing zoos participating with EFBC in reciprocal programs for our members. Membership has its perks!



Cat of the Quarter: Katmandu the White Tiger

Tucked away in our large tiger enclosure in the back area of EFBC is our white tiger, Katmandu. Although off tour most of the year, Katman – as we like to call him, is a big attraction at our Twilight Tours and on Kid's Day.

Katman will be 15 on May 1. He came to EFBC in 2009 from Tanganyika Wildlife Park in Kansas. We brought Katman to EFBC to serve as an educational tool given much of the misinformation out there regarding white tigers. There are a lot of myths surrounding these cats, including that they are a separate and endangered subspecies, like Siberian or Malayan tigers. This is simply not true. White tigers are Bengal or Siberian-Bengal hybrids exhibiting a recessive color.

The correct term for these hybrids is *chinchilla albinistic*: blue eyed, pale-coated, but having a striped pattern. The chinchilla gene is recessive to the normal orange color gene. A separate "wide-band" gene, also recessive, controls spacing and coloration of the stripes, resulting in "pure white" and "golden tabby" tigers. Inbreeding promotes these recessive traits, a strategy used to produce white tigers in captivity, usually for financial gain.



The first known breeding of white tigers took place in the 1950's with Mohan, who was said to have been captured in the wild as a 9-month-old cub by the Maharaja of Rewa. Mohan was the only white tiger cub in the litter. His siblings were killed. Mohan bred with a female and then was mated with Radha, one of his daughters. This produced four white cubs. Those cubs were inbred to produce more white tigers, and so on and so on. While the cats appear to be regal and beautiful, inbreeding of any species can cause significant deformations and health issues. This is true with white tigers. Typical signs of inbreeding include crossed eyes, curvature of the spine, twisted necks and shortened tendons in the legs. As inbreeding

worsens, the number of miscarriages, stillbirths, and unexplained infant mortalities rise. Cubs that do survive become prone to mysterious illness.

Today white tigers are so numerous in captivity that many are in sanctuaries for unwanted tigers. Some facilities with white tigers claim they are saving an endangered animal, even though breeding of these felines do not contribute to any approved species survival plan and is condemned by many zoological associations.

For EFBC, while we love our handsome and sweet boy Katmandu, he will never be bred. However, having him at EFBC provides us with the ability to educate the public on the unnecessary and irresponsible overbreeding of these cats for financial gain. We hope that by having Katmandu, the public will understand the repercussions of breeding these cats and not support facilities that do.



Clinic Gets Much-Needed Facelift

One of the areas of the EFBC compound that we've been very proud of is our medical clinic.

The clinic has been used for a wide variety of procedures, including X-rays, ultrasounds and teeth cleanings to artificial insemination and other complex procedures.

Over the years, we have upgraded the facility as our budget allows. Several years ago, we installed indoor holding cages for our small cat recovery area. We've maintained a dust-free environment and upgraded some of the machines.



The new stucco exterior to the clinic, and, to the left, the now-enclosed electrical panel room.

But the building — which was the former home of founder Joe Maynard in the early days of EFBC — was in need of major renovations. The outside adobe walls were deteriorating, repairs were needed to the roof, the electrical panels were exposed to the elements and additional cement walking areas were needed.

One of our EFBC Board of Directors, George Radda, graciously allowed EFBC to use \$12,000 of the funds he donated in 2015 to complete these renovations. We were able to do a host of upgrades, including replacing the roof, stuccoing the exterior walls to stop the adobe decay and making adjustments to the outside big cat recovery holding areas, as well as the small cat enclosures on the former front porch. The clinic is completed and the renovations have added an additional 30 years to the economic remaining life-term of the structure.



New roof, drainage and big cat recovery area.

Radda also donated to the clinic Nikon Zoom Stereomicroscope with an Infinity 1 camera, and all the accessories. He also donated an additional Fujifilm X-E2 Digital camera with 3.0 inch LCD that can also be mounted to the scope as well as two new anesthesia machines,

Thank you George Radda for everything you do!



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 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, 2016 are now on file. The following are highlights of our annual report. For copies of the complete financial statements, please send a self addressed 9"x11" 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:	\$573,994
Program service expenses:	\$395,558
Administrative & fund raising expenses:	\$44,215
Net support and revenue over (under) expenditures: (includes depreciation of \$37,221)	(\$134,221)
Total liabilities and net assets:	\$1,175,524



Volunteers Leslie Simmons, Eric Barkalow (pictured) and Nancy Vandermey manned an EFBC table during P-22 Day at Griffith Park on Oct. 22. The day celebrated the park's famous feline resident, the mountain lion known as P-22, and included educational activities focused on the conservation and protection of Southern California's mountain lion population.

Stay Connected!

VISIT ...

Our website www.cathouse-fcc.org or www.wildcatzoo.org for the latest on new arrivals, births and construction projects.



Our Google Group e-mail list at groups.google.com and search "EFBC-FelineConservationCenter" (no spaces).



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These five sand cat kittens (*Felis margarita*) were born Oct. 11 to Lawna and Omar. They were the third litter of sand cats born at EFBC-FCC in 2016 and because their parents were imported from overseas, they will be introducing new bloodlines to the captive sand cat populations in the U.S.

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SAVE THE DATES!

Red Light Tour	Feb. 25
Twilight Tour	April 29
Military Appreciation Days	May 28-29
Twilight Tour	June 24
Feline Follies	Aug. 12
Twilight Tour	Sept. 16
Kids Day	Oct. 21

EVENTS CALENDAR



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