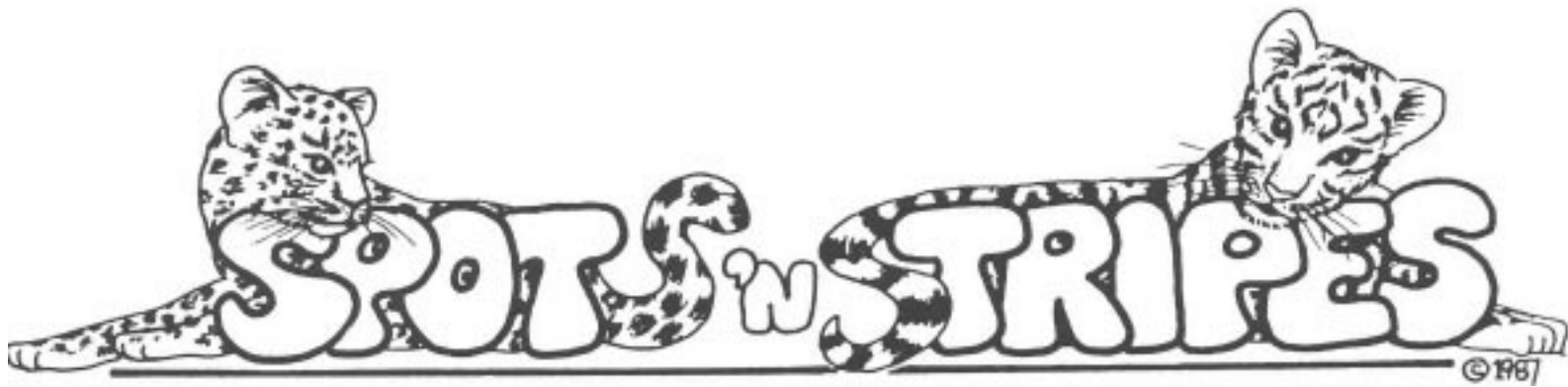




EFBC/Feline Conservation Center

<http://www.wildcatzoo.org>

DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED FELINES WINTER 2005



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another year has passed, and they seem to be going by faster and faster. We ended our fiscal year on 9/30/05 and highlights of our financial statement are included in this newsletter. Donations in support of our programs were down slightly, however this is not surprising with all the natural disasters which have occurred. With all the requests for donations for relief efforts, there is only so much to go around. Even with the reduction in cash income, we managed to complete our new Dietary Preparation Center (DPC), redo the fishing cat cages with brick and sod, complete additional inside holding/den areas in Project Tiger, and maintain the highest standard of husbandry and medical care for our feline family.

EFBC/FCC was invited to join the Zoological Associations Of America (www.zaoa.org/), an organization comprised of zoos, breeding facilities, and individuals who's common interest is species preservation. ZAOA is an alternative to AZA and a lot less political. The organization has an accreditation process for facilities both, public and private, which comprises of a detailed site inspection by a minimum of 2 professional members and a vet. We are delighted to say we passed the inspection and have been accredited as a public institution.

This year's breeding season was quite successful with births of 3 species, jaguar, Pallas' cat, and fishing cat. Our understanding is that we were the only institution in North America that produced a surviving litter of Pallas' cats. We have 2 sets paired again for this breeding season and will be sending some of the offspring out to other institutions.

I would like to personally thank all of our supporters for their generosity and everyone here at EFBC/FCC wishes all a great Holiday Season.



KID'S DAY a Success!

EFBC's first Kid's Day event, held Saturday November 19, was a great success, raising over \$3,700.00 for the center. As our future depends on the younger generations, the goal of Kid's Day was to encourage kids to get excited, learn and support preservation and conservation efforts at the center. Also, this event was held to provide kids a venue where they could feel like they are making a unique contribution to the EFBC. All these goals seemed to be realized that day.

Everyone, kids and adults, had a great time; seeing our feline residents receive extra enrichments; riding the ponies; and taking the train to see the tigers and new jaguar cubs. Ceasar, the tiger, and Poncho and Rosa, the six month old jaguar cubs, had an equally exciting time welcoming the train and all onlookers every time it passed their enclosures.

Kids were also busy having fun in our games area; having their faces painted and being very creative on our activity lawn.

Special thanks go to Cheryl Rendes for her marvelous presentation and animal shows provided to our visitors. Thank you Cheryl for all your hard work and all your very neat critters!

Special Thanks should also go to the following people, without whom, our first Kid's Day event would not have been possible or as much fun:

Christy Cregut: for Providing the Pony and Train Rides.

Melany Marrotta: for her wonderful creativity in developing the Kid's Day Activity Book, as well as helping to organize and staff this new event.

Kim Blaquera: for the educational Information Scavenger Hunt Game.

Michelle Blandy: for her face painting talents - love the ears on the kids, Michelle!

To ALL the EFBC Staff and Event Volunteers: for all your creative ideas and hard work in helping to make our first Kid's Day a success.

Thank You and See you all at Kid's Day 2006!

NEXT YEAR's EVENT DATES:

Our Public Relation's Director, Camille Gadwood, did such a good job with our two new fund-raisers that we of course asked her to run them again this year! Our second Big Cat Bazaar will be held May 6 and 7, a Saturday/Sunday. This year we are not accepting clothing donations but any other clean, sellable items are welcome. You can bring them by the gift shop during our operating hours or call to arrange a large item drop off.

Kid's Day will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 18. and our Twilight Tours for 2006 are 22 April, 17 June, and 16 September. The 17th annual Fabulous Feline Follies will be August 19, but sponsorships and auction donations are welcome all year!

Starr has done such a great job organizing our first two Poker Run fund-raisers that she has been asked to help with Follies as well. Look for the next Poker Run date in the next newsletter, or on the web site.

AMUR LEOPARD T-SHIRTS:

In our gift shop, and through our web site, you can now purchase a T-shirt with a new Amur Leopard international conservation logo. All proceeds go towards protecting these critically endangered cats and their habitat.

WILD CAT WEB SITES:

Don't forget to check our website for updated cub photos and more! We have great items for sale with our cat photos on them through our CafePress shop, www.cafepress.com/wildcatzoo. We also have an affiliate program with Amazon.com. If you use the link on our site or start from www.wildcatzoo.org/amazon.html we will receive a donation based on your purchase at no cost to you! Through December 8 we have earned over \$277 this year through Amazon alone. Another affiliate program with igive.com offers discounts through a huge number of online retailers. These are all ways to benefit us from the comfort of your own home.

OTHER COOL SITES:

The Wildlife Conservation Network, www.wildnet.org, focuses on funding field conservation programs that work with the local people to improve their lives while protecting endangered wildlife. Money donated to them is U.S. tax-deductible but goes directly to the field project, without the overhead associated with large conservation groups. Current field projects include the first Andean Mountain Cat study, Cheetah Conservation Botswana, Snow Leopard Conservancy, the Small Cat Conservation Alliance, and non-feline projects. They sponsor a weekend expo every October in Los Altos California at which the conservationists describe their projects and recent results.

The World Conservation Union/Cat Specialist Group, www.catsg.org, brings together experts in wild cats - scientists, conservationists, and managers - from around the world. Their web site is the portal to an excellent section on all cat species and a database of worldwide field conservation projects.

DONATIONS:

John R. Gravance, Jr. through the Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving for a \$1,000.00 grant for Project Tiger. Thank you John!

Sue Scudder, Thousand Oaks, CA. donated 25 turkeys for the cat's holiday dinners. Thanks Sue!

Karen & Russ James, Rosamond, CA. donated a 1986 GMC Suburban. This came just as our Dodge van finally gave up the ghost. Thanks Karen & Russ!

Louis Chiaramonte donated much needed cleaning supplies. Thanks Louis!

We would also like to thank the following individuals for their general contributions to help us with our ever increasing operating expenses: Sandra Price, Erin Lamphere, Chad Cieslik, Mary Anna Aynesworth, Brent Prindle and Vicki Haneckow, David Gregory, Linda Thompson, and Julita Jones who donates a portion of her card sales. Thanks all!

EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS:

The matching gifts program is an important part of a company's philanthropic efforts, and is designed to assist those employees who join them in support of charitable organizations by making their own contributions. Our supporters who provide EFBC with the opportunity to participate in matching gifts programs, not only help provide additional funding for the facility, but also promotes awareness of our efforts and programs to a widening audience. Even the smallest of donations can be matched by a matching gift program.

The following are companies who have provided matching gift contributions to EFBC in the last year; The Boeing Company, Microsoft, American Express, Oppenheimer Funds, Associates International Inc., Callaway Golf, Oracle Corporation, Source Media, and U.S. Borax.

Check with your employer to see if they have a matching gift program and, when renewing your membership, making a general donation, or supporting one of our cats through the Adopt-A-Cat program, please provide us with a matching gifts form from them. The extra funding goes a long way.

Our feline family says

**HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON & WE HOPE YOU
HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR!**

WISH LIST

Landscape materials, plants and trees

Construction equipment supplies

(8x8x16 concrete block, re-bar, cement)

New electrical supplies

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Audited financial statements for the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound Inc., Feline Conservation Center fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 are now on file. Public Support in cash donations was down slightly less than 2% from the prior fiscal year, however over \$148,000 in non-cash donations was booked in at fair market value, mainly due to much needed equipment acquired through the U.S. GSA, (General Services Administration). 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 \$5.00 postage and handling to: EFBC/FCC, 3718 60th Street West, Rosamond, CA. 93560.

Total assets:	\$1,152,190
Total liabilities:	\$ 54,682
Net assets:	\$1,097,508
Total support and revenue, including non-cash donations:	\$ 441,484
Program service expenses	\$ 291,430
Administrative and fund raising expenses:	\$ 29,908 (7%)
Total expenses:	\$ 321,338
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses:	\$ 120,146

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER:

Our Volunteer of the Quarter is Michelle Bandy. She says; I graduated in May from Humboldt State University with a B.S. in Zoology and a B.A. in Theater Arts. I began volunteering at the Feline Conservation Center in May of 2003 in order to explore career options & I found what I wanted to do.

My favorite part of volunteering is torn between spending time with the cats, talking with the visitors, & giving tours. So pretty much I love every minute spent here. It has been a truly rewarding experience & I highly recommend it to anyone interested in either exotic animals or education as the FCC offers you the opportunity to be involved in both.

CAT UPDATE:

We tried introducing Maggie, female margay, to studly younger male Julian but she would have nothing to do with him, unfortunately.

Olga returned from Denver Dec 17th. She will be paired with Boris for this season. If she does well we will try to pair her with one of the males born last year to Sonya.

RESEARCH:

December 9-11 we hosted Dr. Rebecca Spindler Curator, Reproductive Programs at the Toronto Zoo in Canada. We assisted her with a project quantifying bone density and semen quality in jaguars. Our jaguars were used as models for baseline information as they are proven breeders and quite healthy. The results of her work will be made available to zoos in South America to assist them in formulating a balanced diet for their captive populations.

2006 RECIPROCAL ZOO LIST:

The new 2006 Reciprocal List is enclosed with this newsletter. Remember to carry your membership card with you when you travel to any of these areas, and be sure to visit these great facilities.

EFBC's Adopt-A-Cat Program:

Unlike many other facilities and zoos where you only have the opportunity to support a species, our Adopt-A-Cat program allows you to support a specific individual. This program covers the majority of the food and medical expenses for the animals here. Our adoptive parents are very special people to us, and receive free admission for them and their guests when the visit during normal operation hours, an 8X10 photo of their adoptive kid, a certificate of adoption, free admission to our June (summer) Twilight Tour, their names displayed on the cat's enclosure, notification should they become grand parents, and all standard membership privileges.

We currently have many cats available for adoption with monthly rates running as low as \$40.00 per month for ½ a cat. If you would prefer a whole cat, we have those available too. Minimum commitment is 6 months and if you provide support for a whole year via one lump payment, the 12th month is free. All donations to our Adopt-A-Cat program are fully tax deductible. We hope you will consider participating in this special program. If you are interested, just give us a call.