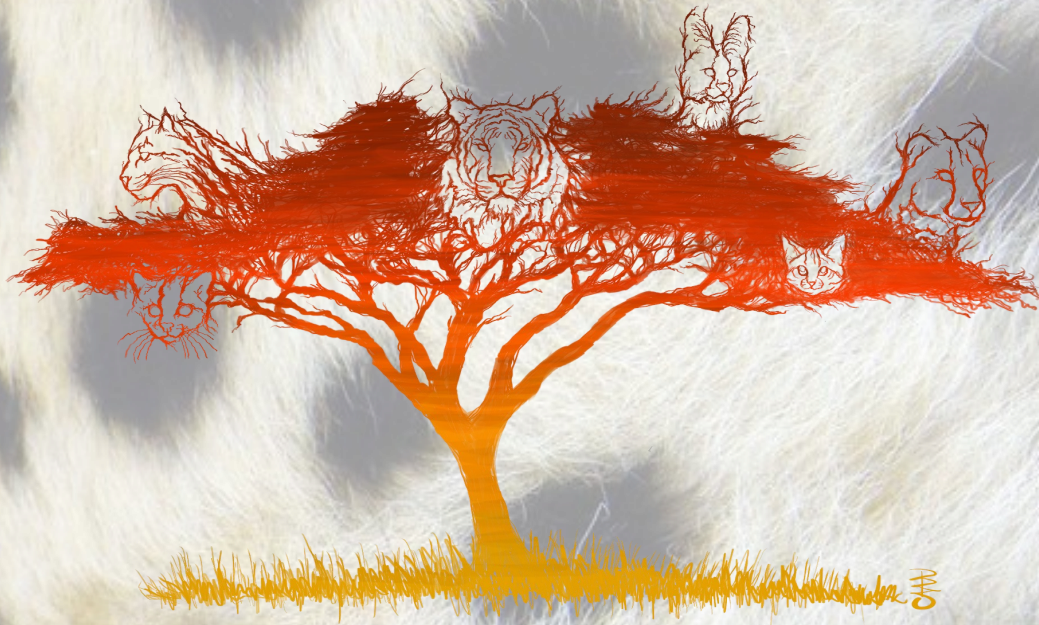


2016 Fabulous Feline Follies

FELINE CONSERVATION



A CAUSE WORTH CHASING?

Exotic Feline Breeding Compound's

Feline Conservation Center

August 13, 2016

This Evening's Program

5 PM

Cocktail Reception

View our cats

Enjoy a wide variety of visiting education animals

Bid on silent auction items

Purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each, five for \$20)

6 PM

Dinner (buffet style)

Emcee will call table numbers for buffet

7 PM

Guest speakers Dale Anderson and Dr. Jim Sanderson

7:30 PM

Silent auction closes

After the silent auction closes, we will sort the bid pads and distribute them to your tables.

Please make sure your table number is included with your bids.

7:35 PM

Sponsor presentations, door prizes announced, raffle drawing followed by a live auction.

Gift shop open all evening.

Please pay for silent auction purchases by 9 PM

Welcome Friends

Welcome to the Fabulous Feline Follies! Each year, we select a theme to focus our event on and this year, it goes right to the core of why EFBC-FCC was established close to 40 years ago: Feline Conservation.

We started out as just the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound, and several years ago, we added Feline Conservation Center to our name to emphasize the unique work we do here at the Cat House.

This year, we've had our ups and downs. As you know, we lost our founder, Joe Maynard, in October. Joe is the reason we're here tonight celebrating the conservation work EFBC-FCC has contributed to throughout the world.

Joe was integral in growing the Amur leopard breeding program in the United States. It started right here with a male from the Helsinki Zoo named Gigant. Today, his lineage lives on, including with four of our residents, Masha, Zeya, Koshka and Bella.

His founding of EFBC-FCC inspired others, including one of tonight's special guests, Dale Anderson, who started as a volunteer here. Dale went on to start Project Survival's Cat Haven and has worked closely with us over the years in captive breeding programs for big and small cats.

Joe also built up EFBC's small cat breeding program. He established a strong working relationship and friendship with another of tonight's special guests, Dr. Jim Sander-son. Our small cat breeding program has thrived, with births over the years of Fishing cats, Black-footed cats, Sand cats and Pallas' cats.

On the subject of Fishing cats, another special guest tonight, Conservation Ambassadors Inc./Zoo to You received one of our Fishing cat offspring, who has served as an animal ambassador and educated thousands over the years.

We couldn't discuss conservation without paying tribute to Joe and his vision. And tonight, we dedicate our Fabulous Feline Follies to Joe Maynard.



Kim Rosas-Shea

Emcee

Our emcee for the evening is Kim Rosas-Shea. Kim has been a resident of the AV for 29 years and is mother to EFBC-FCC zookeeper Jordan Rosas. She is a distributor for Young Living Essential Oils.

Tonight's Special Guests



Conservation Ambassadors Inc./Zoo to You

Based in Paso Robles, Conservation Ambassadors Inc. Zoo to You's mission is giving a worldwide voice to wildlife by providing a permanent, loving home for displaced, abused, abandoned or permanently injured wild and exotic animals. Sharing these animal ambassadors through our Zoo to You outreach program helps educate school children and learners of all ages about conservation, connecting them to the wild world and inspiring them to protect the planet.



Dale Anderson
Project Survival's Cat Haven

Dale Anderson (*pictured far left*) started his cat career at EFBC more than 25 years ago. After gaining his experience requirement to get permits, he acquired 93 acres of land on Hwy 180 between Fresno and Kings Canyon National Park. The building of Project Survival's Cat Haven took several years and opened to the public in 1998. There are 34 cats representing 12 species at Cat Haven. Project Survival has both on and off-site education programs for schools. Cat Haven cats have also visited TV programs and other events to raise funds and awareness for conservation projects around the world. Cat Haven has given more than \$600,000 to researchers and conservation projects.



Dr. Jim Sanderson
Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation

After a 20-year career as a top Los Alamos National Laboratory mathematician, Dr. Jim Sanderson left his job to study biology and ecology. He traveled to Chile to study an endangered cat called the Guigna, and soon he was tracking elusive small cat species around the world. He has become one of the world's foremost experts on small wild felines and founded Small Cat Conservation Alliance in 1996. Jim was the first to capture a photo of the Chinese mountain cat with a camera trap he set on the edge of the Tibetan Plateau in the Sichuan Province at 12,300 feet altitude. Images such as this have the potential to reveal important information about endangered cats and popularize these cats as species that need protection.

Live & Silent Auction

Silent Auction ends at 7:30 PM

Live Auction starts at 7:35 PM

Please visit the tables surrounding the lawn for great silent auction items.

Be sure to include your table number when bidding.

All proceeds go to EFBC-FCC!

Live Auction Items



CATHAVEN

CHEETAH WALK: Take a walk with one of Project Survival's Cat Haven Cheetah Ambassadors at their facility located in Dunlap, CA. The lucky winner will walk along with a Cat Haven keeper as they take their cheetahs on their daily exercise walk. Learn about Cheetahs as you hear them purr and watch them do their daily training regimen.

ZZYZX DESERT FUN: Ever wonder what you might find on Zzyzx Road off the 15 freeway? Here's your chance to find out! Enjoy a weekend adventure with EFBC-FCC's veterinarian Dr. Scott Weldy and see what this unique area of the Mojave National Preserve has to offer. This weekend trip for two — which takes place in July 2017— includes food and lodging at the Desert Studies Center.



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VIP STUDIO TOUR: World renowned special effects and animatronic studio Garner Holt Productions presents this EXCLUSIVE behind-the-scenes VIP studio tour of their San Bernardino facility for a look at everything from sculpting to mechanical animation and paint. Good for up to 10 guests.

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SOUVENIR GLASS

Purchase your favorite cocktail for \$20 and take home a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted souvenir glass by Lori Hands.

Enjoy it with one of our specialty cocktails:

CHEETAH CHASER

(Cranberry Spritzer)

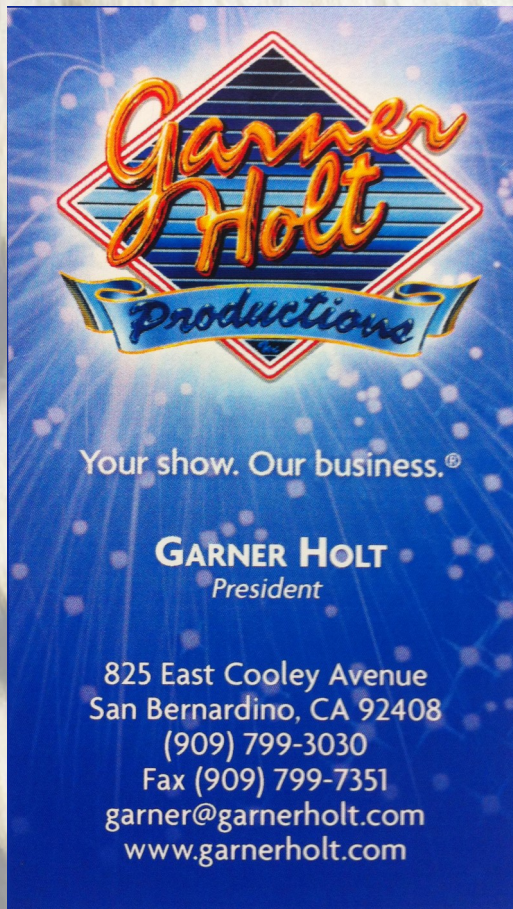
SPOTTED LEOPARD

LEMONADE

(Lemonade with a splash of soda water & dash of pepper)



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Feline Conservation: A Cause Worth Chasing?

How does conservation pertain to saving the world's wild cats and what does that encompass? Well, just as there is "the circle of life" in the wild between the cat, the land and other animals found there, so too is there a connection among those fighting to save them.

Some organizations work *in situ*, meaning in the wild/environment where the cat is found. Others, like EFBC-FCC, work to keep the captive populations genetically diverse and healthy. And still others research ways in which the ones in captivity benefit those in the wild. All of these efforts are connected to saving wild cats from extinction.

In Situ Work and Education

There are many organizations around the world with researchers working in the wild to save endangered wild cats, such as the Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance (ALTA), the Cheetah Conservation Fund and Global Wildlife Conservation. These organizations not only work to track the numbers in the wild, they work with locals to educate them on the importance of preserving the species and the repercussions of hunting and poaching, as well as the encroachment of humans and farmland, including clearcutting of forests.

ALTA, for example, raises money to support *in situ* projects managed by scientific and zoological organizations working to save the critically endangered Amur leopard and Siberian tiger. One of the organizations, Wildlife Conservation Society, has made strides over the last decade in establishing positive relationships with national park staff, as well as researchers in China to track cats crossing the international borders. Their use of camera traps in Russia's Land of the Leopard National Park has helped identify individual leopards by their unique pelage characteristics and helped monitor them over many years. In 2014, the society developed a joint plan with Land of the Leopard National Park to expand camera trapping activities to the entire park, allowing coverage of approximately 75 percent of all leopard habitat in Russia. More than 25 years ago, the Amur leopard numbers were put at 30-35 in the wild. Thanks to conservation education programs, stricter enforcement of hunting and expanding the area of camera traps, the population is now estimated to be 70 in the wild.



Zeyya, Amur leopard

Captive Breeding programs

Accredited zoos and facilities like EFBC-FCC participate in international captive breeding programs for endangered felines to keep genetic lines as clean and diverse as possible. Breeding pairs are selected based on Species Survival Plans (SSP) developed by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and Felid Tag or the European Endangered Species Programs (EEP). These plans are based on the cat's family tree and genetic diversity to avoid in-breeding and over-breeding of a pair.

Reintroduction

A popular question we get from visitors is whether our cats can be released into the wild. The short answer is no.

The more complicated answer is: While some species of captive animals, such as the Red Wolf or the Golden Lion Tamarin, have been successfully introduced back into the wild, the release of captive born cats into the wild can be extremely risky. Although a captive born feline is still considered a wild animal and can attack and kill, that instinct does not always translate to being in the wild and having the skills to hunt and kill prey to survive. In the wild, the feline offspring can spend a number of years with their mother learning the skills needed to survive before they go out on their own. Without these "life lessons," the ability to survive is at risk.



Sand cat kitten at six months.

But as *in situ* work continues, it is possible. Just in the last month, the first captive-born Persian leopards were released into the wild in Russia as part of a Center for Reintroduction of the Leopard into the Caucasus project. Launched in 2007 as part of Sochi National Park, the project aims to bring the Persian leopard back to the Caucasus Mountains where it once roamed. Since the 18th century, the Persian leopard has lost 84 percent of its range, which included Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Currently, 87 percent of the Persian leopards live in Iran.

Introduction does not only mean release into the wild. It can include artificial means as well, including artificial insemination (AI), in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and embryo transfer (ET). While these procedures have not led to successful births at EFBC-FCC, other facilities have been successful. In 2010, Dubai's Al Ain Wildlife Park and Resort, working with the University of Illinois and the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, reported a Sand cat gave birth to two kittens produced by IVF and ET. Applying artificial reproduction to wild animals, however, has not been entirely successful, with low reproductive rates. Reasons for these low rates include lack of knowledge of the species' physiology and poor sperm or oocytes quality.

As Dr. Sanderson recently told Global Wildlife Conservation, "Cats need just half a chance to survive ... We're leaving space and prey for them. They can do the rest. We don't need to change cats; we must change people's minds."

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Pallas' cat kitten at five weeks.

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Black-footed kitten at 11 weeks.

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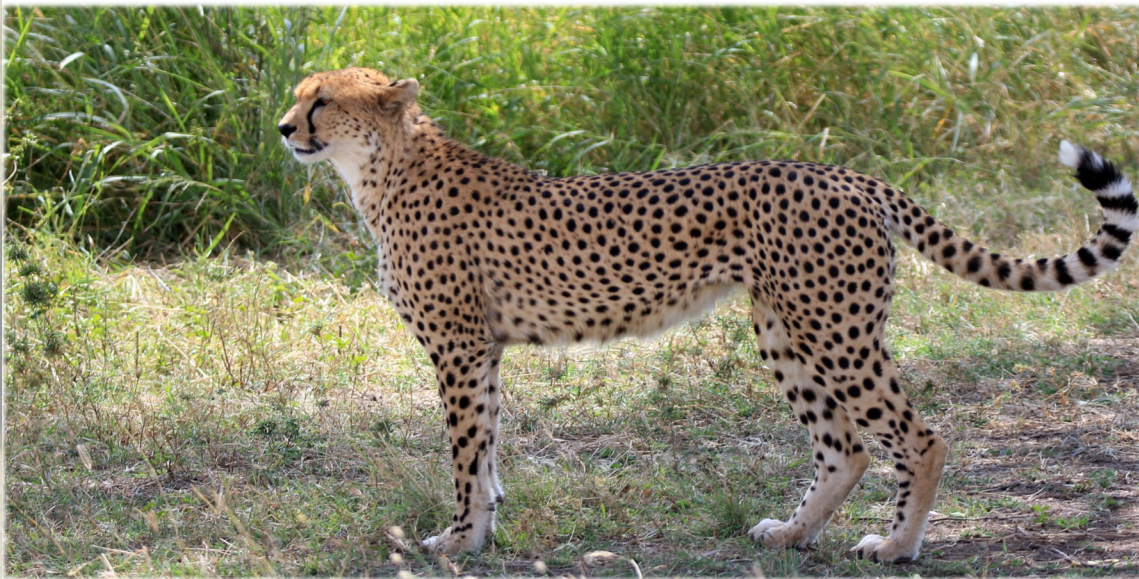
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