

**Exotic Feline Breeding Compound's
Feline Conservation Center
35th Anniversary**

Feline Follies 2012



This Evening's Program

5:00 PM

Cocktail Reception, Animal Visitors courtesy of Conservation Ambassadors.

View our cats and enjoy close encounters with a wide variety of visiting educational animals.

Bid on silent auction items, purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each, five for \$20).

6:00 - 6:40 PM

Dinner (buffet style).

Emcee will call table numbers for buffet.

7:00 PM

Door prizes awarded.

7:15 PM

Sponsor presentations and raffle drawing.

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

Live auction.

8:00 PM

Presentation "35 Years in Rosamond: Past, Present, and Future."



Our emcee for the evening is Eric Barkalow

Gift shop open all evening, please pay for silent auction purchases by 9 PM



Welcome to what we hope is another beautiful night in the desert!

Tonight we are celebrating 35 years since the first cats arrived here in Rosamond, and the many changes our facility has seen over those years.



The EFBC-FCC courtyard circa 1997.

Our long-term supporters will remember the first few Feline Follies. They were black tie affairs held in Lancaster in an impersonal hotel ballroom. There was much debate about moving the event to Rosamond, but being surrounded by the felines you are supporting was a big draw. However in those days there was no grass lawn, just dirt, rocks, and more dirt and rocks. We would rent large tents and astro-turf to have a place to set up the tables and chairs and hoped the wind didn't blow a dust-devil on everything.

In late 1998, the grass was planted and what a difference something so simple has made! We now have a lawn for events like tonight, the raffle during the Twilight Tour and the many games on Kids' Day.

There have been many other improvements over the years as well, and many more we have planned for the future. Old chain link cages became large landscaped habitats. Actual sidewalks and safety railing (and someday, with *your* support, a real bathroom!) add to our visitor's enjoyment. The dilapidated trailer we used as a gift shop was replaced with the beautiful building now in use. The original walk-in freezer was a treat after years of using a crowbar to pry frozen chicken out of standing chest freezers. But our NEW walk-in freezers, which holds 6 months worth of food for our 70+ cats, is truly luxurious. Better yet, it's located next to our new dietary preparation center, which has a walk-in refrigerator. This makes the big task of thawing food a simple process.

Project Tiger has been many years in construction, but it is now ready for inhabitants! Someday more habitat cages will be built in that area, and an education center/museum. A new power source like wind turbines or solar panels is another future goal, and a dorm building to house our interns and visiting veterinarians. We have great plans for the future, and with great supporters like you we can make it happen.



The EFBC-FCC courtyard in more recent times.

Thank you for attending this evening and for your support. Enjoy the evening!

Live Auction Items

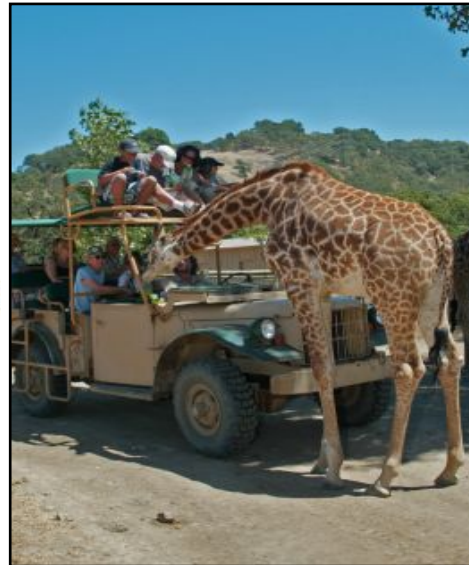
The following items will be auctioned live at 7:35 PM.

All proceeds go to EFBC-FCC.



Artist's proof (1/1) of EFBC-FCC resident North Chinese Leopard Kim Lee by artist Heather Curtis Lara.

Overnight stay for two at Safari West in Santa Rosa, CA, with dinner for two and a private tour.



A special painting by Chris Hoy of EFBC-FCC resident Ceasar the tiger. The painting will be unveiled prior to the silent auction.

Please note: The collage of Ceasar to the left is not the art-work that will be auctioned.

In addition to these items, we have many items available in our silent auction, including passes to the Antelope Valley Fair, a selection of handcrafted jewelry, novelty items and unique framed art. Please visit the display tables for viewing and bidding. The Silent Auction ends at 7:30 PM and the Live Auction begins at 7:35 PM.



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*Purchase your favorite cocktail for an extra \$5
and take home a limited edition Feline Follies
glass as a souvenir, featuring Cisco the jaguar!*



Tonight's Speakers

NANCY VANDERMEY - EFBC-FCC's Past



Nancy with N. Chinese leopard cubs Yanna and Li Ming.

Nancy Vandermeiy has been a volunteer at EFBC-FCC for more than 20 years. Tonight, she will be giving a presentation about EFBC-FCC's past.

She first heard about the Cat House soon after moving to Lancaster in 1991. She attended the first-ever Twilight Tour that October and started volunteering the following Sunday. Despite a move to the Los Angeles area, she still drives up every Sunday to see her favorite felines. In late 1994, she started the web site for the facility and continues to maintain it. She also has assumed the role of the official photographer for the facility and serves as a member of EFBC-FCC's Board of Directors.

When not in Rosamond Nancy works at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory as a science planner for the Cassini mission at Saturn.

CAMILLE GADWOOD - EFBC-FCC's Future

Camille Gadwood joined EFBC-FCC in 1996 as a volunteer zookeeper and docent, and has been a board member since 2002 with responsibilities as the Director of Public Relations. She will be giving a presentation tonight about the center's future.

As a native Californian, she always had an appreciation of wildlife, and especially wild felines. Since discovering EFBC-FCC, she not only gets to spend time appreciating wild felines and learning about them, but also getting to be an integral part in promoting their preservation.

In 15 years, she has seen the center grow from 56 residents to more than 75, all of them with their individual personalities and temperaments. She continues to count her blessings that the EFBC-FCC exists and that she is allowed to be part of something that has brought her so much joy, including meeting her husband, Jerry, at EFBC-FCC!



Camille with jaguar babies BJ and Cody.

Support Your Local Cat House

In 1977, Joe Maynard founded the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound – Feline Conservation Center (EFBC-FCC) a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization with a mission to preserve and propagate rare and endangered felines through breeding, research and education.

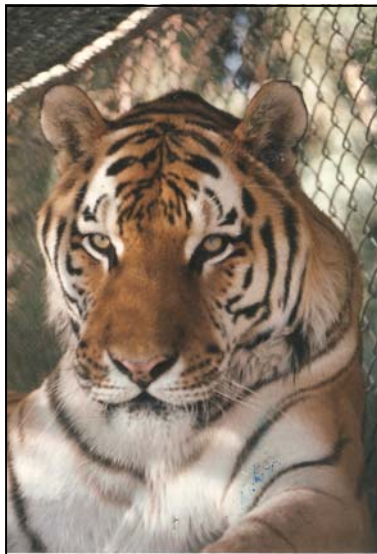
Since its inception, EFBC-FCC has grown from a small patch of desert in Rosamond with a few species to a world class desert oasis housing one of the largest captive collections of wild feline species, representing five continents.

The “Cat House,” as it’s affectionately known, was intended only to be a privately run breeding and reproductive research facility. There was never an intent to open or operate as a public exhibit facility. Today, 35 years later, it is governed by an active Board of Directors and maintained by a full-time staff, along with a group of dedicated volunteers.



EFBC-FCC in the late 1980s.

While most zoos and facilities focus on survival for a variety of species, the goal of EFBC-FCC has remained unchanged – saving endangered cats through captive breeding management, research and education.



Early EFBC-FCC resident Sing Sing, was a Siberian Tiger known as the “Gentle Giant.”

Captive Breeding Management

Today, 35 of the 36 wild feline species are considered threatened or endangered. EFBC-FCC houses many of these species, including the Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*), a species on the brink of extinction found in North Korea, China and Russia. Its survival is in a crucial state. It is estimated there are 20-to-30 left in North Korea, with a permanent population of between 35-to-40 in the Amur River region in Russia and China. The species has already disappeared in South Korea.

In captivity, the numbers are more than 200, with eight of that population calling EFBC-FCC home. Our Amur leopard captive breeding program began with a male named Gigant, who came to our facility from the Helsinki Zoo in Finland in 1990. As our breeding program blossomed, we were proud to host for several years the “number one” male in the world – Freddi – who came from the Tallinn Zoo in Estonia. Freddi also bred successfully.

Over the years, we have welcomed Amur leopards from around the world – from Moscow to Berlin. Currently, we have Sakhar, a female Amur who was not born here, but is the granddaughter of Aijka and Gigant, through their daughter Katia.

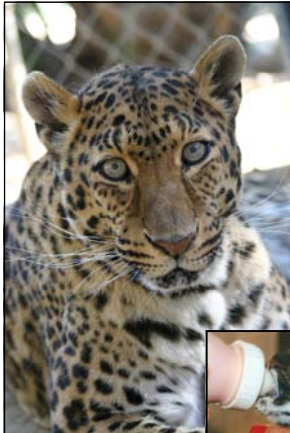
The breeding of Amur leopards at EFBC-FCC is an example of a successful breeding program born through the years as the facility has grown – which cannot happen without the support of our members and the public.



Amur leopard Anju was born in 1996 to Gigant and Soltice.

Research

In the 1980s and early 1990s, EFBC-FCC participated in a variety of assisted reproduction studies using such techniques as artificial insemination, embryo transfer and intra-uterine insemination. At one time, we had a large population of pumas that were used for embryo transfer. Our population of North Chinese Leopards were also used for assisted reproduction, as were Asian Golden Cats and Clouded Leopards. While our cats never produced offspring from the research, they nonetheless



The late N. Chinese Leopard Tai Chi was among those used in artificial insemination research. She later naturally bred with Bao. Their son, Tao, (inset as a baby) is now 18 and lives in the main exhibit area.



contributed to the continuing research into ways science can help boost populations of critically endangered felines.

Over the years, our residents, including the black jaguar (*Panthera Onca*), the Pallas' cat (*Otocolobus manul*) and the fishing cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*), have participated in studies ranging from DNA mapping to semen evaluation to reversible contraception in wild cats.

Education

Since opening to the public in 1983, the educational aspect of EFBC-FCC has been a priority in contributing to saving these endangered and rare cats. In the early days, guided tours by volunteers were the only way the public could see the compound's residents and learn about each species.

As improvements were made, restricted tours were suspended so visitors could roam on their own through the exhibit area or opt for arranging personalized guided group tours. Visitors are able to observe the cats for as long as they wish and are educated with information plaques about the species, as well as volunteers available to answer questions and provide additional information. Guided tours are still provided for schools and organizations.

Being located in the desert has its own sets of challenges in this outreach. Some of our past residents, including our most famous resident Peaches the Ocelot, traveled outside of the facility to schools, community organizations and even *The Tonight Show*, to educate the public. Though currently without an animal ambassador, EFBC-FCC continues this outreach, attending various animal-related events and conferences for such organizations as the American Association of Zoo Keepers and Felid TAG, as well as local festivals. Our education program also expanded to our popular evening fundraiser, the Twilight Tour, which is held three times a year, and Kids' Day in the Fall.



Peaches the Ocelot (1979 - 2000)

For 35 years, EFBC-FCC has educated the public about endangered felines, bred important species of cats and provided important information to researchers in the protection species in the wild. But our history doesn't end here. As we put the finishing touches on Project Tiger, we look to new ways to improve our facility, including building permanent bathroom facilities, additional natural habitat cages for small cats and a museum.

We thank you for joining us in our journey, and hope you continue your support with us well into the future.



Jaguar siblings Cisco, Annie and Doc were born at the Cat House to Twilight and Jesse.

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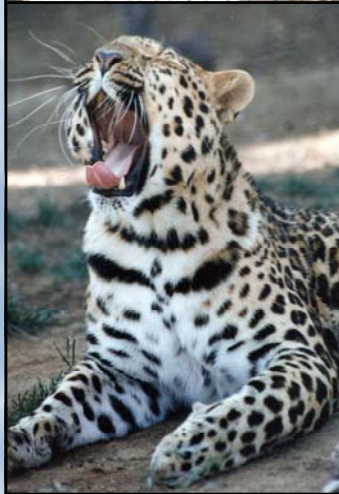
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Lounging cats from the past and present. Starting top left clockwise: Maggie, Nikolai, Chato, Pandora, Tanya & Baby Sasha, Sassy, Kiowa and Tao.



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