



Sanctuary SCOOP



December 2010

Welcome our New Arrivals!!



"Cuzco"

Christmas came early here at Keepers of the Wild... please welcome our newest addition... "Cuzco" the Alpaca. This animal was recently dumped off in the desert. With the help of a local wrangler and Animal Control "Cuzco" was retrieved and was taken in by a good Samaritan in Kingman Arizona. Jonathan went and picked him up on Christmas Eve and thankfully he was in good health and had been taken good care of.

"Majic"

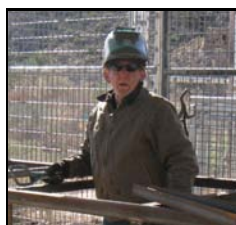
Please welcome "Majic the Duck" our new rescue!! He came to us from Dirk Arthur's Magic show in Las Vegas. "Majic" was used as a prop in the show and like all animals in show biz there comes a time where they are no longer needed as a part of the act....If there weren't organizations such as Keeper's of the... Wild where would unwanted creatures such as magic go?.....



New Den Boxes Finalized!

We have finally finished with the first two new den boxes for our Cougar habitat. These are state of the art permanent boxes with interchangeable panels. We plan to build all new den boxes for each of the habitats which will be a great cost for Keepers of the Wild. The average cost is \$1,800.00 per den box. The newly re-designed den boxes are constructed of solid steel framing with 3/4 " plywood panels that are thoroughly sealed and all the edging are lined in aluminum. Each den box is 17 feet in length, 4 feet deep, and 3 1/2 feet high. These boxes are welded in such a way that they are 8" off the ground which helps with cleanliness and warmth for the animals. We have installed a special ramp for "Curtis" a cougar whose former owner was Slash (former lead guitarist for Guns n Rose's) to make it easier for him due to his arthritis. We will start projection on more boxes in about two weeks.

****A special thanks goes out to our long time volunteer Red Harper and Don Martin for all their hard work and dedication to the sanctuary. We couldn't have accomplished this new design and all the work without the both of you!! ****



Thank you to all of our volunteers and Staff!

You made 2010 a great year for Keepers'!



**A Great Big Thank You to the
KINGMAN ANIMAL HOSPITAL!!**



**For everything you have done for us and all of our animals
here at Keeper's. The love, care, and compassion your
clinic shows towards our sanctuary is a true blessing and
we are grateful to each and everyone one of you!**



January Birthdays

"Akasha", Leopard (01/04/93)

"Drakkar", Leopard (01/04/93)

"Angel", Bobcat (01/29/02)

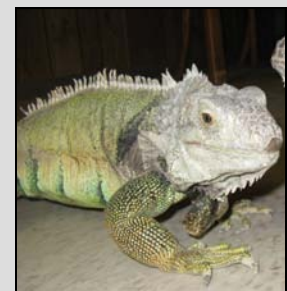
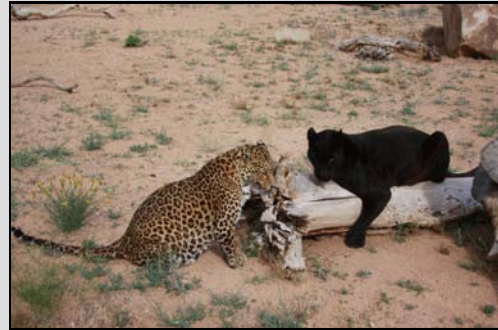
**"Snap", "Crackle", & "Pop"
Pygmy Goats ** (01/15/10)**

"Bryce", Macaw (01/01/80)

**"Willie" & "Zuess", Cockatoo's
(01/01/98)**

"Elmo", Iguana (01/11/96)

**"Bob", African Spurred
Tortoise (01/13/97)**



The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." - Mahatma Gandhi

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You can also check us out on FaceBook!*

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Keepers of the Wild recently had the "Red Hat Society" of Kingman out to visit the Park. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a wonderful day at our sanctuary! We love to see groups come and visit our Park.

THANK YOU FOR VISITING!!!
And also for your contributions of blankets and canned food.

Animal Gifts

Keepers of the Wild is fortunate to have supporters that love our animals as much as we do. Below is "Cassidy", "Daisy" and "Flo" who are all playing with boomer ball's and a pedestal that was sent in from Allan and Sandy Pompa. As you can see they are enjoying every bit of their new toys. There are many things that contribute to the well being of these beautiful creatures. Since they have been taken from their natural environments and can no longer roam the lands freely, it is small things like a boomer ball that help keep the happiness held within them. We have a "Wish List" on our website with items like these that the animals would be so grateful to have for enrichment!!! Thank you Allan and Sandy!!!



The Holiday's are here! Sponsoring an Animal is a great gift! We also sell gift certificates and unique items in our gift shop located on site. If you would like to sponsor an animal or purchase a gift certificate for that "special someone" you can contact our office or visit us online!! www.keepersofthewild.org



Here at Keepers of the Wild we like to take time out to recognize some of the greater good that takes place in our sanctuary from our Volunteers and Employee's. This month we would like to recognize Coty Dykes. Coty has shown remarkable interest and understanding of all of the animals here at our sanctuary and continues to improve his "Keeper" familiarity in every aspect of this Nature Park and of all the animals within it. Coty first came to us a volunteer giving four days a week of his own time.

As time has progressed he has become a unique asset to our team here at Keeper's of the Wild on a full time basis. Like all of the blessings that we receive here at Keeper's of the Wild we are certain Coty will live out his natural life with us as we promise all of our the exotic animals we rescue.

We Appreciate you Coty!!



*****Urgent Need*****

We have started an outreach program to find major sponsor's to help support our sanctuary and cause. We are currently feeling the wrath of the economy, and are looking for company's and/or individuals to sponsor habitats and animals. There are many other ways to donate, you can check them out on our website, www.KeepersoftheWild.org!

We would be so grateful if you have any referrals or resources you might send our way to help Keepers of the Wild continue to run, care for, and rescue exotic and endangered animals from harm's way.

Birthday News...



Apollo & Hercules 11/22/07

**Shadow
12/17/98**

**Rainbow
12/25/94**



**Shadow
12/27/92**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Apollo (Bengal Tiger) 11/22/07

Hercules (Bengal Tiger) 11/22/07

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

**Shadow (African Grey Parrot)
12/27/92**

**Rainbow (Sun Conure)
12/25/94**

**Shadow (Black Leopard)
12/17/98**

**Sherman (Leopard Tortoise)
12/1999**



**Sherman
12/1999**



“An animal’s eyes have the power to speak a great language.” ~Martin Buber

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Keepers of the Wild recently had Dan Davis from Ch12 here at the sanctuary shooting a story on us for the Arizona AAA Highroads Magazine.

You can see the broadcast at www.aaaaz.com/highroads, Just enter our zip code, 86437 for Valentine, AZ.

Leopard Habitat Improving

We were lucky to receive a donation from Linda Stevenson of four 6 foot Palm Tree's for the Leopard Habitat. Shadow, Emma and Kobie are all enjoying this new area to relax under with some much needed shade! Linda sponsor's Bam Bam, one of our cougars and will be sponsoring one of our wolves as well! Thank you Linda! Because of the generosity of people like you, these animals can depend on a safe, loving home for life!



Urgent Needs

We have started an outreach program to find major sponsor's to help support our sanctuary and cause. We are currently feeling the wrath of the economy and the minimal funds we have, are diminishing right before our eyes.

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CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!!

Keepers Corner

Employee/Volunteer of the Month

Here at Keepers of the Wild we like to take time out to recognize some of the greater good that takes place in our sanctuary from our Volunteers and Employee's. This month we would like to recognize Barry Emerich for his outstanding workmanship and care he has shown to us here at the sanctuary. During the time our Director and Founder Jonathan was out of work due to a knee replacement Barry went above and beyond his employee status and VOLUNTEERED 2 extra days a week for at least 6 weeks which goes to show the kind of heart Barry has for our Animals, Sanctuary and Cause. Great Job Barry! We appreciate what you do!!!



**A Great Big
Thank You!
St. Johns United
Methodist Church
of Kingman AZ!!**

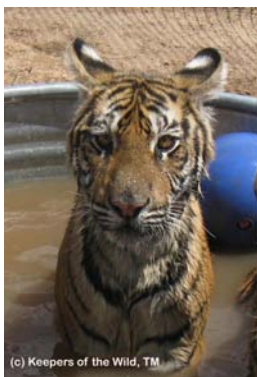
For Donating your left over pumpkin's from Halloween over the years!! Our animals enjoy playing, eating and smashing them!! And we all enjoy watching them and taking pictures of course! It is a real treat and we are so grateful!



Birthday News...



Ruckus
October 10,
2007 •
3 yrs old



Nathan
October 01, 1998
12 yrs Old



Bogie
*10/01/2003



Mr. Bird
10/11/2003



Sunny
10/11/2003



Highway
10/30/2002



Lancelot *10/14/2006*

October Birthday Wishes

Ruckus (Bengal Tiger)	10/10/2007
Nathan (Pigtailed Macaque)	10/01/1998
Bogie (Lilac Crowned Amazon)	10/01/2003 ***
Mr. Bird (Green Cheeked Conure)	10/11/2003 ***
Sunny (Sun Conure)	10/11/2003 ***
Highway (Emu)	10/30/2002 ***
Lancelot (Emu)	10/14/2006 ***

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Zeus (Bengal Tiger)	11/22/07
Hercules (Bengal Tiger)	11/22/07

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"The question is not, "Can they reason?" nor, "Can they talk?" but rather, "Can they suffer?" ~Jeremy Bentham

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COUGAR HILL

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We have currently been undergoing construction on our cougar den boxes. One of our long time volunteers Red Harper and a close friend of his Don has completely redesigned the original structures. The design is made up of welded steel casing which in the long run will benefit the costs incurred with the damage that large cats and wolves do to the boxes over time. We hope that this design will become a standard for other parks to use and that it will help cut costs in the future!! Thank you Red and Don for all your time and effort!!



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Urgent Needs

HELP US CONTINUE TO HOUSE, CARE AND FEED OUR MORE THAN 175 BEAUTIFUL CREATURES BY DONATING TODAY! DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT www.keepersofthewild.org OR BY MAIL TO: 13441 E. HIGHWAY 66 VALENTINE, AZ 86437

****Remember that all donations are tax-deductable**** and **We Appreciate Your Support!!**

Volunteer of the Month

Here at Keepers of the Wild we like to take time out to recognize some of the greater good that takes place in our sanctuary from our Volunteers. This month we would like to recognize NICHOLE WALLS for her outstanding generosity to our organization. Nichole, working along side our Assistant Director Tina has taken the past six months of her time to help create our phenomenal website that was just launched on September 1, 2010. Not only is Nichole a mind-blowing webmaster, she also is a Primate specialist who has a monkey of her own that she takes great care of. Nicole's dedication continues as she is still adding to and working out all the quirks on the new website.

A BIG THANKS TO YOU NICHOLE!!!



"For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf,
and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."
~ Rudyard Kipling



"BEAR" 4/20/99-09/22/10

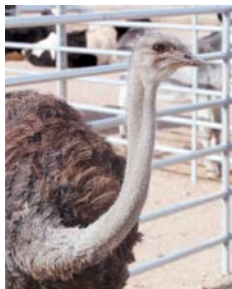
On September 22, 2010 our Alpha Wolf Bear passed over the Rainbow Bridge. Bear was one of many in his pack. Both his parents had already passed and Bear became the Alpha Wolf in the pack for the past four years. He is survived by three of his brothers and two sisters here at our sanctuary. Bear struggled with cancer and underwent surgery and many medical treatments before the cancer took him home.

Rest in Peace Bear

Birthday News...



Annie
September 3,
1997 •
13 yrs old



Fred
September 01, 2009
1 yr Old



Bandit
September 16,
1998 • 12 yrs old



Raskell
September 01, 2008
2 yrs old



Curtis
September 29, 1993 • 17 yrs old



September Birthday Wishes

Fred	(Mule Deer)	09/01/09
Raskell	(Raccoon)	09/01/08
Annie	(Ostrich)	09/03/97
Bandit	(Cougar)	09/16/98
Curtis	(Cougar)	09/29/93

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Please Welcome our New Babies!

On August 4, 2010 our sanctuary took in six new babies! Three baby bob cats and three baby raccoons. Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center a division of Game and Fish in Phoenix Arizona contacted us after 3 baby bob-cats and 3 baby raccoons had been rescued by a local Animal Control center out of New River Arizona.

Our new bob cats Casanova, Flo, and Daisy were approximately 8 weeks old. Flo and Casanova are brother and sister and Daisy was found alone, abandoned by her mother. All three babies have acclimated to each other and have been moved to an outdoor natural habitat built especially for them! As soon as they are comfortable with their new environment they will be available for public viewing.



Our new raccoons, Chevy, Candie and Lily came to us from the Adobe Wildlife Center in Phoenix as well. Chevy is male and was approximately 8 weeks old. He was found in the Glendale Arizona area and had been found in a neighbors yard after falling from a roof top most likely abandoned by his mother. Lily is a female and was approximately 4 weeks old. She was rescued by local Animal Control after being stuck in a chimney for at least four days. Candie is also female and was approximately 7 weeks old. She was found abandoned in a Phoenix area by a resident and brought into the local Game and Fish Department.



Urgent Needs

Due to the decrease in our Economy, times are getting tough here at our Sanctuary! Join us in supporting these wonderful animals through our sponsorship programs.

Your donation will be applied directly to the medical, nutritional care and enrichment program costs of your animal—not overhead expenses!

The animals need you! Sponsor an animal today and know you are making a difference.



Educational Corner

Wild Animal Encounters



Over the years we have fielded many calls about what to do when encountering a wild animal. Below are two frequently asked questions and typical answers that will help keep our wild life wild!

Q: I found an orphan baby animal. What should I do?

A: Due to health and safety concerns you should never handle wild animals. If you find a baby wild animal, it is best to **LEAVE IT ALONE**. Many mammals such as deer and rabbits leave their young unattended for extensive periods of time.

Each situation is different. Most “babies” that are seen by themselves are probably on their own and have already left their parents. If you encounter smaller babies and you feel the animal has been abandoned, please contact your local Game and Fish Department or Animal Control.

Q: I found an animal. Can I keep it?

A: NO. Please leave it where you found it. It is against state law to remove any animal (mammal, bird, fish, amphibian or reptile) from its native habitat. Only State Certified Wildlife Rehabilitators are legally allowed to possess native wildlife species including mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles.

Improper care of wild animals by well meaning, untrained individuals yields either animals that cannot be released back into the wild or animals that have nutritional issues resulting in life-long health issues. Inexperienced caregivers also risk serious health problems due to disease and parasite transmission from wild animals.



**Rescued, Rehabilitated
and Returned
to the Wild**



**Baby Coyote, Jill, was found
abandoned by her mother
and brought to us by King-
man Arizona Game and
Fish Department.**

Birthday News...

PRECIOUS

AUGUST 1, 2004 • 6 yrs old



PJ

August, 9 2006 • 4 yrs old



STANLEY

AUGUST 13, 1998 • 12 yrs old



August Birthday Wishes

Precious (Ring Tailed Lemur)	08/01/04
Stanley (Pot Bellied Pig)	08/13/98
PJ (Bengal Tiger)	08/09/06

September Birthday Wishes

Fred (Mule Deer)	09/01/09
Raskell (Raccoon)	09/01/08
Annie (Ostrich)	09/03/97
Bandit (Cougar)	09/16/98
Curtis (Cougar)	09/29/93

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" Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened"

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