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Around the Park

Our new coyotes, Roxy and Jacob are growing up fast! They both made a trip to the vet this month, Roxy was spayed and Jacob was neutered. Our hope is to integrate the two young coyotes with Riley the coyote.



As most of you know, Riley's companion and best friend was a lion named Anthony, he passed away in March. Though she has never been with another coyote before, we are hoping she will readily accept the young coyotes.

We have started the introduction process and so far, so good. Riley came to greet and smell them and did not show any signs of aggression toward them. The youngsters were exhibiting submissive behavior to her. Jonathan and Tina will continue to monitor their interactions and decide when to release them into the habitat with Riley.

Habitat Improvements

Two of our older habitats housing younger healthy tigers have 12 foot high walls. In order to be in compliance with new USDA requirements, we must add kick-ins to the top of these enclosures. We have a contract with a fencing company and the construction of these new panels has started. The fencing company estimates the job to be complete within a few weeks. The cost of this update will be \$17,000.

We would like to thank Bruce Perlwin for his generous contribution to Keepers of the Wild. His sponsorship of a habitat made it possible for us to complete this fencing project. Bruce is an enthusiastic supporter of Keepers of the Wild and we truly appreciate his help.

If you would like to sponsor a habitat, please contact Jonathan Kraft at 928-769-1800 ext. 24.



Being most of our golf carts are older and not so dependable, we purchased two 2008 Polaris Rangers that are sturdy enough to withstand the desert terrain, our rigorous daily animal care routine and park maintenance. These vehicles are also equipped with animal emergency equipment and supplies.



De-clawing is an amputation of toe bones



Dr. Conrad, is the founder of The Paw Project and well known for her ground breaking work to rehabilitate big cats maimed by de-clawing.

According to Dr. Conrad, "It is 10 different amputations, or more, depending on if you have a polydactyl cat. Basically, the last knuckle in a cat's paw. So if you were to look at your own hand, that whole entire last joint comes off. They do it with a guillotine blade, a scalpel blade, or a laser. It doesn't seem to matter which one they do it with-in double-blind studies, all the cats do about the same: they are permanently maimed."

[Watch the Official trailer for The Paw Project](#)

, a one hour documentary that chronicles the David and Goliath story of a tiny grassroots movement taking on big veterinary corporations in an effort to ban the de-clawing of cats.. For more information, visit www.pawproject.org.

So, you may wonder, how does one see "The Paw Project"? Well, a limited theatrical release is slated for the Fall in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Communities can request screenings of the film at local theaters through

www.TUGG.com.

Happy Birthday!



Kaos: White Bengal Tiger 7/04/2005



Sheena: Bengal Tiger 7/01/1997



Lola: Brown Capuchin 7/13/1988



Spooky: Fallow Deer 7/30/2008*



Clint: Fallow Deer 7/30/2008*



Shadow: Fallow Deer 7/30/2008*



Cleopatra: Leopard Tortoise 7/1/2001* **Leopold: Russian Tortoise 7/1/2001** (* acquired on)

Help Save Big Cats!

The Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act, S. 1381 introduced

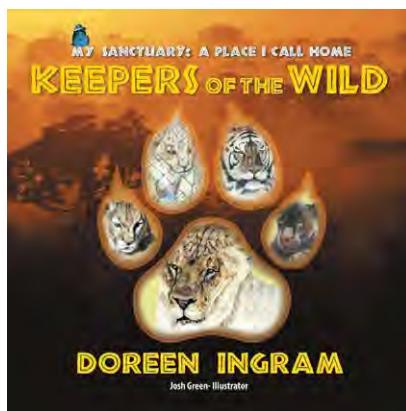
by U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn) on July 30, 2013. The Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act now heads to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"The Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act is a common-sense solution to a situation that has spiraled out of control," Senator Blumenthal said.

"Thousands of dangerous big cats are kept in deplorable conditions as backyard pets and in roadside zoos across the nation. This bill would alleviate the threat these animals pose to the general public."

TAKE ACTION: Urge your Senator to co-sponsor the Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act, S. 1381 today!

Children's Book



"My Sanctuary- A Place I Call Home: Keepers of the Wild" book was inspired by true stories of animal residents of Keepers of the Wild.

Elvis, a maneless African lion, tells the story of his life performing in a big cat show. Kept caged when not performing, Elvis and the other big cats are about to leave their cages to now roam a natural enclosure they will call home.

This book is a great educational tool for the issues that face captive wildlife including animals in entertainment, canned hunts, exotic animal pet trade, etc. **Order your copy today!**

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