



# Pugmarks

A Year In Review: 2011

## Tiger Tour Hours

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>- March 31<sup>st</sup>** Closed

Tours by RESERVATION only

**April 1<sup>st</sup>-Nov**

Thursday-Sunday 11am-3pm

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our Facebook page while our website is  
being revamped.

Visit us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/tigersanctuary>

## A Sad Goodbye

It is with great sorrow and sadness that we announce the recent passing of Mohan, our 20 year old white Bengal tiger at Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary due to kidney failure and severe arthritis. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially the staff at CRTS. He touched our hearts with his unique personality, his unforgettable old man groans, and who could forget his endearing love of chicken. Although white tigers, like Mohan, are extremely beautiful animals, all suffer from a wide variety of birth defects due to inbreeding. Mohan was no exception with his crossed eyes, but that made him even more special to us. While we take solace in knowing that we have provided the best care possible to Mohan, it is never easy when we must say good bye to one of our dear friends. We would like to thank you for making it possible for us to rescue these endangered animals and provide them with the best time of their lives.

We will be having a memorial for Mo sometime this spring. If you have any suggestions for the memorial please feel free to email [vconaway@crown-ridge.com](mailto:vconaway@crown-ridge.com). Thanks.



## Internships

Crown Ridge is offering internships where students will gain valuable knowledge and working experience with tigers and lions. We have 2 internships to offer this summer and 2 this fall. Our internships are non-paid but students can receive credit in some cases and will receive valuable hands on experience. Interns will participate in the daily care and management of tigers and lions (diet prep, exhibit maintenance, etc.), participate in public tours, and gain a better understanding of animal training, enrichment, and behavior. Students will also learn about the operation of a non-profit sanctuary, fundraising, and USDA regulations. Lodging is available for interns free of charge. We ask that interns make a 10 week commitment, working generally from 8am-4pm four days a week, including weekends. For more information or to apply please email Jeri Meeker at [jmeeker@crown-ridge.com](mailto:jmeeker@crown-ridge.com) with your letter of intent, resume and three references.

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## Event Highlights

### *Easter*

This year was our first Easter event. Although it was a bit rainy everyone seemed to have fun. Kids did an Easter egg hunt while the tigers enjoyed finding their eggs as well (pictured below).



### *Earth Day*

During our Earth Day event this year kids got to help us with our new garden. They planted new flowers and painted pictures on rocks for us to form a border around the garden. All the tigers received paper mache "earths" filled with meat. We had great attendance for this event and hope to have the same success in 2012!

### *Free Day*

As always, Free Day was our biggest event of the year. We had over 900 people attend and raised over \$1,000 for the tigers! This is the most successful event yet! Guests enjoyed snow cones, tours, Fizzy Izzy floats, games, crafts, live music by the Pernikoff Brothers and much more. Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped at this event. If you are interested in helping with an event please contact Jeri Meeker at [jmeeker@crown-ridge.com](mailto:jmeeker@crown-ridge.com).





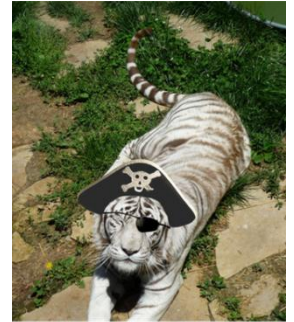
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## *Roar Fest*

In October, kids and adults came to help the tiger's celebrate Halloween! Kids in costume joined the party for free and could participate in the costume contest. They also wrote notes and drew pictures for the tigers to stuff the paper mache pumpkins with. The staff then added meat to the pumpkins and our first place winner of the costume contest got to throw the pumpkins to the tigers! The tigers loved ripping open the paper mache pumpkins and searching for the meat inside.

Our costume contest winners included a tiger fish, a vet with a hurt tiger, and a hobo. Our judges had a hard time just picking three winners; all of the costumes were fantastic! Our tigers have never seen kids in costume before so they were all extremely intrigued by the kids dressed up. Since we can't actually put costumes on our tigers we have photoshopped the tiger's in their costumes so they could have some fun too! Check them out below.

All kids received a treat bag and each family took home a pumpkin. The staff and tigers had lots of fun with everyone and we hope our guests enjoyed themselves as well!





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## *International Tiger Day*

International Tiger Day is celebrated around the world in order to help save tigers from becoming extinct. This September we took part in this global event. We provided lots of fun activities that helped educate people on the plight of the tiger. One of the most popular activities we had was our scavenger hunt to find facts about tigers around the sanctuary.

## *Feeding Tours*

Our brand new feeding tours went over very well this year! Guests helped prepare animal diets and then fed the tigers. This is our most interactive tour that we provide and also the only tour to get up close to the tigers. We will continue to do these tours once we open again in the spring for only \$35 a person.

**Look for upcoming events at the sanctuary in April!**

## Thank You!

We'd like to give our ROARING big thanks to all of our supporters in 2011. We appreciate all of the schools, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts coming to our facility for Educational Tours. Also a big thank you to all of our Adopters. Mohan and Gracie were adopted the most this year. (If you are still interested in adopting Mohan, we have a form to "adopt in memory of Mohan".) Towards the end of the year we received TONS of meat donations which is a tremendous help. Even 1lb of food donated helps the sanctuary and tigers. Thank you to all of our followers on the blog and Facebook. Lastly thank you to all the supporters who made donations, big or small, every bit helps more than you know.

## New Adopt-A-Cat Members

Thank you to all of our new Adopt-A-Cat members for your support. Our sanctuary is completely nonprofit so every donation helps out our animals. Don't forget to check out your favorite cat on the tiger blog at [crown-ridge.com](http://crown-ridge.com)! The tigers thank you as well!

Paula Wagner  
Nicholas Mauck  
Nora Vandivort  
Yimling Yeung  
Brooklyn Mauck  
Allison Mauck  
Eileen Jenckerson  
Sandi Heidorn  
Parker Voigt  
Todd Unger  
Lane Watkins-Parker  
Sarah Mantia  
Alicia Martin  
Pam Schweitzer  
Gina Martin  
Karen Jurich  
Zozanti Joans  
Jenna Marston  
Scott & Megan Fleming  
Cleveland Vandover  
Connie Sorenson  
Amy Tripp  
Caitlin Knipp  
Dan Conniff  
Gina Passante  
Liz Ford  
Michael Knaus  
Amelia Schmid  
Lynn Kulosa  
Nino Miletic  
Veronica Dominguez  
Rebecca Andersen  
Todd Siddle  
Melissa Briggs  
Mary Strong  
Dan Frare  
Caleb Hill  
Rebecca Staughan  
Laura Signaigo  
Nick Crouch  
Sutterer Family  
Isabella Solano

Michelle Feltes  
David Bigler  
Gina Berlotti  
Peggy Courtright  
Haydee Reed  
Gannon Family  
Stephanie Stevenson  
Sydney Fisher  
Rachael Chum  
Susie Lyon  
Catherine Diaz  
The Green Family  
Evie Dickerman  
Tracie & Kevin  
Todo Riedmeyer  
Ashlyn Schmied  
The Molner Family  
Laura Brutcher  
Kami Marshall  
Hannah Peters  
Laura Schneider  
Violet  
Juanita  
Marilee  
Theresa Johnson  
Kasey Hamby  
Jessica Heale  
Kristen Bryant  
Jean Moore  
Jonie Buck  
Deborah Mertens  
Tristan & Cameron  
Bill Cate  
Jennifer Miller  
Nelson Wainwright  
Menon Family  
Nischal Direcha  
Sejal Sekhan  
Jordan Stegall  
Sydney Stegall  
J.L. Lloyd  
Sherri DeBose





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Abby Wilson  
Mrs. Tate's 3rd Grade Class  
Christina Hummel  
Hailey Steward  
Katrina Steward  
Seckman LCCE  
Kimberly McClelland  
Melissa Heitman  
Rebecca Weingart  
Nancy Giannasi  
Lori Frieze  
Gary Streeting  
Nancy Arnold  
Autumn Rapert  
Katie Trudo  
Aaron White  
Morgan Cornett  
Lisa Thompson  
Page Knight  
Amber Hodges  
Erin Wyant  
Roshan Abraham  
Stephanie Arzavala  
Colene McEntee  
Jessica Steckler  
Zach Kauflin  
Constantine  
Fraya  
Gunnar & Lydia Boucher  
Paul Hayes  
Amanda Grace Mayfield  
Linda Rands  
Kathy May  
Montandon Family

Pack 786, Den 3 (Connor Gusky,  
Zachary Bostrom, Ryan Whorton, Kyle  
Schultz, Cole Adams, Noah Withers,  
Ashton Beattie)

Girl Scout Troop 2442