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Tiger Tour Hours

Thurs-Fri: 11:00am-3:00pm

Sat-Sun: 11:00am-4:00pm

Tours every hour on the hour

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<http://amzn.com/w/2IUUVIT6VC16>

Upcoming Events

September

9/8 & 9- Student weekend- Show your student ID and receive half off admission of a general tiger tour

9/15 Feeding Tour at 1:00pm- Reservations required, \$35 per person. Take a tour and help feed the cats!

9/22 *International Tiger Day* 11:00am-3:00pm Admission

\$5. Children 3 and under are free. Help celebrate tiger conservation efforts around the world. Enjoy activities, Fizzy Izzy Root Beer, tiger tours and more! Come and spend the afternoon viewing the tigers at your leisure or take one of the guided tours offered at 11:30am and 1:30pm—take a chance on winning one of our great raffle prizes, learn how you can help in tiger conservation efforts, and watch as tasty bones are thrown to all of our animals that day.

October

10/13 & 14 Cancer Survivor Weekend- All cancer survivors receive half off of a general tiger tour

10/20 Feeding Tour at 1:00pm- Reservations required, \$35 per person. Take a tour and help feed the cats!

10/20-Howling at the Moon- Please join us at **Buffalo Wild Wings** (in Farmington) on Saturday, Oct. 20 for a Halloween festival, "Howling at the Moon", which will be hosted by the Farmington Pet Adoption Center and us. Bring the kids and your family out from 3-6pm to participate in costume contests, raffles, tons of games, contests, and yummy treats. Adults can join in on the fun from 6-11pm and participate in a block party with their own costume contest, haunted house, and enjoy music by our DJ. Of course, Buffalo Wild Wings will be serving plenty of their great food and drinks. All proceeds will benefit the Farmington Pet Adoption Center and Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary. Together, we are working save homeless animals, both big and small. Come support us and have a howling good time!! **Anyone who would like to volunteer at this event please contact Jeri at jmeeker@crown-ridge.com

10/27 Roar Fest- Halloween program for children. \$10 admission, \$6 for groups of 5 or more, kids in costume FREE! Program begins at 1:00pm. Kids in costume can participate in our costume contest!

November

11/3 Feeding Tour at 1:00pm- Reservations required, \$35 per person. Take a tour and help feed the cats!

11/10 & 11 Veterans Weekend- All veterans receive half off admission of a general tiger tour

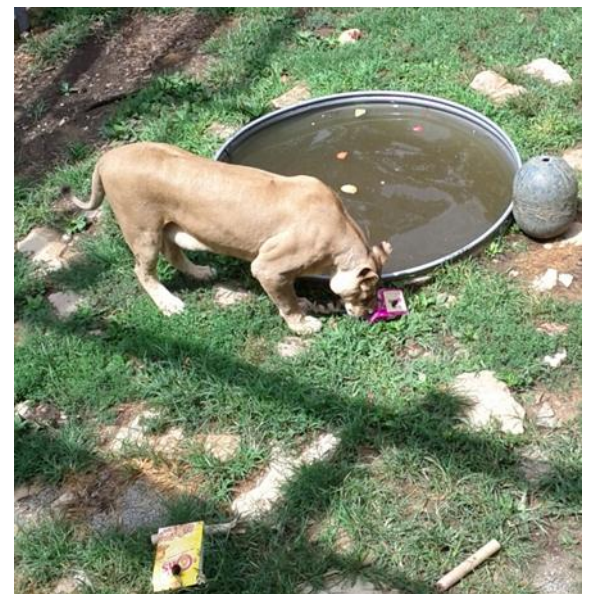
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FREE Day

FREE Day was a big success despite the heat! Usually around 1,000 people attend but this year 400 people braved the intense heat. Regardless of the drop in attendance we still made around the same as last year, around \$1,000! So a BIG thank you to all of the supporters who came to the sanctuary for our FREE Day festival. Guests enjoyed snow cones and Fizzy Izzy Root beer floats to keep cool, music from our DJ, kids crafts, games, face painting and more! Kids enjoyed playing our new scavenger hunt game, "The Poop Game", in which they had to find "tiger poop" (toilet paper tubes) around the sanctuary. Each tube had a question about tigers which had an answer that could be found around the sanctuary. Once they found the answer they could turn their tube in for a prize! Tigers enjoyed boxes decorated by visitors and other enrichment items made by the interns. We'd also like to thank all the volunteers and interns for their help this year to make FREE Day such a success!

Kid Enrichment Day

This year was our first ever Kid Enrichment Day! The program consisted of a tiger tour, an enrichment presentation, time for kids to construct their enrichment items for the tigers, and everyone's favorite part, giving the tiger's their enrichment creations! Kids learned what enrichment is and how carefully constructed each item must be. Enrichment is anything that provides stimuli to an animal and causes them to react in a natural way. We talked about the types of materials you can use for enrichment and other items that are dangerous for tigers. Kids then had to use "tiger safe" materials to create their items. Such materials included; paper towel tubes, boxes, peanut butter (which makes nice glue), spices and scents, leaves, fruit, meat, and paper. Izzy and Alexis enjoyed their items the most! Below are some pictures of the items created!



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Reporting Big Cat Abuse

As a sanctuary it is our responsibility to take care of abused and neglected cats but it is also our responsibility to teach the public about big cat abuse. Educating the public is important to prevent and stop the cycle of abuse. Sometimes big cat abuse is hidden behind lies or even behind good intentions. For instance, tiger petting displays may not seem inherently harmful if the cubs are being taken care but when you dive deeper into the situation the abuse becomes more evident. Where do they get these cubs? How often are they breeding tigers to keep a constant display of cubs? What do they do with the cubs once they outgrow their job? The USDA only allows cubs to be handled by the public between the ages of 8 weeks and 12 weeks. What happens after they've outgrown their four week job? Many are euthanized (which almost happened to Izzy), sold as pets, or kept in poor conditions in "sanctuaries". When you start finding answers to these questions, you may be surprised to learn that something as simple as petting a tiger can be abuse. So next time you see an exotic pet carnivore, a tiger cub display, circus, carnival, road side zoo, or any other display please look beyond what you see in front of you and ask yourself is this animal cruelty? If you do believe that you are seeing animal cruelty here are some steps you can take to help the animal.

Always check with the county and state's exotic animal laws. Unfortunately many states have inadequate laws to protect exotic animals.

If the animal is in immediate danger call your local animal control or local law enforcement.

If you can take pictures to provide as evidence and be prepared to testify. Animals cannot speak for themselves so it makes a much better case if you can testify on the animal's behalf.

In Missouri, enforcing animal abuse laws is the responsibility of local police or county officers. Find police and sheriff contacts here: <http://ago.mo.gov/policesheriffs/>



Farmington Animal Shelter

Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary is excited to announce its new partnership with the Farmington Animal Shelter. Both facilities are nonprofits and give second chances to animals that really need it. The Farmington Animal Shelter is a no kill shelter and runs a thrift store to help maintain the costs. In the near future we will be partnering in different events in efforts to help each organization out. Please check out their website at <http://farmingtonpet.org/>. The animal shelter is also looking for volunteers to help walk dogs, clean or run the thrift store.



Intern Experience

This year we asked interns to write about their experience at the sanctuary. We would also like to give a HUGE thanks to our three interns for helping the sanctuary be the best it can be! Thanks and we will miss you!

Trisha

Working with big cats has always been something that I wanted to do. To have the opportunity to actually get that experience has been a dream come true. Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary has been my home away from home for ten weeks, and I would not trade this time for anything else. I have learned many new things from safety precautions, USDA regulations and in depth information about tigers and lions to identifying the quality of meat and even processing cows!

When I first arrived here I never imagined that I'd be able to tell the cats apart. But now as I am on my last days I have learned each cat's unique personality and can even tell them apart just from their walk, and even know what each enjoys eating. Working with the cats in a "hands-on way" (so to speak) has made this internship personalized and definitely creates a better understanding and respect for these animals.

Many people ask what my favorite memory was, or which cat is my favorite, but I cannot give them an answer. I have loved every minute of working at CRTS and have so many fond memories that it is impossible to only choose one. Over time a bond forms and each cat tugs on a different heartstring; I will truly miss all of them. I'd love to thank each and every coworker I had at the sanctuary; you've all made this internship an experience that I will always cherish! And thanks for all the incredible stories I now get to share. I'll miss you all and hope to visit soon!

Kaitlin

My name is Kaitlin from St. Louis, MO and I spent my summer interning at the Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary. I am going to school as a Zoology major at Northwest Missouri State University. Interning at the sanctuary has been an extraordinary experience. Being an intern at the sanctuary is so much more than just playing with tigers all day and cleaning up after them. I have learned everything from caring for the cats, to feeding them, to cleaning up after them, to regular ground maintenance of the entire sanctuary. I participated in cleaning the enclosures everyday as well as working on enrichment projects for the cats to invite them to experience new things all the time. I helped in preparing their diets. Sometimes, this is as simple as opening prepackaged meat and weighing it out. Other times I have helped in completely processing a cow which entails having to skin it and prepare it for feeding to the cats. I thought this was going to be the hardest part of this job, but I actually didn't mind it. Being a biology major I enjoyed looking and cutting through the body parts of the cow as we processed it. What I did have a hard time with was determining if some meat was bad and could not be fed to the cats. It is not always about the cats though, but about their environment around them as well. We help keep the sanctuary clean and inviting for the public to come and visit by taking care of the grounds. This includes mulching, planting flowers, cleaning the pool, etc. Out of everything, safety is one of the most important things at the sanctuary, whether it is for the public, the workers, or the cats themselves. My favorite part about working at the sanctuary is how small and personal it is allowing me to get that hands on experience to get to know each of the cats and learn each of their personalities. Leaving the sanctuary is the hardest part and I thank the Crown Ridge staff for allowing me to be a part of their family this summer.

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Abby

Interning at the Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary was an amazing experience. For ten weeks this summer I was able to work with the two largest cat species in the world. Being able to be so close and work with the cats was incredible. When I first arrived, I was expecting to mainly care for the cats. Little did I know there was so much more to do around the sanctuary! Not only did we look after the felines, there were tours to give, ground maintenance to be done, cows to process, and events to plan.

What I enjoyed the most, aside from working and getting to know the cats, was learning what it took to run a non-profit sanctuary. It takes a lot of effort and passion to run a sanctuary that relies entirely on donations. I also learned a lot about animal enrichment. I recently have become interested in animal enrichment, and at the Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary I was able to design and build my own enrichment items for the cats. I had no idea there were so many things to keep in mind while designing an enrichment item. Sometimes the process was frustrating because you're limited to only certain materials that won't harm the cats to build the enrichment toy. All the hard work paid off, though, when I was able to see one of the cats playing with a toy I had designed and created for them.

The full time staff workers at the sanctuary were fantastic. All of them are hardworking and kind people. I would not have learned what I did, or enjoyed this experience as much as I did, if it weren't for them. My internship at the Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary taught me many things and was a once in a lifetime experience; one I will never forget.



Kaitlin, Abby, and Trisha

Help tigers online

Good Search

Goodsearch.com is an easy to use search engine that will donate a penny to the sanctuary every time you search. When you go to the home page type in "The Scott Foundation" as your charity and every search you do will help raise money for the cats! Shop through GoodShop.com where you can find the most up-to-date coupons and deals at over 2,400 popular online retailers and have a percent of every purchase go to the tigers.

Amazon Wishlist-

<http://amzn.com/w/2IUVVIT6VC16>

Visit our Amazon wish list to send items directly to the sanctuary! Our wish list has a variety of different items, big and small. Any item donated from here makes a HUGE difference!

Fundraising for Enrichment

Enrichment is an integral part of our daily care for our big cats. Creating new enriching environments each and every day is just as important as food and water. So to enrich our feline friends in new ways we are fundraising for new enrichment items. So far we raised \$100 for Alexis' new ball and will be ordering it for her very soon. Our next goal is to raise \$425 for a larger pool for Izzy since he loves to put all of his other enrichment items in the pool.



Freezers Needed!

If you have a large freezer or chest freezer that you no longer need, we can take it! As we're getting more and more meat donations (YAY!) we need more places to store meat for long term. It doesn't have to be in perfect condition and we can pick up the freezer. As a nonprofit any donation made is tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

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Thank You

Just a little extra shout out to those who have recently contributed by donating meat, sending items from our Amazon wish list, and more!

David Voss
Valerie Byrn
Jennifer Foster
Kevin Ortmeyer
Susan Houser
Monica Sharp
Stockyard Meat Company
Kathleen Rhyme
Kathleen Twellman



Valerie Byrn crafted these handmade items for our gift shop.



Meat donated from Stock Yard Meat Company.

Adopt A Cat Supporters

Thank you to all of our new Adopt A Cat members! Your support helps give these cats the best lives possible!

David & Amy Vogt
Dustin Schnoble
Lisa Thompson
James Connor
Crystal Payne

Nicholas Powers
Nora Vandivort
Christopher & Liam Corley
Peggy Courtwright
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