



**Serenity Springs
Wildlife Center**

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THE SCENE & HERD

Keep up with what's seen and heard at Serenity Springs, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

Cheers To Serenity Springs Vineyards - New Benefit Wines Released

The animals have stalked their way into the vineyards and clawed out a whole new way to raise funds for Serenity Springs Wildlife Center. The cats, in partnership with D'Vine Wine and Benefit Wines, are introducing two new collectible lines of charity wines

Available NOW From D'Vine Wine - Two new whisker-lickin' wines with more on the way!



Clyde's Cabernet Sauvignon/ Merlot

This 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot blend is a medium bodied red, easy to drink, that can be slightly chilled. Savory fruit aromas combine blueberries with notes of cedar and pepper. This seductive wine finishes with just a bobtail of oak.

This local boutique winery is located in the historic spa building in the heart of Manitou Springs. As soon as you enter the Tuscan themed winery the overwhelming aroma of wine will excite your palate. They import the highest quality grapes and then handcraft, blend, and ferment all of their wines right in front of you! Drop in and enjoy a wine tasting, a glass of wine, or pick up a bottle of Charaka Chardonnay or Clyde's Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot.

Available NOW! From Benefit Wines – Six new collectible wines. Benefit Wines is an internet based company focused on helping charity's raise funds through wine sales. Their winery-direct buying power enables them to give 100% of the internet proceeds to the cats.



Serenity Springs Vineyards - a lineup of six estate grown imported wines. These delectable wines, imported from Lontue Valley, Chile and Catalunya, Spain are highly rated and affordably priced for the wine and charity lover.

The Wines:

The certified organic and vegan friendly wines - Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir - are produced on a free trade vineyard in Lontue Valley, Chile. To learn more about the wines, please visit www.BenefitWines.com/serenity



Charaka Chardonnay

Gold in the glass, this delicious lightly oaked wine has lush overtones of vanilla with a smooth hint of pear-all ending in a crisp cool finish. This varietal is rich in character with a delightfully fruity nose. Makes you want to lick your paw and wash behind your ears for dinner.

For more info go to

www.winerymsprings.com
or stop in and pick up bottle of Clyde's or Charaka's own special blends.

D'Vine Wine

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These limited edition Benefit Wines are now available online at www.BenefitWines.com/serenity

The Director's Chair



Hello Everyone!

I hope you all had a great summer! I apologize that it has taken so long to get a newsletter out but we were all busy trying to get all of our buildings repaired for the winter. We were able to get most of them caulked and repainted but a few need new roofs or at least repairs on them. We are looking for a roofing company that may want to help us out.

Now it is that time again, time to winterize all the dens and get them ready for winter. I know some of you like to bring out something extra to help out the animals when you come out for a tour. We have 59 dens and each take 4 large bags of shavings that's 236 large bags, so if you would like to participate with the winterization please feel free to bring out a bag or two of shavings. The can be purchased at Big R for \$7.00 each. If you would like to donate to this project and us to pick up the bags, just make a note on your check or Paypal transaction.

We are facing a decision with medical care for one of our beloved cats, Snow Magic. As some of you may have heard we have had him under medical care now for almost 2 years. He arrived 3 years ago and after about 1 year, he had a spinal aneurism. Dr Holly Colella, a local equine veterinarian, along with our primary vet Dr Mel consulted and gave him steroids and acupuncture treatments. He regained partial mobility but now is on the decline once again. Dr Colella made a visit out this last Sunday for another treatment. The muscle holding the ball joint in his left hind leg has deteriorated and is now dislocated. Other than his leg he seems to be in good spirits and often chuffs at the staff and still enjoys his swimming pool! The decision we have to face is euthanasia or trying to give him a longer life and amputate the leg. This has not been done on a Tiger to our knowledge but we believe he could still have quality of life as he is only 10 years old. Which brings us to the cost, the procedure may cost us up to \$10,000 and we would like to build a new recovery enclosure not just for him but cats that may need extended care in the future. The cost for the recovery enclosure may reach approximately \$15,000. Winter is coming and as you all know our toughest months but we feel he deserves the opportunity. Snow Magic is one of only 17 Snow tigers in the world. This is a tough decision but one that we must make very soon. Please let us know if you or anyone you know can help us with this project whether monetarily, materials or labor. If you are able to make a monetary donation for this effort please make sure to note this on your donation whether it be check or Pay Pal so that we can make sure to allocate the donation to Snow and the recovery enclosure.

We are looking forward to another "Christmas With The Cats" so I hope you will all put this on your calendar, we will announce the dates on our website or Facebook page.

Probably enough for now, thank you all for your continued support!

Nick

VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Many of you have had the pleasure of taking a tour with Marie (aka Cookie) LaHa. Cookie is the most senior of our volunteer staff... In September, 2006, she fell in love with Kenya, our sweet, blue-eyed white tiger, and has been here ever since. Today she is the Staff Educator at Serenity Springs, a position that suits her well. In the Douglas County school system, Cookie has shared her enthusiasm for and knowledge of all things wild, educating kids in every grade about bats, wetlands and of course, big cats.



A high plains girl, Cookie lives on a farm with her husband Rick of 28 years and a dog, 7 goats, 7 chickens and, of course, cats: 9 barn cats, 3 house cats and a new 5 week-old kitten named Mimi. Despite her busy life, Cookie finds time to satisfy her love of water through rather extreme scuba-diving trips. She recently travelled 24 hours, by boat, off the coast of Cabo San Lucas, to participate in a Shark Research Program. There she observed hammerheads, manta rays and humpback whales (a mother and baby!) and she got the opportunity to swim in a school of over 200 sharks. A wild one, indeed, and a perfect fit for Serenity Springs!

THE ADVENTURES OF SYLVESTER THE CAT

Well hello everyone, it's me Sylvester ... I hope that you have all be doing well.

Things have really been really busy here at Serenity Springs Wildlife Center, there have been lots and lots of people coming out to

visit us this summer. I've taken a real liking to tagging



along on the tours and being the ONLY cat at Serenity Springs Wildlife Center that people can touch (I LOVE ALL OF THE ATTENTION and the other animals get sooooo jealous that I am such a SPECIAL boy!!!! We've also been doing quite a bit of sprucing up around the facility cleaning and painting it looks absolutely wonderful!!!!

We have 2 new additions to our family here and I would LOVE for you to come out and help to welcome them as well... Bosco a white Bengal tiger and Keller a Snow Tiger came to us the end of August from Dirk Authur, they are incredible additions to our family and we are so excited to have been able to provide them their FOREVER HOME.

I am working hard on making friends with our 2 new additions as they are just a bit nervous right now as they are adjusting to their new environment. I hope to see you very soon out here!!!

Sylvester

LOOK WHO'S BEEN SPOTTED...



WOW... this has been a busy few months and we have enjoyed every minute of it!!! We have had several feeding and photography tours take place (if you haven't been on one of these specialty tours please consider scheduling one, they are the most amazing thing ever!!!).

We would like to thank the following groups for coming out to see us: Peyton Middle School (180 people WOW), Adventures' Club and Newcomers.

ADOPT ME SECTION



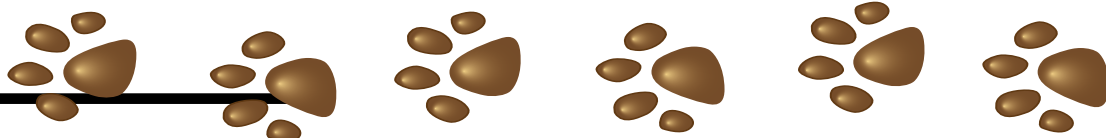
My name is **Bobbie** and I am a Bobcat, I was rescued from Walk on the Wildside in AK in July 2009, due to the downturn in the economy. I was owned by someone that thought that it would be great to own a Bobcat as a pet. My previous owner took good care of me but soon realized that it is extremely difficult to care for a bobcat. I love to play in the water and am known to crawl into one of those children's plastic pools once water is in it. My adoption fee is \$25.00 per month and I would love to be adopted by you!

My name is **Seth** and I am a BIG TIGER! I came to Serenity Springs Wildlife Center at the age of 7-8 weeks. I came with my two sisters from Myrtle Beach, SC where we were used for photo opportunities. Unfortunately, most of these places do not keep us when we get too big and cannot be used in photos. We came to Serenity Springs Wildlife Center not properly vaccinated and contracted parvo... I was the only one to survive. My adoption fee is \$100.00 per month and I would love to be adopted by you!



October 8, 2011 we were invited to attend a launch of 4 new vehicles at Phil Long Mercedes, this was an awesome event for us... we met some incredible people at this event and even had Deborah King surprise us with a beautiful watercolor picture of a Tiger that she created and was raffled off with all monies from the raffle being donated to Serenity Springs Wildlife Center. We brought our tiger cubs with us to the event offering a photo opportunity with them and boy were they a hit!!! This was a wonderful opportunity for us to provide information about who

we are and what we do to both the employees and guests at this event. Thank you Phil Long Mercedes for this wonderful opportunity!!!





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HEY EVERYBODY, DON'T FORGET...

We are now on our Winter Hours, Saturday and Sunday only, first tour is 11:00 AM and second tour is at 1:00 PM.

The Holidays are coming upon us here are a few wonderful things that you should consider for Christmas Gift Giving:

We also have our incredible Feeding and Photography tours that can be booked through our website at www.serenityspringswildlife.org they are absolutely amazing and give you an experience that you will NEVER forget.

We have Standard Tour Passes that you can purchase that are a wonderful stocking stuffer for the animal lovers in your family. These can be purchased through contacting us via e-mail at info@serenityspringswildlife.org

We have a BIG variety of Memberships that we are now offering, take advantage of this wonderful opportunity... you can apply for your membership for either yourself or a family member on our website at www.serenityspringswildlife.org.

What better gift than adopting/sponsoring one of our beautiful animals. You can sign up for our adoption program through our website at www.serenityspringswildlife.org for either yourself or a family member, if this is a gift for a family member all you need to do is make sure that you note this on the Adoption Form.

Here is an awesome gift giving idea for the wine lover in your family! D'Vine Wines offers a wonderful selection of both red's and white's that have our magnificent cats on the label and a portion of each bottle purchased goes to Serenity Springs Wildlife Center. You can order this through the link on our Home Page at www.serenityspringswildlifecenter.org.