

The Director's Chair



Hello Everyone!

I hope you and your family had a great Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2010! Keep in mind we are open for tours year round so come on out and see us. We just received a new freezer that was donated by Gaynelle and David Mize, and want to give them a big Thank You! We have been working very hard here at the center and are almost finished with our new food preparation area. Check out our specialty tours on our website where you can take a behind-the-scenes feeding tour with our animal care givers, it's truly a wonderful experience. We had a good response to our last newsletter and had some new donors come on board with us! Welcome! I want to thank all of you for your help, remember every little bit helps. Please remember we still have 4 months of winter here in Colorado so please keep us in mind and do what you can to help these wonderful creatures in our care.

We have worked very hard and just received a generous grant from the Freda Hambrick Foundation, which is dedicated to the Enrichment Area. Most of you know how long we have waited for this area to become a reality and we are very excited to resume construction. Make sure you come out for the Grand Opening that we hope to plan for the beginning of the summer-we will keep you posted! We are also planning our events for the year and will hopefully have 2 Family Fun Days, which was a very popular event this year. We will also be holding our 4th Annual "Support Your Local Cathouse" Motorcycle Rally, the date is set for June 12th. As always we will begin with camping on Friday evening, and carry through to Sunday morning with lots of fun events in between. Anyone wishing to sponsor any of our events can contact our Operations Director, Julie Walker via email at julie@serenityspringswildlife.org.

Again, I wish to thank all of you for your support through these difficult times and keeping our animals safe. There are many facilities like ours including zoos that are not going to make it, but I know with our committed donors and volunteers we will not only survive but continue to improve the quality of life for the wonderful creatures that call Serenity Springs their home.

Nick



VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

My name is Theresa Mickiewicz. I grew up in New Hampshire and had a frog pond named after me because I was the neighborhood "wildlife expert" when I was young. In college I was a biology major, and came to Colorado to go to vet school at CSU. I ended up staying, as many people do.



I was looking for a volunteer opportunity and came down to have my photo taken with the caracal kittens, and my life completely changed. Although my favorite cat changes all the time, I'm currently in love with Hannibal the bobcat. My favorite memory of all my experiences at Serenity Springs is camping out during the Motorcycle Rally. You don't get much sleep but the nighttime sounds are fantastic!

Serenity Springs Wildlife Center would like to thank Theresa for being such a dedicated volunteer - she currently is our longest distance volunteer, driving about two hours one way just to get to the sanctuary!



Year of the Tiger

On February 14, 2010 we enter the Year of the Tiger, according to the Chinese Zodiac. Under Chinese custom, the tiger is the third sign in the Chinese Zodiac and it is a sign for bravery. The ancient Chinese consider the tiger a courageous and fiery fighter, as well as lucky, vivid, lively and engaging. It is also a sign that keeps away the three main tragedies of a household: fire, thieves and ghosts. So come out and celebrate this Year of the Tiger with our real tigers. You'll see why the Chinese describe this magnetic animal as they do.