



Serenity Springs
Wildlife Center

THE SCENE & HERD

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OPEN WIDE AND SHOW ME THOSE PEARLY WHITES!

I am very excited to share with you my excitement and gratitude to the Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation for joining me at our facility this August to perform several much needed dental procedures. While we have had the medical facility for several years, much to my frustration the specialized medical equipment necessary to do advanced dental work on creatures as large as our cats was not accessible to us.

We hosted a team of 15 Veterinary Dentists and Veterinary Technicians who performed anesthesia, dental radiographs, root canals, extraction of broken teeth on six of our cats who were most in need. It is one thing to perform field sedation for examinations, bloodwork, or minor procedures – it is QUITE another thing to perform general anesthesia on a 400 pound creature with big teeth and claws. Please give all those who helped LIFT these creatures not just a PAT on the back, but a nice back RUB – they earned it!



I am grateful to Dr. Tony Woodward and Dr. Jamie Gaynor for bringing additional anesthesia machines, so we could get more cats done. Several of these cats were so big that we had to connect 2 machines together in order to keep them anesthetized! Also thank you to Dr. Cynthia Florek and her team who assisted me on Day 2.

One example of the type of work that was done is with Jamma, a black leopard who has had a draining wound on his chin for several years, he had 2 root canals and 1 infected tooth & bone removed, which took almost 4 hours to complete. Kasper, a white tiger had 3 root canals done on broken canine (fang) teeth. All of our patients were on antibiotics, pain medication and as you might imagine, soft food for several days, and are now doing quite well.

We had a few "exciting moments" and I learned that managing that many Vets makes you TIRED! The PEIVDF team reported that they enjoyed working in our facility and would love to come back to help us provide more dental care to the cats who need it!

Dr. Melanie A. Marsden

The Director's Chair



Hi Everyone, I hope you are all having a wonderful Holiday Season!

We are really busy preparing for the winter months. We are continuing the refurbishing of all of our dens (converting from wood to cinder block) this is coming along nicely and those that have their new dens already built are enjoying their new digs.

Next we are going to be building freestanding shade areas in all the enclosures. All the cat dens have been winterized for the upcoming cold weather.

This has been a busy summer for us; we attended the Colorado State Fair, KKTV Family Fun Day at Mr. Biggs, the Petco Adoption Fair, Critterfest and the Petsense Adoption event. We met some wonderful people that learned about our facility and have come out to visit. These events were a great opportunity to get the word out about Serenity Springs Wildlife Center and what we are all about.

As you know, this will be the last newsletter for 2010 and last chance to give a 100% tax-deductible donation for this year. Please try and help in any way that you can. We have 4 very tough months coming up for the center and every little bit helps. Remember businesses need tax write-offs as well so don't be afraid to approach your employer and tell them about our wonderful residents and the care that they need. Also please don't forget we have tours throughout the winter, weather permitting of course. We also have additional tours scheduled during the Holiday Season, so watch for those on our website! Thank you so much for your continued support.

Happy Holidays!

Nick & Julie

VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hi, my name is Linda Bryan. I became aware of Serenity Springs in April of 2006 and couldn't believe my great luck at finding such a place out on the eastern plains. After a year of visiting, I became a volunteer.



One of the great benefits of volunteering is being able to see all the animals thrive in their home. Another benefit is building relationships through talking with the animals. Seeing Valic, a four hundred pound tiger, come up to the fence chuffing and happy to see me, makes my heart melt. When Aramis, a magnificent Asian Leopard comes to the fence and lays on his back, making himself vulnerable while I talk to him is just amazing. Willy, our Siberian Tiger always seems to want to claim me as his own by spraying me, just his way of saying I love you. Well, I love him too. And then there is Kenya, a gorgeous white Bengal whom I refer to as my shero. Kenya's spirit, is so loving, she could teach all of us a lesson in love. Clyde, the cougar, always has a chirp and a huge purrrrr.

The animals are so healthy and happy that it makes me forget some were rescued from sad and unfortunate circumstances, and I think they have forgotten too. It has my pleasure to meet many of you on tours and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support. Your generous donations keep Serenity Springs up and running and caring for all of the beautiful animals that call this place home.

Serenity Springs has blessed me with the opportunity to help educate people about our animals and to make a difference in their lives. Conversely the animals at Serenity Springs make a huge difference in my life and I am grateful for every moment I get to spend with them. Watching the animals grow and thrive in their home makes me smile inside and out under any circumstances, rain, snow, wind and hail or a beautiful sunny day I'll be there and can't wait to show you exactly why I love Serenity Springs Wildlife Center so very much.

DISASTER HOUSE

For any of you that are not familiar with Disaster House, it is a show on the DIY network where they go to extremes to destroy an area of a house and then show you how to repair this area. Disaster House did a show in Castle Rock, Colorado this summer and requested our assistance with showing how to eliminate pet urine, we took 2 of our BIG CATS, Tutt and Pandora to assist.

On October 13th the show with our 2 wonderful cats aired. How proud we are of these two, they did a great job at both destroying the room and spraying the walls and carpet to assist with what this episode was all about.

If you get a chance and DIY re-airs this episode PLEASE try to watch it. This not only shows our wonderful cats in action it shows why these creatures DO NOT make good pets!!!

This has been a busy few months and we have had some great visitors come through and enjoy our facility and animals. We cannot thank everyone enough for all of the love and support that you show for our wonderful animals:

We had a total of 10 private tours with the majority being from various departments from Penrose Hospital, Pikes Peak Neighbors joined us for a tour and we had an Air Force military tour.

There were 4 photography tours and a feeding tour (these are ALWAYS such fun).



Look Who's Been Spotted

GRAND OPENING OF CLYDE'S PUB AT UCCS

The grand opening of Clyde's Pub at UCCS was held on Tuesday afternoon, September 28th. There was great food, drink, music, laughter, and a presentation by our own Cookie LaHa on living with mountain lions in Colorado (complete with mountain lion in attendance)! She answered questions from the crowd as they watched intently. We had many volunteers and staff members attend this event mingling with and enjoying the crowd. It is a great honor for Serenity Springs Wildlife Center to have UCCS select Clyde as their very own mascot. This wonderful institution not only selected Clyde as their mascot but they have adopted him through the Serenity Springs Adoption Program as well.



Clyde's likeness is emblazoned everywhere, on t-shirts, on coasters, etc., so we at Serenity Springs feel like proud parents. We thank UCCS for all of their love and support!

PLEASE ADOPT ME!

Sinbad the Leopard

Hello my name is Sinbad and I am a beautiful Asian Black Leopard. I was rescued from a petting zoo in Oregon after I outgrew my usefulness. You see when an exotic animal is used for either a petting zoo or cub photo opportunities by companies that do this for a living/ profit we can only be handled by the public until we are either 12 weeks old or 35lbs, after that we are of no use to these types of businesses. Serenity Springs rescued me and provided me with my FOREVER home. I would love to be adopted by you... my adoption fee is \$75.00 per month.



Clyde the Genet

Hello my name is Clyde and I am a gorgeous Genet. I was purchased as a pet. My previous owner was told when he bought me that I was hand raised and gentle. Unfortunately this was not true. When my owner received me he found that I was truly a wild animal and a handful to boot. I was not as gentle as my owner was lead to believe. The good thing is that my previous owner was responsible enough to realize that I did not make a good pet and found Serenity Springs who has provided me with my FOREVER home. I would love to be adopted by you... my adoption fee is \$25.00 per month. We would love to be adopted.





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FAMILY FUN DAY!

This is the last big event at Serenity Springs before the winter season begins. Over 350 people joined us for our Family Fun Day Fundraiser, held on September 11, 2010.

We were running tours every 30 minutes to ensure all of our visitors had the opportunity to see our magnificent animals along with learning the history of how they came to Serenity Springs. Our tiger cubs Jake, Billy and Chepe joined us at the event allowing guests that were interested, an opportunity to have their picture taken with them. We had food and live music at this event for all to enjoy.



Our younger guests played games for prizes, had their faces painted, jumped in a bouncy house and raced through a large inflatable obstacle course. The gift shop and adoption information booth was available for guests to bid on our silent auction items and learn various ways in which they can help the animals of Serenity Springs. The weather was perfect and we could not have asked for a more beautiful day for this event.

The Staff and Volunteers worked hard preparing for the day. Thanks to everyone who helped make Family Fun Day a great success.