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Selina is introduced to her new Home



Selina came to Bridgeport when she was 6 months old. She was boarded temporarily with the owners intent to come back to pick her up in two months. Like many famous people who wish to obtain the “big cat status”, the novelty

quickly wore off. Two months led to two years and the inevitable phone call came. “I can’t take care of Selina any longer. Could you give her a permanent home?” Of course the beautiful baby was now a dangerous full grown tiger. Selina had already become a part of the family and a pivotal part of African Lion, Sampson’s, life also. Once Selina’s adoption became permanent she was spayed immediately. This did not make Sampson happy. He started to become aggressive. This, in combination with their inability to communicate with each other (lion and tiger talk are different) and have a separate set of rules, led to their separation. Selina has spent the past few months in the Sparks Veterinary Center. Where she has been receiving special attention for possible separation anxiety and depression. Her wait for a new home is over. Selina is now in her new home, which is now known as the Alamo. She seems to be very happy with all her new toys and lots of fresh green grass to lay on. A special thanks to TXI Paradise & Pat’s Trucking.

A letter from newly appointed Fundraising Director Diane Mann

Wow! What a busy couple of weeks I have had. Since my appointment in early October the bombardment of activity has been over whelming. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the fundraising committee thus far. I would also like to invite anyone with time or ideas to please join us in our goal of providing the funding that gives the felines of CARE the best home possible. The following are a few of the great developments you may be able to help with in the next couple of weeks.

CARE Parking Lot Sale has been arranged at *AMF Showplace Lanes in Euless, Texas*. Please contact myself, or CARE, for information on donating items to be sold at the sale. Your old stuff can mean a lot to the big cats. Please do what you can.

Bowl-a-thon on December 9 from 12-3 pm has also been made possible through gracious donation of facilities at *Showplace Lanes*. Raffle items just to name a few – 13” TV, Gas Grill, DVD Player, Massage Chair, a trip to Las Vegas, and the list goes on. All of these items (19 total to date) have been donated. Please contribute, volunteer or just come play.

Fundraising collection projects in place are for *aluminum cans, cell phones, empty ink cartridges*. CARE has raised hundreds of dollars already in just a few weeks. *Vehicles* are also being collected through “**Charity Motors**” a non-profit organization who takes your old cars and sells them. All profit from sales goes to the charity of your choice and is 100% tax-deductible.

Please remember it takes **COMMITMENT** and **DEDICATION** from those who volunteer to make things happen. You are needed. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions and most of all your commitment to volunteer.

-Diane Mann

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Events Calendar

- **November 2nd & 3rd. National Geographic is back**...we will be filming a part of a documentary about Saber Toothed Tigers and their modern day counterparts. We will post air dates later.
- **November 18th-19th. Parking Lot Sale in Euless Texas.** AMF Showplace Lanes has agreed to donate their parking lot for the day. Please bring any of your “stuff” to sell. All proceeds benefit the big cats of CARE.
- **November 23rd. Happy Thanksgiving.** For those who wish to purchase a Thanksgiving turkey for the big cats please contact Lisa at tours@bigcatcare.org.
- **December 9th. Bowling Tournament** at AMF Showplace Lanes from 12-3 pm. Please show up and support CARE. We look forward to seeing you there.

Special Thanks!!



Eleven year old Zoë approached CARE with her fundraising idea this past summer. This amazing child had been making sandals and selling them to benefit animal welfare organizations. After a tour of the CARE sanctuary Zoë announced she would like to donate the proceeds from her “labor of love” to the big cats of CARE. Soon after came Zoë’s second visit, this time with a check for five hundred dollars. There are no words that can express the appreciation we all have for the beautiful child Zoë. Please see her sandals at www.fauxpaws.biz.