

The goal of CARE is to educate the public on issues affecting endangered species.



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## CENTER FOR ANIMAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION



*Creating a Safe Haven with C.A.R.E.*

A non-profit, public benefit, tax-exempt organization  
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## **Our Mission**

**The Center for Animal Research & Education, (CARE) was founded to provide for the rescue, rehabilitation, and holistic nurturing of sick, injured or abused big cats thus ensuring a vital habitat and safe haven for them to live in comfort and with dignity. Further, with public education and research, to ultimately ensure the future of the species.**



## **History**

CARE was established to provide a safe haven for abused and abandoned big cats rescued from unsuitable exotic pet owners and unethical entrepreneurs. CARE also provides a permanent home and stability for retired performing cats whose fate would otherwise be uncertain. Founded in 2003 as a non-profit public benefit corporation, ID #03-0520301, CARE is currently the permanent home to 3 cougars, 9 leopards, 5 lions, and 38 tigers.



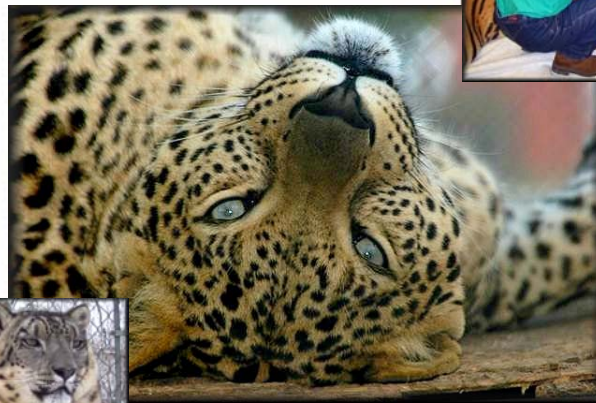
## **Programs & Education**

### **Research**

On-going research projects address issues of veterinary care for exotic species, animal husbandry, environmental enrichment, behavioral training, and captive management strategies.

### **Internships**

Intern positions of a 4 or 6 month term are available. Study animal husbandry, veterinary care for exotic felines, and other Center programs. *(Credit dependent on individual university.)*



### **Retreats**

Walk on the wild side! Book a one or two day excursion that is centered around our feline family. A once-in-a-lifetime experience, these programs give individuals an exclusive opportunity to learn about the facility and interact with the big cats.

### **Tours**

Tours of the facility allow visitors to learn about the great cat species of the world in a very unique and personal manner. *(By appointment only.)*

## **How YOU Can Help**

### **Adopt a Cat**

Share the care! Make a personal commitment to the welfare of the magnificent creatures who depend on CARE for a safe haven by adopting a cat or making a gift to the Veterinary Care Fund.

### **Big Cat Habitat**

The **Big Cat Habitat** program is a great opportunity for a corporation, business or individual to become involved CARE. The habitat construction and renovation projects offer a wonderful "team-building" volunteer experience as a bonus.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

CARE volunteers and donors are the backbone of our organization these dedicated individuals are making a positive difference in the lives and well being of our feline population. Our volunteers help provide a better life for the cats and in return, they get to spend quality time interacting with the cats. And getting to know their personalities. To many, working with the cats has become quite an important part of their lives.

