

Updates

- 🐾 Lyddia has emergency tooth surgery
- 🐾 New swimming pools from Adoptive Parents.
- 🐾 Record heat and drought causes dangerous grassfire at CARE.
- 🐾 Water system functioning thanks to interns at CARE.
- 🐾 CARE Fall Festival being planned for October and November. If you are interested in helping let us know (Heidi@bigcatcare.org)
- 🐾 New interns to arrive mid August

New Parents

David and Carla Montroy or Maryland sponsor Zeus after hearing about the CARE fires on CNN. David and Carla... Welcome to the CARE Family.



Volunteer Corner

Melanie Klein is visiting until the end of August. Melanie comes to CARE every chance she gets after moving to London, England last year. Melanie has continued to serve on CARE's board of directors and a pivotal part of CARE's volunteer program.

Marsha Little (Sprinkles Mom) arrives this week for her annual visit to CARE. This year to say final goodbyes to KC and Sprinkles who passed earlier this spring. Marsha plans of spreading Sprinkles ashes over Kenya, Africa.

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That Had to Hurt

Lyddia (17year old tiger) broke off her large eye tooth due to many years of wear and tear. She was in a great deal of pain which made it difficult for her to eat. She had lost considerable weight and was just plain miserable. Emergency surgery was necessary. There was considerable damage and decay of the tooth and removal was the only option. CARE Big Cat Veterinarian, Dr Bill McGee, removed the biggest tooth of his career, and Lyddia is now recovering with a special ground meat diet, strong pain meds, and LOTS of extra love.



Terrifying Fire At CARE

A large wildfire started near the CARE facility earlier this month. Due to the heat and lack of rain the blaze was difficult to control and consumed over 150 acres of land. 8 Wise County fire departments responded and kept the flames at bay. At one point the flames came within 100 feet of our front Lion enclosure. Fires and Tornadoes are the big cat CAREgivers worst nightmare, and one of those got pretty close. We are very lucky no one was injured.



Flames Tower within 100 Feet of CARE's Big Cat Enclosures.

Water... Water... Water...

Dry water wells, drought, and lasting record breaking temperatures have made for the most difficult summer in CARE history. Simple tasks such as filling the cats' drinking water buckets have turned into daily struggles. CARE is finally starting to see hope thanks to the combined efforts of many wonderful people who have fought to make water abundant. CAREgivers worked around the clock digging trenches and connecting waterlines (great job interns Lindsey and Laura on your first plumbing job!). Adoptive Parents of Princess, Kira, Consuela and an intern parent of Laura heard we had enough water but not enough cooling pools and stepped up to purchase enough pools for all. Thanks to everyone in this group effort!



Alley and Archie rest in their nice cool swimming pool. Life is great .

Rain at CARE

We finally received a gift from above. CARE celebrated two separate rain storms this past week. I am not sure who celebrated more, the CAREgivers or the cats! We all played in the rain. It could not have come at a better time. Now if we could just lower the temps of 100+ about 20 degrees!!!!