

Season's Greetings from the Wild Cat Education & Conservation Fund.

2022 brought several major changes to the Wild Cat Education and Conservation Fund.

Instead of one large July open house, we conducted ten "mini" open houses, held on consecutive Saturdays in June, July, August, and September. Each event was limited to eight guests. We sold out each date. The guests were able to meet all the WCE&CF ambassador cats, even the shy ones who usually hide at our bigger open house event. The small groups meant that Rob and Barbara had time to visit with each guest. The weather ranged from 100 degrees to cool to light rain on the various dates. This made for interesting set-ups and tours, but everything went smoothly. Our traditional "Cheetah Challenge" pool squares were sold across all the "mini" open houses, as were raffle tickets. The winners were notified after the last event.

We will no longer be hosting our March evening fundraising event.

Sadly, we have retired from outreach presentations. We had an amazing 30+ year run. We miss interacting with the students at the school assemblies and with the guests at the various conservation events we participate in. We will continue to hold conservation events at the compound

We are excited to continue the private tours of the WCE&CF compound. Several tour options are available (tour, cheetah run, luncheon, or combo). Please check out the "Private Tours" page at www.wildcatfund.org.

A gift certificate for a private tour makes a great holiday gift.

We did not add any new wild cat ambassadors to our family this year. The good news is that we did not lose any of our senior cats. We are currently housing fourteen species at the compound. Moremi (caracal) is the oldest at 14 and Chantrea (clouded leopard) is the youngest at 1½. Taji (sand cat) is 2, Baruti (cheetah) is 3, Tafari (cheetah) and Bhutan (snow leopard) are four, Tocho (cougar) is 7, Kanika (leopard) is 8, Bandhu (fishing cat) is 9, Chachi (ocelot) and Zuri (serval) are 10, Takoda (bobcat) is 11, Themba (cheetah) and Natasha (Siberian lynx) are 12, Tiquanna (Canada lynx) and Guarani (Geoffroy's cat) are 13.

Supporting our Conservation Partners is one of the three goals of the WCE&CF. Despite the year's reduced income, full annual financial donations were made to the field conservation groups we support. These amazing in-situ organizations include the Cheetah Conservation Fund, Cheetah Conservation Botswana, the Snow Leopard Conservancy, the Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation, and Cheetah Outreach.

We look forward to holding our series of "mini" open houses on Saturdays throughout the summer months of 2023.

We hope to see you on one of the dates. You can meet our newer additions and renew acquaintances with the older wild cat ambassadors.

We strongly believe that without a big emphasis on education, conservation in the wild cannot be successful. This is the important part ambassador cats play in helping to ensure the future of these wonderful creatures. Without your support, we cannot reach all the people who need to hear about what is happening to wildcat populations worldwide.

The support our donors have sent our way has been amazing and we cannot thank you enough. Because of this year's non-existent outreach income, we appreciate your donations even more. Please think of us this holiday season.

Making a tax-deductible contribution in someone's name is a perfect holiday gift.

Information on how to donate can be found at www.wildcatfund.org on the "donations" page.

We wish you the best this holiday season and throughout the new year –
Barbara, Rob, the WCE&CF Board, and the cats.