

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

2018 has continued the tradition of being a very busy and productive year for WCE&CF.

WCE&CF made financial donations to the field conservation groups we support, including Cheetah Conservation Botswana, the Snow Leopard Conservancy, the Mountain Lion Foundation, the Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation and Cheetah Outreach.

Our ambassador cats and the ambassador animals from Wild Things, on display during the cocktail hour, were a hit at our "1960's" themed, 17<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser held at the Pomeroy Center in San Francisco. Some of our adventurous guests wore their favorite 60's couture. The prize for the best outfit was a "lava lamp"

Our generous supporters made the evening a success by becoming "Program Partners".

Their donations help us bring our outreach assembly to schools that cannot afford to pay the entire amount for a presentation.

In July, we held our fifteenth open house/fundraiser at the compound. Our guests spent the day visiting with the cats, enjoying great wines and Barbara's buffet luncheon.

Two of the beautiful Anatolian Shepherd dogs from Rare Breeds Ranch helped everyone understand how this amazing breed is helping to save wild cheetahs as well as other predators.

Themba outran Kibibi and won our sixth "cheetah challenge".

Our wonderful donors made contributions to our "medicat" fund. We have 10 ambassador cats who are between the ages of 13 and 23. They all receive medications and supplements for the joint and kidney issues common in older cats, at a cost of over \$700 per month.

Themba made several Bay Area appearances for the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Please go to [www.cheetah.org](http://www.cheetah.org) to learn more about CCF.

Bhutan wowed the guests at several events for the Snow Leopard Conservancy. Please go to [www.snowleopardconservancy.org](http://www.snowleopardconservancy.org) to learn how this amazing organization is working to save snow leopards.

We did a fun variety of outreach programs with the cats. They included the wildlife day for Santa Clara Audubon Society, Sonoma State Associated Students, Westwind Barn Earthday celebration, Academy of Art life drawing classes, Sonoma State and Graton Rancheria kids' camps.

The private tours of the WCE&CF compound are continuing for a fourth year. Several options are available (tour, cheetah run, lunch, overnight stay in our guest house). Please check out the "private tours" page at [www.wildcatfund.org](http://www.wildcatfund.org). **A private tour makes a great holiday gift.**

Attendance has remained high at our Wild Cat Adventure public programs.

Bhutan, a five-week-old snow leopard joined our family in June. He has already become a crowd favorite at our outreach presentations.

Please reserve two dates on next year's calendar. Saturday evening, **March 9th**, will be our annual fundraiser, once again held at the Pomeroy Center in San Francisco. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, meet some of our ambassador cats and support wildcat conservation.

On Saturday, **July 20th** we will hold our sixteenth open house, luncheon and cheetah run at our compound.

We hope 2019 will continue to be a good year for wildcat conservation. 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 what is happening to wildcat populations worldwide.

***We cannot thank our wonderful donors enough. 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](http://www.wildcatfund.org) on the "donations" page.***

We wish you a good and prosperous 2019 – Barbara, Rob, the WCE&CF Board and the cats.