

the Wild Side

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Tiger introductions continue

Rescuing and providing lifetime care to animals like tigers has unique challenges. People stay out of the enclosures for safety reasons, but the tigers need the companionship of their own kind for healthy social enrichment.

In the wild, they are said to be 'solitary' animals; but in fact, they spend their time marking their home range, communicating with other tigers by scent. Sometimes territories overlap, especially during mating season.

As a sanctuary, we spay and neuter to prevent breeding, but we still try to give the animals proper companionship – as long as they don't fight.

The tigers we rescued from Texas have successfully integrated with the ones we rescued from Colorado. Roy and Eva have made a perfect match and thoroughly enjoy the company of one another. Tony and Zoey are enjoying their acreage habitat, and Juanita and Natasha are still living together happily.

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Forest Animal Rescue (FAR) is a nonprofit sanctuary dedicated to meeting the lifetime needs of almost 100 rescued wild animals.

At FAR's state-of-the-art, 80-acre facility in the beautiful Ocala National Forest, we are 100% committed to providing each animal with:

- a spacious, natural habitat
- a healthful, natural diet
- high-quality care by staff and volunteers
- quality veterinary care, when needed
- a firm "no breeding" policy
- socialization and enrichment appropriate to each animal's preferences, and
- protection from further victimization

FAR is an internationally recognized organization, **accredited by the American Sanctuary Association** and listed as one of the "**Best Tiger Sanctuaries in the U.S.**" according to **Tigers in America**

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Sad news

Our team has been working for over two years to rescue a pair of red pandas from a defunct zoo in Argentina.

The legal work in both countries was finally finished, we received the import permits, and we had a beautiful habitat nearing completion when we received the news...

"Juky," the male red panda passed away at the zoo before they could obtain their export permits. After examination by veterinarians, the authorities decided that "Luly," his female companion was no longer healthy enough to make the trip to the United States. She will never experience Forest Animal Rescue as her forever home.

We are **heartbroken** for her...

On the bright side, other rescued animals will still benefit from everyone's hard work and support.

We will complete the construction of the habitat and use it as an expansion for the spider monkeys at the sanctuary. This will allow us to connect the lemur habitat to the old spider monkey habitat and give the lemurs an upgrade as well.

With this additional space, this will enable us to rescue more animals as the need arises.



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Intern Spotlight

Alexis Farley, 21 years old, summer intern

Where are you from? “Bessemer, Alabama born and raised.”

What school are you attending, and what are you studying?

“Berea College in Kentucky. I’m studying agriculture and natural resources with a double minor in biology and sustainability.”

What would you like to do for a career, and what would you like to accomplish? “I want to be a veterinarian. One thing I always thought about was having a rescue/clinic where we could rescue animals and spay/neuter them and help get them adopted.”

Where did your interest in animals start? “When I was in high school, I watched a video of a puppy mill raid. I wanted to be a vet ever since then. I started working on a farm in college, and it just keeps growing.”

Did you grow up with any pets/ do have any currently? “My mom still has the dog and cats I grew up with, we’ve had several. Unfortunately, we can’t have animals in college dorms.”



What drew you to FAR? “Basically, I was looking for somewhere that I could learn to work with wild animals. The accommodations and opportunity for the internship were really good, so I couldn’t pass this up. I also never worked for a nonprofit or sanctuary, so I thought that would be interesting.”

Who is your favorite animal, and why? “Chief (horse). I mean he’s a little grumpy sometimes, but he’s pretty and lets me pet him.”

What memory do you think will stick with you from your experiences at FAR? “I think it will always be cool to say that I’ve fed tigers.”

What have you learned from interning here that you’ll apply to your daily life? “Body condition scoring is really important, and I liked learning about that. And diet and nutrition are really fun, and I can relate this to my nutrition course in college, and it’s really interesting.”

What’s your favorite part of your day? “Feeding carnivores.”

What are your hobbies? “I play a lot of video games, and I like to hike.”

We are always seeking qualified applicants for our internship program. Within the next year, we hope to hire another staff member from our pool of successful interns so that we may continue expanding to rescue more animals.

If you or someone you know is interested, please visit our website and click on the ‘join us’ link to learn more.

Will you buy the animals a cup of coffee?



One simple but meaningful way you can help the animals is to include a small amount for their care in your monthly budget. **For what you might spend on a few cups of coffee,** you can help to feed a rescued big cat, bear, monkey, bat, or wolf.

Sharing your pocket change with the animals allows us to budget for their ongoing care without sacrificing new construction and growth. Donations may be made automatically from your bank account or credit card – you can set it and forget it.

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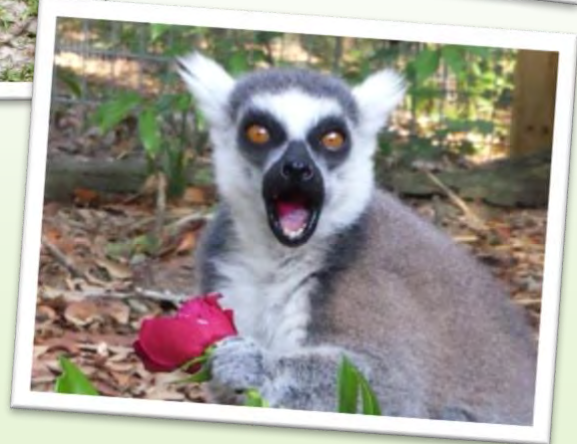
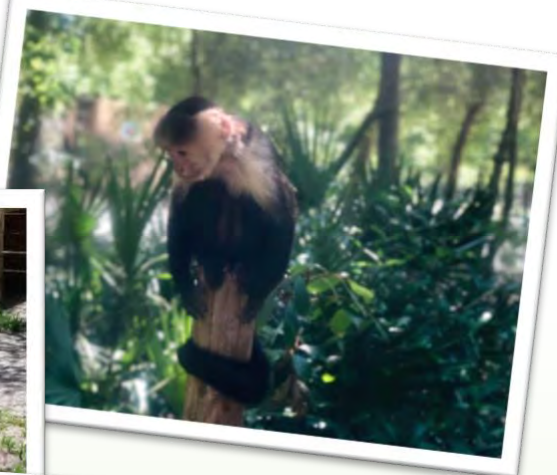
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Chief has a new friend!



Sandi White, Coordinator of Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Central FL Satellite Adoption Center (left) and Lisa Stoner, Co-Founder of Forest Animal Rescue (right) with Juke.

Chief, a horse that the sanctuary rescued when we first opened our doors, lost his long-time donkey companion to cancer.

Of course, equines need the company of others of their own kind. Since Chief had such a good relationship with a donkey in the past, we figured we would rescue another to be his partner.

As it turns out, Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue had a 5-year old surrendered to them, and he needed a home. A great companion for Chief!

We are thrilled to welcome “Juke” – Forest Animal Rescue’s newest addition and one of our few domestic residents. He will now be a lifelong companion for Chief.

Powerline Wildfire narrowly misses the sanctuary

At the end of May, there was a 750-acre wildfire in the Ocala National Forest, only a few miles away from the sanctuary.

It was an extremely stressful night, but thankfully, the fire was 50% contained, and nearby evacuation orders were lifted before the next morning.

This near-miss solidifies some of the disaster planning that we have underway. Since we are in a remote location and there are no fire hydrants near the sanctuary, we have installed a 10,000-gallon buried water tank for firefighters to draw from if there is a fire threatening our property.

We will have a high-volume water pump at the sanctuary to allow us to pull water from the tank to fight a fire ourselves or to refill a smaller brush truck if the big ladder trucks can't make it into our property.

This is a \$10,000 project, and we have raised about half of the cost so far. Will you help us to complete it?



Focusing on a friend

Colonel Benjamin Albert Jr., US Army, Retired

Born into a military family, it was a natural progression for Benjamin Albert Jr. to join the Navy in 1943. As an Apprentice Seaman USNR-SV, he served on three ships, the USS Milwaukee, the SS Warfield and the battleship USS New York in the Iwo Jima and Okinawan campaigns.

After discharge in 1946, he opted to leave the Naval Reserve. In 1948, his father convinced him to join the Army Reserve (with the rank of Staff Sergeant) while he went back to school.

Sergeant Albert attended a small liberal arts school (Roanoke College) in Salem, Virginia and graduated in only three years with a degree in Economics in 1949. He then attended Law School at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia and remained there until being called upon as an inactive Enlisted Reservist in 1950.

After his 30-day Infantry refresher course, he was pulled off the levy at the last moment and transferred to the New Cumberland Army Depot in Pennsylvania. After six months he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Military Police Corp. It was a direct appointment and came about as a result of his Naval Service in WWII and possession of a college degree. During this time, 2LT Albert was married to his wife, Angie, and received orders for Korea, departing in 1951.

After a year in Korea as a Military Police Officer, he was transferred to Tokyo, Japan for duty as a Confinement Officer in the US Army Stockade, Japan. While there and having been convinced that he did not want to be in jail all his life, he applied for a regular commission. In 1954 he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Ordinance Corp Army with tenure to stay for 30 years.

Lieutenant Albert was detailed Army Artillery for two years and then went to jump school, becoming one of the Army's finest – The Airborne Trooper.

Through the years, he attended all the good schools the Officer Corp goes through. In 1963-64, he attended Syracuse University for a master's degree in Business Administration, was promoted with his contemporaries and retired as a full Colonel with a total of 33 years of military service. He served a total of 17 years overseas including Korean and Viet Nam tours.

Colonel Albert was awarded the Naval Good Conduct Medal and wore it proudly along with other decorations.

Colonel Albert has raised four children, two daughters, and two sons. He proudly has one step-granddaughter, three grandsons and two great-granddaughters. Surely there will be some sailors/soldiers out of that crew!

We are fortunate to have such an accomplished, caring man as a friend, and we are happy to display a sign on our 1¼-acre tiger habitat to recognize him. (see photo above)



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Spidermonkeys

Blackie, Gramps, and Scar are spider monkeys who lived for about five years at the Sarasota-Bradenton Children's Zoo. We don't have records of their ages or history, but we know they are geriatric.

We were told that they were initially confiscated from an individual who kept them in deplorable conditions in a mobile home, along with 20-30 other monkeys.

The monkeys were placed at that roadside zoo, where their canines were pulled so they could interact with people. They were housed in small enclosures with concrete floors and little enrichment. In 2002, the zoo closed under several animal welfare citations and financial difficulty.

Thankfully, volunteers of the zoo contacted us, and we worked with wildlife officials to bring the animals to the safety of our sanctuary to prevent them from being destroyed.

Our sanctuary was their first experience with large habitats, trees to climb, and the earth beneath their feet.

They have been with us for 17 years already and will remain at the sanctuary for the rest of their lives, playing with others of their own kind.



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These animals are counting on us. Our TRUE sanctuary is their last stop, their last chance. It is our mission to make it the best life possible for them and your friendship and support makes it possible.

Thank you so much for helping the animals!

Warm regards,
Lisa Stoner



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