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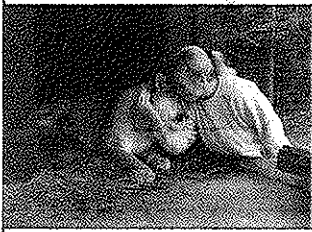
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## Letter From The Editor



Welcome to a New Year. I Pray 2011 will bring every one Prosperity, Happiness and Peaceful days. All the preacher's I Listen to on T.V are promising a wonderful prosperous New Year,

Hope their Insight is correct. I

know a lot of you along with the **Exotic Cat Refuge And Wildlife Orphanage** are ready for a change for the best. I want to take a moment to **Thank all of you for your loyal support** last year. I Pray that the **Big cats can count** on your **generous** support during 2011.

We at the "Exotic Cat refuge and wildlife Orphanage" depend on your generous support to feed and maintain the big cats, Many places have closed down due to the economy and so many big cats had to be destroyed because they could not be placed. Even though we are only a few weeks into the New Year, it has been especially difficult... the bills have been pouring in, and I wonder how we are going to make it. Not a day goes by that I don't worry about finances or if we're going to have enough money to feed our Animal's; especially with donations at a **all.time..low**, I'm asking every one who care's bout the animal's and is one of our supporters to try and send a little extra to make up for the ones who lost their Job or on a fixed income, Our Wonderful people on social security and fixed incomes always try to send one to three dollars...that is love and loyalty.

We seem to always have constant medical for one of the big cats. Abused big cats require a lot of medical attention. We have to have the money before we can take a big cat for Veterinarian care, **Vets do not charge**. Simply stated " Exotic cat Refuge's", Big cats depend on your help and cannot survive without your generous support of caring friends like you. You are so important to our Sanctuary so we can maintain and feed our big cats, Words cannot say **Thank You enough...** But hopefully knowing that the **cats** are being **taken care** of, with your wonderful donations is **Thanks** enough. Compared to some places that have a lot of hooved stock, we are a small place. Even small, we do a **Big Great** job. Our staff includes a part-time office person, animal caretaker (that's me), and two more volunteers **"NO"** paid employee's, We cannot afford it. It's a all day job, 7 day's a week, 52 Week's a year including holiday's, all Holiday's including "Thanksgiving", and "Christmas". The animal's have to be watered and fed. I have dedicated my life "(the past 23 years at the same

Helping these animal's. I believe we do a fantastic job of looking after and caring for our animal's. It's a very tiring but satisfying job. Our animal's have big grassy Compound's of several thousand feet, tree houses and in ground pool's. Some of our cat's have to have a lot of **extra care** just like a sick child. Remember we **do not** breed or sale our animal's. There have been **new requirement's and regulations** that are having to be met, under **USDA**, Texas parks & Wildlife and Federal fish and wildlife. All this new Fencing and additional requirements are costing the **Exotic Cat Refuge** close to "sixty thousand" dollars that we **don't** have. We are having to **charge** our fencing and supply's and pray that we receive enough **additional finance's** to cover our added expenses. I know our needs are placing a heavy burden on you, our **supporter's** but we have to meet the **new requirement's** in order to keep our **license** for our sanctuary or we would have to close down. Maintaining our **big cats** and their needs is **very expensive**. **Thanks to supporters** like you we have now been open **twenty three (23)** years. I know I'm **ranting and raving** about your **kindness and generosity** but, when you run a **non-profit Sanctuary** and Animal's lives are at stake, there is a lot of **responsibility** on my shoulders to raise the necessary **funds** to take care and maintain them. Waiting for **donations** to come in is a lot like waiting for a **allowance** to buy an pay for things. Once more I **thank you** for being a friend and supporter of the "Exotic Cat Refuge". I hope the **big cats** can continue to count on your **support** in the coming months of the New Year. **Remember** we are all **Electric** and running heaters for our **monkey, domestic cats, bob cats** and freezers cost a lot of money, "**Propane**" has now reached \$3.48 a gallon which is **outrageous**. I really don't know how everyone makes it with our **economy**. We the **people** need to find out how to lower all the **Extreme prices** on **gas, food and electric**. They say we are in the land of the **free** and have a say and can **Vote on everything**. I **just want to know** how we go about having **Our voices** heard on these important matters. I had better just say "**Thank You**" or I will write a Book. May **God Bless** each an **every one** of you in the New Year, and bless you for your wonderful **support**. Until next time, Monique.

## "Mandy" Bobcat or Person?

"Mandy" enjoyed Christmas, she **tore** open her **gifts** she recived a singing **reindeer** with bell's that jingle when she bits a certain place on his legs. She carries it around **everywhere**. She also received a **ball** that she **fetches** for me when I throw it for her. She received a **pair** of little girl panties (**yup you heard me right**) that's her favorite thing. (**really**) I bath her, dry

and she put's her back leg's into them, and they go half way upon her little body, If she takes them off, I can ask her where Her panties are and she will go find them for me. She's such a little girl. Eve-



**ryone** say's she's spoiled rotten..W..E..L-L why not she's my **baby**. **Anyone** that has a "cat" or "dog" know what I'm talking bout. She out **grew** her little sweater and I Have to buy her another one. She sure **hates** this **cold** weather. I **have** a electric blanket on my bed and she **crawls** underneath it when it's **cold** and sleeps. If the blanket isn't on, she starts "**yelling**" in her bob cat voice, until I turn it on. I **went** to the bedroom a couple days ago to change my shoe's that had gotten wet and as I **sat** down on the **bed** I thought I was sitting on one of her stuffed toys that she had covered up. My **lump** on the bed started moving, then I **realized** I was sitting on her. **Boy** was she ever **mad**, a **mad bobcat** isn't a nice situation believe me, she has a tub in her yard that we keep **full** of clean fresh water, Well it **froze** one night and I was **Breaking** the ice up and she was watching me. She was **watching** the ice float so what does she do.....?? **Jumped** into her tub to play with her new floating toys... **Boy** did she **move** when she **hit** that icy water. I didn't **realize** how fast **Mandy** could move, I **spent** the next two hours **drying** my **vicious bobcat** and warming her up under the electric blanket. Just another day here at the refuge. It **rained** all day yesterday (Sunday) so things were pretty messy. "Mandy", mainly stayed inside sleeping and playing with her toys, I know she was bored, not being able to **play** outside. I got **ready** to go to bed last night, I **laid** back my cover's and **crawled** into bed trying to get comfortable so I could read my **Bible**. All of a **sudden** I felt something **cold** on my back. Boy did I **jump** out of bed, I can't **move** fast because of my bad back but, you would **never** have known I was **hurt** by the way I moved. I thought a **snake** was in my bed, **Snakes** and I **Do not** get along. I **hit** the floor, **grabbed** my gun in my top drawer, **threw** back the **cover's** expecting a **mad python** ... what did I see?? "Mandy" had hid a chicken leg in my bed. I almost "**shot**" a chicken leg. That would make a good



news paper headline, "**Director**" of the Exotic cat refuge shoot's Chicken leg in her bed", **What...** does **Mandy** do while all of this is going on? **Standing** on top of her **play house** with her eye's

wide and A **amused** expression on her face **wondering** what all the commotion was all about. Wish just one day was normal around this Refuge. **God Bless You And Yours Until next time, Monique & Mandy.**

### " Tigger is Hurting"

Well here we are! Another year! Another problem. Poor **Tigger**, it's not bad enough that she was declawed by a unskilled vet and lost two of her toes. Her nerves on her missing toes really bother her in cold and wet weather. I can relate to how she feels since I had two fingers cut

off a few years back. They re-attached one of them and didn't attach the other one so my nerves are right at the end, Cold weather or a bump on my fingers, sends me into orbit. Anyway. **Tigger** has a tumor on her side that seems to be getting **bigger** by the day. We are in desperate need of funds, to get her **much** needed **vetinarian** care. Tigger is such a sweet pretty **Siberian Tiger**. Who has been through hell and back before arriving at the **Exotic cat refuge**. She was living in a 4 foot by 5 foot cage out in the weather with nothing but hay to lay on. Humans put big cats through hell just to day they own one. Since "**Tigger**", and her sister "**Natasha**" came to the "**Exotic cat Refuge**." they have gone from skin and bones to healthy, well fed cats. Their weight is now normal for their size. They have a huge grassy compound to play, a in ground pool with a tree house, along with lots of Toys. Due to their **past living conditions** which caused **severe** health problems, the poor **tigers** now **depend** on us here at the "**Exotic cat Refuge**" to take **care** of their **medical problems**, which are many. We are trying to give "**Tigger**" and "**Natasha**" a quality life. They



deserve some happiness. "**Tigger**", is now depending on your generous support to help her in her time of need; with her tumor. We defiantly **do not** want it to be **cancerous**. We pray that is wont be. "**Tigger**", has to take **medication** every day for her little feet and will have to the **rest** of her **life**; She is now sixteen years old and has **never** had a **chance** to be a **normal** healthy tiger until arriving at the "**Exotic cat Refuge**." We are going to do everything we can to assure her happiness, and take care of her medical problems and that's including her "Tumor". I know with all our friends out there we can give "**Tigger**", the medical help she desperately needs, with your generous help we can make **her life** one of **Hope!!** Where once it was hopeless. **Thank you** for listening to me and helping Tigger, and the other Animal's here at the "**Exotic cat refuge and wildlife Orphanage**". **May God Bless You and Yours, Monique.**

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**Yes, I would like to Donate to the ECRW in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . To pay on the Exotic Cat Refuge and Wildlife Orphanage electric Bill, Send To: Jasper-Newton Co-op. Account #65172-00, 812 S. Margret Avenue, Kirbyville, Tx 75956 Phone: 409-423-2241**