

ANIMALS IN NEED and PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Graystone Ranch is a non-profit organization dedicated to children, “our tomorrows”, and environmental/wildlife conservation. We are a state and federally licensed rehabilitation center, sanctuary, and preserve. Our greatest mission is education where animals and man learn to co-exist in peace and harmony. Graystone Ranch touches the lives of over 500,000 people yearly and logs more than 150,000 education hours. Read more about our rehabilitation program in our Graystone Ranch Rehabilitation Facility section.

Adopt a pet or project

This section is designed to let you, the viewer, decide which animal and/or project you would most like to support. Simply click and view. Any amount of donation is acceptable and **very much needed**. Graystone Ranch will post updates on these animals and projects so you may follow your favorites. Remember you the public will decide which animal or project receives assistance. All donations are tax deductible. Make checks or money orders payable to:

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CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Graystone Ranch is deeply committed to providing Christians a place to gather and worship freely. Denomination is never an issue and all are welcome.

We specialize in youth and singles groups activities, brotherhood retreats, fall festivals, supplying nativity scene animals for your church’s use, Easter

presentations of animals, kick-off for vacation bible school, summer camps, and homecomings. Our educational programs range from “The Farm Land Petting Zoo” (covering breeds, breed standards, husbandry and GOD’s purpose for animals in society today...dominion and stewardship are also covered) to Equine classes, to Herpetology and even Boating Safety. One of our most exceptional programs is “Gladiator”, our presentation of the Roman Empire where Christians, young and old alike, can learn about Roman times and how it affected Christians. Afterward, all may enjoy chariot rides. These educational field trips are perfect for vacation bible school, summer camps and youth group functions.

We offer several different types of petting zoos, for your church’s use, on location. Our most unique mobile petting zoo is the Graystone Ranch Ark. It is 55 foot long, 12.5 foot wide, and 8.5 foot high. It arrives packed full of animals, playing children’s bible songs, and delights all who enter.

We also cater to specific needs... if your church has one...chances are, we have the answer.

Frisky Felines

As an educational, rehabilitation, and conservation minded facility, we support **all animals** from insects to elephants, and every thing in between. (the exception being domestic dogs and cats)

We proudly, include the “**LARGE CATS**”!

Our greatest mission is education where animals and man learn to co-exist in peace and harmony. We call this “**THE SHARE THE PLANET**” program. We receive many cats through our facility yearly, which we are able to place in sanctuaries throughout the United States and in International Jurisdictions. The large cats worldwide are some of the most endangered species in the

world today. There are eight species of tigers, of the eight; three are already extant, with the remaining being endangered. We, do not however, house any animal we do not teach with, as we are first and foremost, an educational facility and are **NOT A ZOO!**

To learn more about the cats residing with us currently, click below.

Siberian Tiger

Scientific Name :

Order: Carnivora

Family: Felidae

Genus & Species: Panthera tigris altaica

Range: Eastern Asia to Northern China, to Russia

Description: Siberian tigers are the largest cats in the world. Living solitary most of their lives, excluding breeding and rearing of young, they are generally orange in color, with long black stripes on dense fur. They have very sharp teeth and extremely large retractable claws

Size: Males, 9-12 feet in length, head to tail, with females being smaller.

Height: 3.5 feet from the withers (shoulders)

Weight: Males may weigh from 400–650 lbs. Females are somewhat smaller.

Status: These cats are some of the most endangered cats in the world today, most of which are in captivity. It is possible, that there are less than 200 of these cats left in the wild. Siberian tigers are predicted to be extinct in less than ten years if more aggressive conservation efforts are not made. Available room to roam, and mans persecution are primarily to blame for their plight.

The Tigers Life: Siberian tigers are fierce night hunters with good vision, a keen sense of smell, and excellent camouflage with their bright stripes. However adaptable they may be, only one in every ten hunting trips is successful. These tigers can leap ten feet at a time, and their roar may be heard for over a mile. They can eat up to one hundred pounds of flesh and bone in any one meal. Despite the fact that they are considered “man eaters”,

only three out of one thousand tigers have ever been recorded as eating humans. They are however, wild animals, capable of turning on a human at any given moment, and need to be treated as such.

Life span: Up to twenty years.

We proudly present “Miss Kitty”

She is rescued from the motion picture industry. After making several commercials and a movie, her services were no longer needed. She did however, play a vital role in public education. Any time one of these **CATS** can gain public awareness; their “plight” is publicized. We are happy to house her at Graystone Ranch, because most of the cats we receive are not always candidates for public education.

“Miss Kitty” participates in the “Predator vs. Prey”, “Gladiator”, and “The Share the Plant” program. She is an ambassador of good will for her brothers and sisters.

We at Graystone Ranch are a state and federally licensed facility, competent of the laws governing our great state and nation. We have not ever, nor will we, in the future, do anything that is not state or federally mandated, no matter what our personal opinions may be.

We do however feel, that wild animals are just that.... “wild animals” and the public needs to be protected from them. Last but not least, being a Christian facility, we realize if it got on Noah’s Ark, GOD meant for us to be good stewards of the animal.

FELINE CONSERVATION



Most people instinctively feel an element of fear when standing face to face with a cat, no matter what the size of the cat! Fear of cats is greatly rooted in our biological and social history, and it is easy to understand why we humans have tried all too successfully, to eliminate these predators. So why today, do we try so hard to save them? Maybe the answers lie in our own race for the **throne**. That is to rule the rule the world. Basically it's quite simple...God's not making any more land and we continue to make more people (and we live longer too). **It's really a matter of prime real estate**. Somewhere over the course of the race, many people came to realize, that like politics, cat conservation is the art of the possible, but it's full potential can only be released if our actions are based on a solid foundation of knowledge. Like the wolves, who were reintroduced to the Yellowstone area USA, <with farm desecration> cats will ultimately face the same issues. After all, do you want a Siberian tiger living (**roaming free**) five miles from your child's school ground??? Let's be honest folks, we all think they ought **to roam free>>>>** but is it always practical? Now that we've all had a reality check, let's get down to business.

Of the eight original species of tigers, three are already extent with the rest being some of the most endangered species in the world today. Ecologist, who study the earth's ecosystems, argue that the plant and animal communities that share our planet, contribute to the stability and functioning of the biological and chemical cycles that make life possible for us on this planet. It is quite possible that the loss of species could have

unpredictable and possible dangerous consequences for us. It is further probable that biological diversity may provide stability to our ecosystem. Extermination of species can disrupt links between predators and prey, flowers and pollinators, fruits and the disperses of their seeds. Cats are an integral part of these complex ecosystems. Furthermore, it is believed that many of the cats are beacon lamps that indicate whether our natural landscapes are healthy or **NOT?**

*So let's just save the cats.....*It's not quite that simple. The world's scientific communities, most governments, conservation agencies, and a wide section of the public agree that saving rare, extinct prone species, such as cats, is a global necessity from both practical and moral considerations, they just do not agree on the **HOW???** The consensus on this issue is remarkably broad, and cuts across political, ideological, national, and cultural boundaries. Here at Graystone Ranch Wildlife Education Center we rescue "**ANY**" animal, cat or insect, and provide the animal with a habitat or placement if it can not be released back into the wild. Until governments and people can agree, we will do our best to provide future generations the opportunity to enjoy all species. **We believe this is GODS plan!**

