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***Watch Rescued Big Cats and Bears Open Gifts and
Play with Christmas Trees at Lions Tigers & Bears
Christmas Festival TOMORROW***

*Win a Chance to Feed Moka - the Young Rescued Tiger Famously
Confiscated at the Border from a Smuggler*

*Food Trucks, Full Bar, Silent Auction, Shopping, AMAZING Animals & a visit
from Santa, All Proceeds Benefit Rescued Animals*

ALPINE, CA (November 30, 2018) - Lions Tigers & Bears Big Cat and Exotic Animal Sanctuary is making a list and checking it twice, but naughty or nice - ALL the rescued animals will be receiving gifts and fresh Christmas trees this year! The 93-acre, non-profit sanctuary is hosting its annual Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. As an added bonus, one lucky attendee will win the opportunity to feed Moka, the young tiger who was famously confiscated at the border from a smuggler, who tried to pass the cub off as a domestic cat. Moka, who is now almost a year-and-a-half, holds a special place in the hearts of many San Diegans who followed his rescue story.

"This is our most festive event of the year," says Lions Tigers & Bears Founder and Director Bobbi Brink. "Visitors have a blast watching all the animals play with their Christmas trees and tear open their presents. It's a fun-filled day, and all the proceeds help provide critical life-long care for these incredible creatures."



Volunteers will wrap over 100 presents, and sanctuary staff will provide fresh Christmas trees in each enclosure. "The gifts and Christmas trees are not just festive decoration," says Brink. "Captive big cats and exotic animals have complex physical and behavioral needs. Providing fresh sights, scents and treats to discover is one of the ways we work to prevent boredom and stimulate the animals' senses with essential enrichment activities."

The event features lots of special treats for people too!

Food trucks, a full bar, silent auction, shopping and a visit from the big man in red are all part of the fun. Reservations are recommended and can be booked [online](#), or by calling (619) 659-8078 option 4. The non-member cost is \$65 for adults, \$20 for children 12 and under. The member fee is \$40 for adults and \$15 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 more. VIP tickets include a Feed a Wild One experience and a holiday drink (must be 18+ with valid ID to feed animals). The non-member VIP ticket is \$150, and the member price is \$125. All proceeds benefit rescued animals.

Located in Alpine, California on the edge of the Cleveland National Forest, the sanctuary is home to over 60 animals representing 19 different species, including African lions, tigers, American black bears, Himalayan black bears, grizzly bears, mountain lions, leopards, African servals, bobcats and dozens of rescued ranch animals.

A visit to Lions Tigers & Bears is informative and inspirational. Bears once confined in concrete pits, lions previously prodded to perform tricks, and baby tigers torn from their mothers to be drugged, chained and posed for photo ops - all now have lifelong refuge and care. Rescued from squalid conditions, these animals enjoy expansive habitats with green grass, refreshing ponds, nutritionally-appropriate diets, veterinary care, behavioral enrichment, and clean air, under sunny blue skies. Proceeds from sanctuary visits and events support lifesaving rescues and lifelong care for rescued animals. Reservations required for all visits.

ABOUT LIONS TIGERS & BEARS

Lions Tigers & Bears is a federally and state licensed 501(c)(3) nonprofit rescue facility dedicated to providing a safe haven to abused and abandoned exotic animals while inspiring an educational forum to end the exotic animal trade. Lions Tigers & Bears is a NO KILL, NO BREED and NO SELL facility that allows the animals in its care the opportunity to live out their lives with dignity in a caring and safe environment. Lions Tigers & Bears is one of the few sanctuaries in the United States with the highest level of accreditation from the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and the American Sanctuary Association.