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Lions Tigers & Bears Rescues Two African Servals

Nonprofit Sanctuary Asks Animal Lovers to Help Provide Habitat Improvements and Lifelong Care for Junior and Miss Kitty

ALPINE, CA (October 10, 2019) - Lions Tigers & Bears, San Diego's only accredited, nonprofit big cat and exotic animal sanctuary, rescued two African servals from Arizona this week after the sanctuary's founder, Bobbi Brink received a call pleading for help.

Junior and Miss Kitty are settling into their quarantine habitat and getting to know their new keepers at LTB, and the sanctuary is asking for help to fund habitat improvements and lifelong care for the former privately-owned animals.

Help the rescued servals get the care and forever home they need with a donation to www.lionstigersandbears.org.

Tragically, one of the servals' owners passed away suddenly, and the spouse was left with two exotic wild cats and no means to care for them. Forced to move out of their family home, the surviving spouse had nowhere to house Junior and Miss Kitty and had run out of options.

Lions Tigers & Bears was founded to help animals just like this. For over 15 years, the rescue and education center has been saving animals and providing lifelong refuge to big cats, bears and other exotic animals with no place left to turn. Junior and Miss Kitty, join previously-rescued serval Denali - who was also a former privately-owned animals - at the sanctuary, bringing Lions Tigers & Bears' serval population to three.

The cats are approximately eight to nine years old. They've already received a veterinary assessment and will both have a complete physical examination soon. Additionally, new dens must be constructed and habitat features added - including fencing, roofing, and a shade structure to accommodate both cats once they complete their quarantine.

Lions Tigers & Bears is working to raise \$25,000 this week to help Junior and Miss Kitty.

Any funds raised in excess of the amount required for individual campaigns will be used where most needed.

Servals, like all wild cats have extremely high mental and physical needs, that are difficult to meet in private ownership. They should not be kept as pets.

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.