Rescued white tiger undergoes surgery at Lions Tigers and Bears sanctuary

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ALPINE (KUSI) – A white tiger rescued from a breeding operation in Ohio was spayed to Thursday at Lions Tigers & Bears sanctuary in Alpine.

Surgeons say the tiger, Crystal, is expected to make a full recovery over the next week.

"Crystal was rescued from prison-like conditions at an Ohio breeding facility, that was shut down in 2014." said Bobbi Brink, Founder and Director of Lions Tigers & Bears.

The sanctuary plays to reunite Crystal with her former tiger companion, Hank.

"Hank and Crystal are the lucky ones," said Brink. "They are survivors of the devastating exotic animal trade, which exploits animals for profit, subjecting them to massive animal welfare abuses, and puts all tiger populations in jeopardy."

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