

Oct/Nov/Dec 2010



VALLEY OF THE KINGS SANCTUARY & RETREAT

The Pug Mark

Sanctuary Update

Now, cold and bitter winter winds will be arriving shortly. The winter months are by far the hardest time of the year for us. Defrosting frozen meat, clearing the paths, driveway and parking lot, removing snow loads from roofs, chopping frozen door ways open and clearing ice build up away from guillotine's make for long days. It is important to keep animals warm, dry and fed extra each day. It is also important to make sure we have enough supplies and food during winter storms or blizzards. We all go into somewhat of a survival mode as we muddle through those brutal months. Spring of 2011 will bring with it

new found hope for all we wish to accomplish. We are in need of funds to build enclosures for incoming animals. Each enclosure will run \$2,500.00 to \$8,000.00 each and are sorely needed. We turn animals away monthly because of not having enough space. We have enclosed an additional 1/2 acre in new 8'chain link perimeter fencing. It is now ready to start construction of new enclosures, and that area will enable us to

rescue more lives. We also will have to install a new 200amp electric service to cover that area and upgrade some existing circuits. We hope to one day purchase the 35 acres that surround the Sanctuary. We would then be able to grow our own hay and grain instead of buying it, giving the hoofed stock far more room and expand in wonderful new ways. Perhaps our wish will come true one day, but alas, if it's meant to be, it's meant to be. If not, we will continue on with what we

have and take comfort in knowing the animals we have saved are forever loved and safe. We wish you all the best this Holiday Season and

coming New Year and pray for world peace to shine on this beautiful planet and all who inhabit Our Mother Earth.

Holiday Blessings to all.
Love and
Xtra Big
Hugs,

**Jill, Jim
and Animal
Friends**



Letters from Members

Jill, Jim and Friends
Just got back from a wonderful visit to the Sanctuary. Your love and compassion toward those animals always leaves us with a feeling of over whelming joy. THANKS FOR THE GREAT WORK!

Donna Thompson
Rockford, Illinois

To whom it may concern,
In April of this year I visited your compound along with a long time friend **Irene Sollano**. I was so impressed by the devotion of each of the volunteers that were present that day and the excellent care and attention that was given to all the animals you house. God knows this is no easy task by any means.

Thank-You,
Elena Incognoli
Northvale, New Jersey

Dear Jill, Jim and furry friends,
Just reading the most recent news letter and aware of how much I miss seeing you each summer. Since our Unitarian camp no longer has a home at Lake Geneva I do not often get to "talk Great Cat and rescue" with many folks. That does not mean you are any less in out thoughts and hearts. At a recent weekend event of my Medievalist History Hobby group I heard someone mention VOTK. I asked the guy if he knew anyone named "Nook" and his face just lit up. "Tig" has been a long time supporter of VOTK and was pleased to meet another. I just love how things have a way of connecting for the greater good. It helps me stay sane. I hope you and Jim have enjoyed decent health this summer and

that the coming winter is kind to you and the furies.

Love and Big Hugs,
Traci Eaton
Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Jim and Jill Tomasi,
Thank you so much for letting us come to Valley of The Kings. I really liked the big lion. It scared me though. I again really liked that you allowed us to come there. It really made me happy. I like tigers. I wish we could pet them but even Andy couldn't. Andy was really nice.

I liked the way he interacted with the animals. He was very sweet and affectionate. I also liked the wolves. Wolves are some of my favorite animals of course I liked the lions and tigers the best.

Sincerely,
Michaela
Allendale Association
Lake Villa, Illinois

To the staff at Valley of The Kings,

I strongly appreciate our tour around your generous Sanctuary. Andy was very articulate when explaining the lives of the animals before and after your safe haven took them for the better. One of the many interesting facts I remember are the 5 major sub-species, including the Cinnamon Tabby and the South China Tiger. My favorite memories of the tour were getting up close to the wolves and having the solace in knowing it can always get better, whether you are an animal close to death or a girl with no hope. Once again, I would like to say thank you for your tour (Andy was amazing) and overall help for animals.

Thank You,
Andrea Morales
Allendale Association
Lake Villa, Illinois

Dear Valley of the Kings,

Thank You so much for opening your Sanctuary to us. We really appreciate it. You gave us an opportunity to see new things. The animals were so amazing. I've never seen a white and caramel tiger before. It was so cool. I've also never seen a horse with no eyes. It made me really sad. The white tiger was so beautiful. I've never seen anything like the Sanctuary before. Everything I saw there was unbelievable. I just wish I could come back and see you guys again. I've learned alot and I want to learn more.

Giammi Knox
Allendale Association
Lake Villa, Illinois

Fundraisers

The Motor Cycle rides raised over \$5,000.00 to help the animals.

May 2nd, ride: \$525.00

May 22nd Susan Murzyn ride: \$495.00

June 12th Milwaukee Harley-Davidson ride: \$537.00

June 19th Diablo Lobos of Delavan ride: \$500.00

July 10th Woodstock Harley-Davidson ride: \$1,381.00 (Note: Woodstock H-D has put a link to us on their website.)

July 19th Lake Shore Harley-Davidson ride: \$1,030.00

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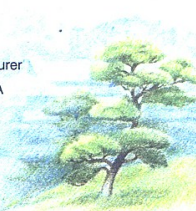
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Things We Need!!

We are once again in need of **blankets, blankets and more blankets.**

Also needed: .

- ◆ items for gift shop
- ◆ utility poles (new or used)

It would be impossible for us to get through the winter without donations of these much needed blankets. Thanks!

Words About Our Volunteers

Special people touch the animals' lives and ours at the Sanctuary on a daily basis. We have been blessed to know and love so many people. The Sanctuary could not exist without these wonderful souls who love the animals as much as we do. Their hearts fill with joy and goodness as they care for the animals. The work is hard and the days are long, yet they do not complain. They look out for one another and drop everything to help someone if needed. Volunteering is not a 9 to 5 experience it's a 9 till your done experience, which sometimes isn't until 8 or 9 at night. Our dedicated staff always go above and beyond our expectations. Laughter fills the Sanctuary grounds on any given day and that happiness spreads to the health and well being of our beloved animals. We give "Thanks" this Holiday Season to each and every volunteer the animals have to rely on and the Sanctuary is blessed in more ways than one can imagine. God Bless you and Thank You!



Are you looking for a way to help the sanctuary financially, but don't know how? VOTK now accepts PayPal!

PayPal is a **secure** internet-based way to send and receive money. All you need is an email address and a credit card. Anyone can use PayPal to buy gift shop items, buy or renew memberships, or donate money to the sanctuary.

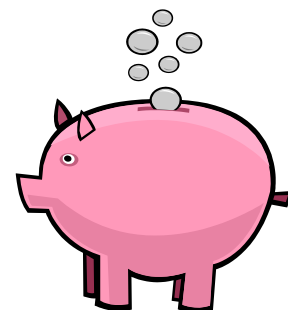
To use PayPal, simply log onto **www.paypal.com**. You will have to set up your own personal PayPal account (it's free), then click on "send money". Enter our email address **info@votk.org** for general contributions to VOTK. If you send us a donation, please indicate whether it is for our general fund or a specific project. Enter the amount you wish to send. You can pay either with a credit card or checking account.



The sanctuary will then get an email, informing them of your donation. It's a quick and easy way to make a difference to the sanctuary, even if you can't make it up to see us every weekend!!

If you write us a check for a donation, please note on the check whether it is for our moving fund or for general fund.

HELP US TO GIVE THE ANIMALS ALL THEY DESERVE AND MORE BY CREATING A SAFE HAVEN AND TRUE SANCTUARY FOR ALL ETERNITY.



In Memory of Our Beloved Wallaby, Chester

Chester was humanely euthanized by Dr Rudawski September 16th.

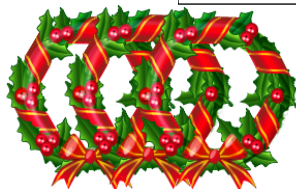
He suffered from a common disease Wallaby's get called

"Lumpy Jaw". Experts say it doesn't matter if you

treat it or not it will eventually claim a Wallaby's life. We treated Chester for Lumpy Jaw last year and he responded beautifully to antibiotic and drain therapy. This year however, we were not so lucky. May 13th, we noticed the lumpy Jaw was back with a vengeance and Chester spent most of the summer at Dr Rudawski's clinic being treated. During the time he could come home we treated him as well. Chester fought a long hard battle and loved everyone who tried to help him right up to his final moment. God Bless Dr Rudawski and his entire staff for all they did to make Chester comfortable and who tried save his precious life. We will forever be grateful for everyone's efforts. Chester was



brought to us by his owner who purchased him illegally in Chicago. He would take Chester outside to play in his backyard, but when the neighbors saw him and complained, Animal Control stepped in and Chester arrived at our facility a few days later. He was a bright, happy little wallaby who loved everyone. His old owner and son would come to visit Chester on occasion and you could tell they had a close bond with one another. Chester was never abused and although his life was cut short, he touched many lives and will be missed for a very long time. Lumpy Jaw is exactly as it sounds. Wallabys get an infection in the jaw when their teeth do not shed properly. The infection can spread throughout the jaw into the bone, behind the eyes and to the brain. Eventually the Wallaby becomes "septic", immune to any type of therapy, as in Chester's case, and then must be put to sleep. We will miss our little Macropod but are grateful we had the time we had with him.



Our Christmas Wish

If we could have but one wish this Holiday season it would be for all our members and friends to help us grow. We are in need of new enclosures for displaced animals coming in and replacing structures that are more than 30 years old. It will cost over \$165,000 to buy pre-made panels to complete our 2011 projects. All donations are 100% tax deductible and you will in turn save many more lives. All funds donated go directly to helping the animals. The Board of Directors and Jill and Jim have never taken a salary from the Sanctuary and never will! Please help the animals this Holiday Season and enable us to save that many more lives.

MYTH; "If I don't donate someone else will."

We survive solely on donations, you as members are the reason the Sanctuary exists God bless each and everyone of you!

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New Arrivals

On October 7th we took in two horses, **Abby** and **Sara**. They were brought in for big cat food. They were found starved and abandoned in a local forest preserve. These horses were skeletons with hide pulled over them and their lives were slowly slipping away. Another rescue took them in but did not have the funds to put them back together again. These two horses needed detailed veterinary care, dentals, farrier work, worming and good food in their bellies.

As soon as we are done with their rehabilitation they will be available for adoption. We want them to remain together, as they are inseparable. Both horses are purebred Arabians, mild mannered and easy to handle. If you own horses please consider these two special spirits and if you don't own a horse they would be perfect beginners horses.

Abby is 13 hands and Sara is 14 hands tall. These two mares are really low on the totem pole and should not be put with a group of other horses. This depressed economy has forced owners to do horrible things to their animals. Horses are being dumped in forest preserves or tied to trailers, then discovered when the riders come back to their stations. People cannot afford to feed them and can not give them away in ads. They are unwanted when people have to decide between feeding their family or the horses. The horse is going to lose out. Please support your local shelters for big and small animals because many people are in the same situation. We struggle each month with feed and

operating expenses, along with veterinary bills, like everyone else. No rescue is immune to the present state of the economy.

We just received word of yet another Sanctuary closing in western Wisconsin that housed farm animals. We will try to commit to some of their animals. Many Sanctuary's are closing due to lack of funds and shifting the burden to other safe haven's like ours or sadly, choosing euthanasia as a solution.

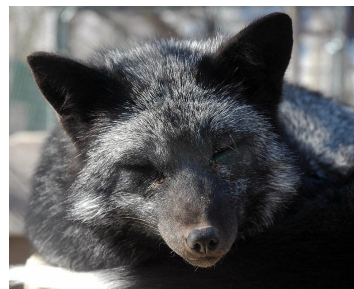
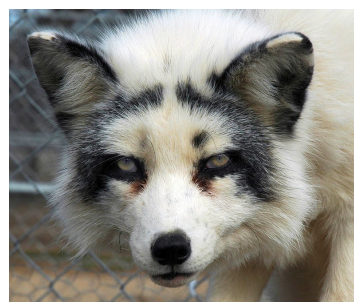
The Wildlife Orphanage in Texas has closed their doors to both of their facilities and now 297 animals are in need of new homes. Some have been placed but many still remain. If we can create space we may be able to take some of their special needs big cats this coming Spring.

More Arrivals

Whitney and **Baca** are two red fox mutations that we brought home from northern Wisconsin October 24th. Their owner has rheumatoid arthritis and could no longer take care of them. Neither has been abused and both have been pampered their whole life. We have them separate from our other foxes and they are living in a temporary enclosure near Festus. Whitney is a beautiful Sun Glow male and Baca is a Black and Silver female. They are both imprinted and love treats. The two are in need of Sponsors. The cost of Sponsorship is \$25.00 per month for each fox.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Andy** and **Tess** who were married 10-9-10 in Spokane, Washington. Andy's new family of 4 are Tess, Holden and Harry. We welcome Tess and her sons to our wonderful family at VOTK and we wish Andy and Tess many, many wonderful years as man and wife. Andy has been a long time volunteer at the Sanctuary and will continue to do so. For those of you who have had tours with Andy or know him please send cards to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carlson c/o Valley of the Kings, W7593 Town Hall Rd, Sharon, Wisconsin 53585-9728. We will see that they get them.



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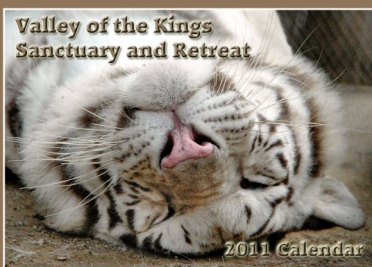
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Winter's Here! — please donate blankets!

2011 VOTK Calendars



The 2011 VOTK calendars are here! Get your orders in now, before they're gone! You can purchase them from the VOTK gift shop for \$20. Or send a check for \$20 for each calendar *(including shipping)* to the Sanctuary.

Send checks to
Valley of the Kings Sanctuary
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Remember — each calendar you purchase helps the animals.



In Memory of our beloved
Aunt Terry
Mary and Lance Duesing

In Memory of **Terry Mohr**
Mr and Mrs RV Kriz

In Beloved Memory of my Mother, **Terry Mohr**, who passed away in August of this year. She loved animals and enjoyed photos of the big Cats at the Sanctuary that my cousin Mary, would show her. She is missed beyond measure.

Janey Mohr
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Providers of Loving Care for Animals who would otherwise be without shelter: We have enclosed a small donation from our Sunshine Club at the request of the family of **Terry Mohr** in lieu of flowers in recognition of her passing. Terry showed a keen interest in joining your organization, but passed away suddenly before she could fulfill that wish. Thank You for all you do.

Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia L. Kemp
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

In Memory of my cousin's cat, **Peaches**, who lost his battle with diabetes and irritable bowel syndrome. Martin and Marybeth took in Peaches several years ago, along with other strays that they have cared for in their neighborhood in the Bronx. Peaches' life was made better and in turn Martin's life was enhanced by his friend and

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August 22nd Tin Mans Pub
ride: \$605.00

September 11th Wild Fire Harley-Davidson ride: \$185.00

Other Fund raisers and Special Thank You goes to:

Glenn and Jeans Knoblock's
group Bicycle ride \$348.00

Dr. Tom's Special Cookout
\$2,030.00

Kathy Bieber's Garage sale
\$700.00

companion as well. Peaches was blessed, wonderful and will always be part of Martin and Marybeth's life.

Elena Incognoli
Bronx, New York

In Beloved Memory of **Gypsy**, who was a very special cat. She was 16 1/2 years old and waited for us to get home and hold her one last time before crossing Rainbow Bridge. Banjo, her best friend, greeted her at Rainbow bridge, united once more for all eternity. We miss them both terribly and take comfort in knowing they are together.

Fern and Tom Ramirez
Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin

In Memory of Beloved **Corkie**, Best friend and companion of **Sue Bond**. Corkie loved to go on long walks and looked forward to her visits with Sue. She truly was Sue's best friend who spent time with Corkie everyday, for 7+ years.

Forever Blessed,
Forever Missed,
Sue Bond
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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kin sale \$285.00

Special "Thank You" to **Dr Tom Pusateri, "Jo Jo" Giovannoni, Sandy Sherman, "Kriket", Carl Marcyan, Stefan Levy, Angel Matthews, Karen Smith, Darylenn and Kathy Bieber** for all the wonderful energy put forth in fundraisers to help the animals in our care!

In Beloved Memory of **Flossie Burrow**. She loved all animals and nursed injured cats, raccoons and other wildlife back to health. This precious lady was 107 years old and lived in Darien, Wisconsin.

Dottie Kozeluh
Oak Lawn, Illinois

In Memory of my Grand kitty, **Miss Scarlet**. I guess you missed your Rhett too much. Now were left missing both of you.

Sue Rainer
Waukesha, Wisconsin

In memory of **Sherman**, a large orange cat who thought he was a tiger. Sherman never met a dog he couldn't intimidate; he was fearless and voracious, and was the sweetest, best-loved cat. We miss him. Even the dog misses him.

Kathy Piper & Jerry Hunsanger
Spokane, Washington



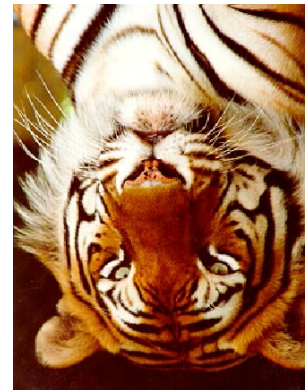
**Sanctuary Visiting Hours:
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Tours only at 2:00 and 4:00 Saturdays and Sundays. Workdays are every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. If you want to help make a difference in the lives of the animals, please consider joining our Construction Crew. For information regarding construction projects or general volunteering opportunities, please contact the Sanctuary at 262-736-9386

**Sanctuary is closed on holidays. We are not open to the public.
Members must have valid membership card.
(Sorry, we cannot accept new memberships at the gate.)**

*Please note: There is a charge of \$10 per person each time you visit with more than one guest.
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