



The Pug Mark

So many negative world events have taken place this year and continue to be the forefront of the news each and every day. People worldwide are struggling to feed their families and make ends meet. Our prayers go out to the world and to all its inhabitants: winged, two- and four-legged. Animals are being abandoned and relinquished at record rates. Shelters and sanctuaries are overflowing with abandoned pets that owners can no longer afford to feed. It is important that donations continue to come in year round into every shelter and Sanctuary that exists. If donations cease, it will surely guarantee certain death for millions of animals in the United States.

As humans, we have done a great job destroying Mother Earth. Humans have caused more damage in the last 150 years than in the last three million! We pray for the planet and future generations of humans and animals. What will the world be like in another thirty years or less? Where will the food chain be in relation to cancer, airborne illnesses or antibiotic resistant bacteria? Wildlife is doomed and has been vanishing over the last ten years at record rates as well as our glaciers worldwide. Song birds, bees and endangered species...the march is on for record extinction. Through the years we would see butterflies and honeybees in droves but not anymore. The beautiful yellow Monarch Butterfly requires milkweed to survive but it is de-

stroyed with pesticides as a noxious weed. We have not seen many of either this year. Mother Earth is suffering. In order for extinction to happen, firstly the wildlife disappears, for they are the canary in the coal mine. We are all witness to these events and humans have been warned, but we fear it is too late for this planet to recover from what we humans have done to her.

We pray for an enlightened future for mankind and animals. A new dawn where every living thing

shall live in harmony and peace. No more wars and senseless killings, no more homeless animals and finding respect for Mother Earth. That is our prayer. We

wish everyone peace these final months of the year and pray for a mild winter and a Blessed Holiday Season.

Love and Extra Big Hugs,
Jill, Jim and Animal Friends



Letters from Members

We would like to Thank you again for giving Molly bear a good retirement home. It was painful to part with her. She allowed us to share her strength and gentleness for many years. Born in Captivity, the freedom to live with Vinnie in your environment must have felt very freeing. I still think of her often. With appreciation for all that you have done for her.

Best Wishes,

Grace and Dave Brehm

Dear Ones All,

I hope all is well with you. I think of you often and the special work you do. As a child, I used to think if I ever became a millionaire, I'd build a home for homeless cats. I guess my small gifts to VOTK are as close as I will ever reach that goal ...a home for cats or a million in my bank account. Just pleased that I can do something.

Fern and Tom Ramirez

Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin

Thank you for letting us help your cause. I wish I could do more at this time but in these times that are so dire, I wish to help a cause and change a little part of my World. These donations will continue, you have my word! God Bless and thank you for letting us help you.

Debbie and Roger Schoonouar

Edgerton, Wisconsin

Dear Jill and Jim

Thank You for Valley of The Kings ARK! You are a Blessing to life on this side of the "rainbow"! God has given you a job here to protect the Life he has created. My Love is with All of you,

Carolyn Jacobs

Fontana, Wisconsin

Dear VOTK, My Sister-in-law Tina West in Cary, Illinois is a BIG fan of yours and she has inspired me to send a donation. She took me there once when I was home visiting. I was very impressed with how you are helping these animals.

Thank you and keep up the great work!

Cathy West

Weston, Connecticut

Dear Valley of The Kings,

Thank You very much for having The Washington County Humane Society's "Romp with the Animals Campers" to your Sanctuary again this Summer. It's a great opportunity to educate kids about what you do and why. We appreciate your hospitality! See you next Summer!

Dear Jill and Jim

Thank You for all the tender loving care you are giving and have given to God's creatures, Great and Small. You are God's Angels here on Earth. May God send you many blessings each day and the support you need to help you continue your TLC to all in your care. Sincerely,

Lois Haas

...One very hot Summer day while doing some volunteer work at an animal Sanctuary not far from my home, I was suddenly overcome by deep shame, despairing the fate of humans. Thinking that if we don't soon come to be living our lives more peacefully and harmoniously, we might be the next species to make the extinction list. As I sat for a few minutes to rest in the shade, thumbing through my journal pages-scores of them filled with the horrifying details of what the resident animals at the Sanctuary had been subject to—all at the hands of humans, I cussed out loud. "Why the hell do the animals keep coming here-especially now? And humans too?!" Then from the enclosure behind me I heard the rasping in the dry dirt sounds of one of the elder male lions shifting his body position, enough so he caught my attention. Not realizing I'd been over heard, bodhisattva lion (ten pen lion) quite in

earnest answered me, "Who (else) would teach you?" I wept more. I felt grateful of course for his graciousness in bothering to reply, and heartsick that there isn't enough being done to lovingly tend and heal each other into greater stability.

Excerpt from "Earth Animals Pray" by **Noreen McCluskey** volunteer VOTK

Dear Jill,

I have your last two letters here beside me at the keyboard. The first one advised that your much-loved Chaucer was failing; the second one that he had gone back to his Creator....the One that made him and all other creatures here on Planet Earth, so beautiful, so perfect...so fouled by the likes of us. Since I am of the opinion it's possible animals can be loved even more deeply than humans, I am your kindred Spirit with the loss of our four footed friends. Your calling in life is bitter/sweet. You take the old, the damaged, the tortured and give them love, caring and hope. Yet, they often come to you so twisted that their lifespan becomes unduly shortened with past cruelties affecting the present.


Chaucer was one of the exceptions...you got him when he was young. You became his loving 'family' for 24 years and those years were full and happy. The same strength God gave you to take them on, He provides when

you have to let them go.

Joan Davis

Decatur, Illinois





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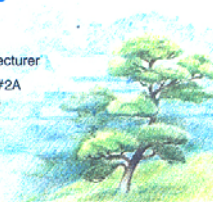
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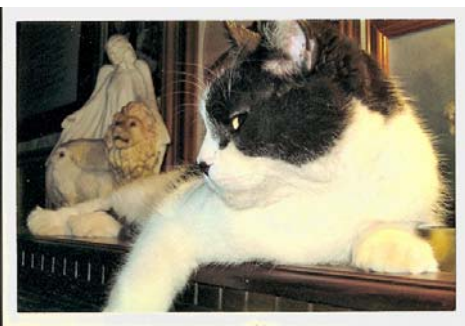
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Words About Our Volunteers

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" 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.

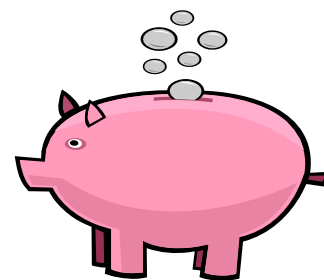
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The sanctuary will then get an email, informing them of your donation. It's a quick and easy way to make a difference to the sanctuary, even if you can't make it up to see us every weekend!!

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.

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In Memory of our Beloved Chaucer

*I*n the early morning hours of June 20th we put our beautiful black-maned lion, Chaucer, to sleep. He had taken a sudden turn for the worse and it was necessary to let him go. Our hearts were heavy with his passing but we take great comfort in knowing his final year was filled with special pampering and daily massages. Chaucer would moan and drool as Jim massaged his shoulders. It was the best part of Jim, Chaucer's and my day.

Vicki, one of our volunteers, also spoiled Chaucer with back rubs; and he loved her too. Vicki's mother was dying of cancer and was in hospice. Her mom died at 12:18 a.m. and Chaucer crossed over at 1:18 a.m., exactly one hour apart on the same day. One of our other volunteers had a dream that night of an old lion and an elderly lady walking up a hill together to a light. It was fitting that Vicki's mother went with Chaucer, because Vicki was the only other person beside us that could handle him. It gave us inner peace in knowing that the Universe timed it that way.

When a human spends so much time each day and night with a sick or elderly animal in need, all of a sudden time becomes irrelevant. It feels strange until a short time later that void is filled with another animal in need.

Chaucer is now at peace with his beloved friends that he made at the Sanctuary through the years: lions Katia, Ajja, Jonah, Bunkey and Sheba. He out lived them all! Chaucer was with us for 24 years; he had resided at the Sanctuary since he was five months old. His father was in the movie "Out of Africa" and Nook, our Liger, was his half brother (from the same father). Chaucer came from

a breeder in Indiana to be a friend for Ajja who was a disabled lion. He would bring food to Ajja on his bad days and watch over him. Chaucer was a therapy lion for all his friends he lived with through the years. He watched over them like an old mother hen and he always amazed us. All Chaucer's remaining family, twenty in all, were sold by Chaucer's breeder to a man in Wisconsin shortly after Chaucer came to live at VOTK. We wish there were a happy ending for them, but sadly, every single one was shot and harvested for



their meat and hides within a week of purchase.

Chaucer's family was the largest living colony of pure black-maned lions in the United States. The man who committed this horrible atrocity to Chaucer's family has killed hundreds if not thousands of exotics, most being bears and big cats, and it's all perfectly legal. You see, they are worth nothing alive but dead they are worth thousands!

Many animals come and go and then there are some that touch your life forever. Chaucer was one of those spirits where the connection you had with him in life continues on after death. Chaucer is now on another journey and I can feel the

gratefulness flow from his being for all we did to meet his needs and make him comfortable throughout the years.

The animals at the Sanctuary are downright spoiled and deserve to be pampered, respected, never to be exploited, and loved for as long as they are in our care. The universe has welcomed home two special spirits that have now become one. Chaucer and Vicki's Mom watch over all of us until the day our journey ends on this planet when we, too, are called home to join them and other loved ones who have crossed before us.

Rest in peace, sweet Chaucer, for you are forever loved. Today Chaucer's ashes rest in a wooden urn fit for our King of Kings with an LED candle that burns brightly 24/7 on top; it illuminates a magnificent photo of Chaucer in his prime. He will always be remembered, as his Spirit lives on and shines down to watch over those he loved in this life. Chaucer will forever be missed.



Changes at the Sanctuary

Fifty-six percent of America is in drought, much in severe drought. Wisconsin has been almost devoid of rain for the most of the summer. An unusually mild winter in 2011 and little snow for ground cover have also contributed to the drought. The farmers who were able to get into the fields to plant early fared better than most. Land has dried to dust and with cornfields parched, grain and hay prices are projected to skyrocket over the coming winter.

We are concerned about future costs and being able to afford to feed the rescued hooved stock in our care.

Robert Pearce Farms in Walworth, Wisconsin has been extremely good to us and we are blessed and grateful these wonderful people have extended their arms to help the animals in our care! **Thank you to Bob, MaryAnn Pearce and the entire Pearce family!**

The Sanctuary has been in the red for quite a few months now. Our reserve fund, which was set

aside for emergencies and unexpected bills, has been depleted. The Sanctuary is surviving right now on what donations are coming in each day. Bills have piled up and our future appears uncertain. As we continue our work we pray each day for a much needed miracle. During the past 38 years we have experienced hard times, always prevailing, but never to the degree we are at now. With help from above, we will continue to save and help animals of many species for the rest of our lifetime.

As we walk through the Sanctuary after a long day of hard work, we sit

with the big cats and listen to their hearts, exchange energy and look deep into the window of their souls. We made them a promise when each and every one of them came in and will honor that to our last breath. There is no other option as we must continue the work and Mission of the Sanctuary. We plan to keep reinventing the wheel to keep the Sanctuary up and running. We will seek more grants, add more fund raisers, continue membership drives, knocking on doors...doing whatever it takes. Quitting and walking away is

NOT an option!

Recently, we received a call from a Sanctuary that is closing their doors after 22 years. This is disturbing news and 28 big cats are in

need of a place to go. We do not have the funds to purchase chain link panels to house them. It breaks our hearts and their fate, at the moment, is uncertain. So many sanctuaries have closed their doors and hundreds of animals have been euthanized because there was no place for them to go.

Sanctuaries and private collectors throughout the country this summer have lost big cats to a lung fungus called blastomycosis. The dry parched earth from the drought releases spores from the dust and it settles in the animals' lungs killing

them usually within ten days and they cannot be saved. Each and every day this last hot humid summer we hosed down enclosures and animals to prevent loss of life.

The only heat related loss we suffered was one turkey! We are very grateful to the volunteers who came in the awful triple digit heat and saved our residents. All

the animals came through the heat with flying colors and according to NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), the summer of 2013 is going to be worse.

Our Senior Center is slowly taking shape. If we have a few dollars extra we put it into insulation, plywood and windows to try and keep this important project moving forward. The cost has been far more than we initially expected and is taking forever to complete. We have had only one volunteer working on that project just one day a month and a few more have just started to come in for another day a month. We are unable to pay a construction crew as we do not have the funds to do so. If anyone out there is a carpenter and has time to volunteer their services we would forever be grateful! Please call the Sanctuary at 262-736-9386 and leave a message.



Animal Updates

Assam

We transported Assam to Fox Lake Animal Hospital September 8th with the help of volunteers, to have his third cancer surgery to remove the tumor on his jaw that keeps regenerating. Dr Rudawski is not only our hero but this veterinarian is beyond wonderful! He is extremely special and a gift to so many two and four legged friends. Words cannot express our gratitude for all Dr. Rudawski has done to buy Assam more time.

Assam has already survived over a year with the de-bulking of his tumors and, with God's grace, he will survive to see 2013. We are so relieved he came through with flying colors. Dr Rudawski's staff had taken x-rays of Assam's lungs to see if his cancer has metastasized; it has not. His lungs are clear! Blessings to Assam, our beautiful beloved Assam! Please send cards of thanks to Dr Rudawski and his staff for giving Assam the miracle of life and for all this special gifted man does to help all animals each and everyday! It is an

honor to know and love Dr Rudawski, for we think you could travel the world over and you would not find another like him. Our Hero, Assam's Hero, Thank you Dr Rudawski for all you do to make such a wonderful difference in both human and animals lives!

Raj

Raj is doing great! He is eating, playing and does not act sickly at all. He was diagnosed with Lymphoma earlier this year and we believe he is in remission at this time. Raj and Assam have been on holistic cancer regimens and we believe this therapy has prolonged both their lives and prevented their cancers from spreading.

Whitney, our little Sunglow Fox had a second cancerous tumor removed a few months ago as well and is doing extremely well! He is also on Homeopathic cancer therapy as well. He is now happy, eating and so far his tumor has not returned.

Thank-you's

Big Hugs and Very Special Thank You goes to Susan **Reinholz!** Susan won a \$5,000.00 Grant from the Humana Foundation for VOTK! She was selected out of more than 60 Humana Associates who participated in their "Humana Gives Back Campaign"...Thank You Susan!!!

Special Thank You to **Pat Brecheen** for donating a big basket full of VOTK animal note cards to sell in our gift shop. Pat is Amazing with the camera and all the photos are outstanding!

Special Thank You to **Dan, Craig, Bill, Dan Johnson, Dan Mekel, Alex and Vince** for helping with construction at VOTK. They worked on the Senior Center and finished one of the cougar rooms, fixed ramps, and have been worth there weight in gold!! Much needed and extremely appreciated! We still have five more indoor enclosures to insulate and plywood and install the ceiling in the main and side isles. We are in need of help with the center all winter, it is a Huge project!

2013 VOTK Calendars

The 2013 VOTK calendars will be here soon! 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 *(includes \$2.00 shipping)* to the Sanctuary.

Send checks to
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Remember — each calendar you purchase helps the animals.



New Arrivals

*W*e promised the people we received Raj and Sheba from last year that we would be back for their bears Charlie and Blossom. We picked them up in the beginning of August when the heat wave finally broke and temperatures returned to the beautiful 70's. Our trip was uneventful. The crops were so poor that, during the trip, we saw farmers baling the grass and weeds along the side of the highways to gather enough feed to get their stock through the winter. The trash people had thrown out along the highway, noxious weeds...they were bailing it all. Some farmers had turned cattle out into corn fields that didn't grow due to the drought and thought maybe some good could come from the failed crops. Unfortunately, deadly nitrates are concentrated in the bottom 12 inches of the stalks. Due to this, entire herds of cattle died within hours. Many didn't realize how toxic the dried and partially grown corn was to their stock. This summer has been an expensive lesson for some farmers and I think winter will be met with the same fate to many animals.

Blossom, the bear, had health issues which Dr. Rudawski helped to turn around. When Blossom came in she exhibited respiratory issues with fast breathing and huffing hard to try and get air in. We could not tranquilize her with her respiratory system being suppressed; she would have not responded. Then she was put on a heavy duty antibiotic and Lasix regimen and she slowly improved. Whatever respiratory condition she had, she has had for a long time and at this point in time has improved dramatically and her breathing is now normal.

Blossom and Charlie, our new bears, are eating us out of house and home. Both thoroughly enjoyed their pool

this summer and fall. They are both wonderful sweet bears and we hope they will live a long happy life with us. They are both eighteen years of age. We have fruit, veggies and bread donated each week from Whole Foods in Chicago and all our farm animals and the bears and Tortoise also enjoy the bounty. Special thanks to **Karen Harris** for delivering a full car load each and every week!

Along with the bears we also brought home a huge land tortoise. Her name is Cricket but we call her Kibbet. She loves fresh fruit and veggies and is extremely healthy. On nice days she spends her time outdoors in the high compound and is brought into the barn each night before dark. Please ask to see her when you visit as she may not be in her outside area if it's a cool day. She will be housed in our Senior Center in a warm house with heat lamps for winter and has a viewing window for visitors.

At the time we picked up the bears and tortoise, their owner, Pam, had just had her first knee replacement and was in a world of pain. One of their barns burned to the ground because of an electrical issue and they lost many special animals that they loved dearly. Our thoughts and Prayers go out to Pam and Dave and we wish the best for these two wonderful souls and wished we lived closer so we could help with their remaining animals. They cried when their beloved bears left and yet took comfort in knowing they will have the best of care at the Sanctuary. We hope they can both visit one day to see the animals they love and had to part with.

Fee Changes

It's been more than ten years since we raised our membership fees. We find this change necessary to hopefully keep the Sanctuary afloat. Everything has gone up in price and we have been juggling bills, animal needs and contract workers' weekly pay. We have been in the red for quite some time and our struggle to stay afloat has been a battle. Funds to keep going each month to keep the Sanctuary running smoothly are in excess of \$10,000.00 and that is after we have cut back on all we can from every corner, nook and cranny. We need your help and all donations are tax deductible. We do not receive any State or Federal funding of any kind.

6 Month regular membership as of January 1st is \$75.00

6 Month Family membership as of January 1st is \$100.00

One year regular membership as of January 1st is \$150.00

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Remember, Seniors 62 and older are always half price



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Urgently Needed Items



We are in need of blankets, blankets and more blankets. Assam, Chicar and many of our residents depend on nice warm blankets to get through the cold winter nights. Many can only have blankets for bedding because of health issues. Please, we are asking schools, corporations and individuals to have blanket drives for the animals. Any blankets donated will be a blessing and greatly needed. We are also in need of canned and dry, any brand cat and dog food, paper plates, paper towels, bleach, kitty, litter, any type of grain, hay and shavings. We use approximately 200 bales of shavings each month, an endless supply of dog and cat food and meat for the big cats: chicken, turkey, beef, venison, bison etc... We do not feed pork, fish products or seasoned meat. Along with blanket drives to help the animals, meat drives are also needed, we have a 53' full size refrigerated semi trailer to fill for the summer of 2013. No gift is too small, everything we receive is a blessing! Special "Thank You" in advance to all who have and will help our cause.

God's Wings

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. Then the blaze had arrived and the heat scorched her small body, the mother remained steadfast...because she had been willing to die, so those under cover of her wings would live.

"He will cover you with his feathers,
And under his wings you will find
refuge"

(Psalm 91:14)



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VALLEY OF THE KINGS SANCTUARY

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What we Do and Don't do

We do educate the public about animal abuse and bring awareness to public schools, university's and special groups.

We do feed our animals 365 days a year, **we do not** believe in fasting them.

We do educational programs with videos and educational materials.

We do not believe in taking any of our animals to programs or fund raisers.

We do not sell our mailing list or share it with other organizations.

We do not believe in professional fundraisers. They take 90% to 98% of funds raised from organizations.

We do believe in raising funds the traditional way, through members' help and local fundraising events.

Unfortunately we do not receive any State or Federal funding. The Sanctuary is funded 100% through tax deductible donations from our dedicated members.



In memory of my beloved grandson, **Christopher Conning**. He was cherished and is missed so very much.

Marla Powers

In memory of our beloved rottweiler, **Sydney**. We will always cherish the memories of our big black hunk of love. She may have been unwanted and unloved prior to her life with us, but did not leave this way.

Lisa and Paul Ryding
Chicago, Illinois

In loving memory of my beloved nephew, **Scott Lentine**. He was a great, great animal lover! The world is an empty place without him.

Mary K. and Tom Miekina
Deerfield, Illinois

In memory of my sweet, old golden retriever, **Lacey**. We only shared a year and a half before you passed but our time together was a joy and I miss you.

Joann Kwiecinski
Temecula, California

In memory of **Miss Money Penny**, who had her ninth life recently. She was loved by many and missed by her best friends Julia and Wayne.

Cat Mithos
Los Angeles, California

In loving memory of **Chaucer Ingeborg Edwards**
Radcliff, Kentucky

In loving memory of **Jim Julin**, who was a gifted Rockford artist and good friend.

Donna Thompson
Rockford, Illinois

In memory of my beloved and cherished little black poodle, **Lamb-chops**.

Joann Kwiecinski
Temecula, California

In loving memory of **Michael Strachota**

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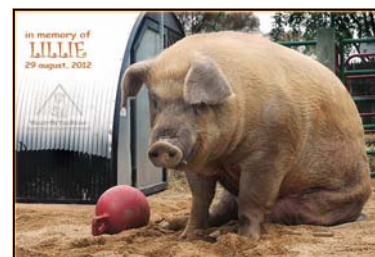
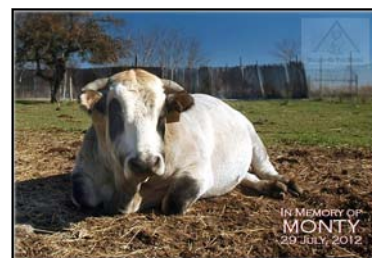
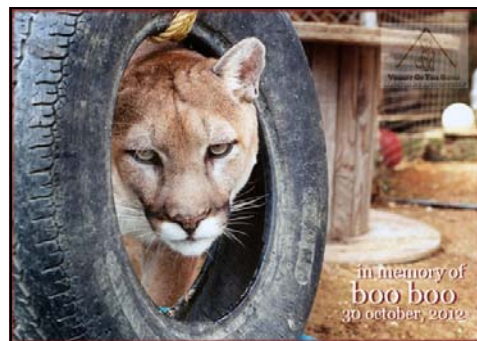
In memory of my sweet loving **Moonshine**.

Kelly Quick
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

In memory of **Grace Garlasco Lisa Leenheer**
Chicago, Illinois

In memory of **Booboo**. Our beloved cougar Boo died peacefully in his sleep during the early morning hours of October 30th. Boo was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy over eight years ago and was on heart medications to buy him more time. We never thought he would make it to the wonderful old age of 24 years! Boo was always happy and never had a bad day. He lived to be hugged and cuddled for as long as we wanted and always greeted his human friends with chirps of happiness. Boo came from Land O'Lorin, Batavia, IL many years ago. He had been starved and mistreated by this man for the first two years of his life. Lorin Womak is currently in prison, not for animal abuse but for trying to kill his girlfriend's husband! USDA tried unsuccessfully for eleven years to shut Land O'Lorin down. He just kept paying their fines and continued with animal neglect. Many screamed and shouted with glee the day he was arrested and taken away. Finally all his animals could find forever homes filled with endless love and have all their needs met. Boo had a great life with us, all his friends have gone before him with the exception of Chicar. Chicar and Boo had been living in an air conditioned enclosure in our Senior Cen-

ter in the main barn since June. Both had suffered heat stroke last year and spent a few weeks in our air conditioned meat barn till the triple digit heat passed. The horrible triple digit heat this past July stayed with us virtually the entire month and it would have been a certain death sentence for them both. We miss Boo Boo's voice greeting us each night as we came to do evening chores. Chicar is having a difficult time adjusting to the loss of his friend. Even though Boo at times irritated Chicar on purpose, they were buddies. Booboo was cremated and his ashes rest in an Amish-made urn, resting on the top of Chaucer's urn.



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