

Projects you and your school or organization can do to help wildcats in need.



THE WILDCAT  
SANCTUARY



Shazam ~ Leopard

*Shazam enjoys his firehose hammock*

*Kids  
Helping  
Wildcats*

We want to provide these animals with the best care possible  
and allow them to live their lives as close to nature as possible.  
There are many ways you can help us make a difference.



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The Wildcat Sanctuary (TWS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit, rescue facility, located in Sandstone, Minnesota. TWS provides for the humane rescue and sheltering of unwanted, mistreated, and neglected privately owned wildcats that pose a risk to public safety. We do not buy, breed, trade or sell animals.

TWS is committed to educate the public about the captive wildlife crisis; and supporting legislative solutions to the public safety issues created by private ownership of wild animals. At TWS, animals are never bought, sold, bred, traded, or mistreated in anyway. Each resident is given every opportunity to behave naturally in a wonderfully humane environment for life. The Sanctuary is the only accredited big cat sanctuary in the Midwest which means it meets strict care and safety standards.

The vision and need for The Wildcat Sanctuary has garnered endorsements from the Minnesota Zoo and the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Care Program. TWS has earned a national reputation for excellence in rescuing and housing captive wildcats while providing a unique service to animal control officers, local sheriff departments, humane societies as well as the Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

*The  
Wildcat  
Sanctuary*



Make a special connection to the  
resident or species of your choice



**Imagine personally saving  
one of these amazing animals!**

Is your school mascot a tiger or lion? Or do you just love big cats? Your class or school can sponsor a cat at The Wildcat Sanctuary.

Sponsoring the cat of your choice is truly a once in a lifetime experience. Your sponsorship fees will go toward healthcare, feeding and housing your sponsored cat. You will receive the Sanctuary DVD and updates regularly so you can see for yourself the difference your contributions make!



Cats you can sponsor include domestic hybrids, servals, caracals, bobcats, lynx, jungle cats, Geoffroy's cats, cougars, a leopard, jaguar, tigers and lions. Sponsorships range from \$150 - \$600.

Sponsorship forms can be found at  
[www.wildcatsanctuary.org/adopt/adopt.html](http://www.wildcatsanctuary.org/adopt/adopt.html)



Aslan ~ Lion

*Aslan monitors activity at the Sanctuary*

*Sponsor  
a  
wildcat*

**Collect loose change or supplies to  
help care for The Wildcat Sanctuary residents**



Abby - Jungle Cat

Abby relaxes in the sun

# Supply and Cash Drives

**Help raise funds or acquire supplies needed  
to care for The Wildcat Sanctuary residents.**

## **Pennies for Paws**

Every penny counts. You and your group can organize a penny drive to raise as many pennies as possible to help pay for toys and food for the wildcats. You can do chores, make posters or have a garage sale to raise as many pennies as possible.

## **Supply Drive**

Help collect much needed supplies from our wish list to help us run the Sanctuary.

Items such as copy paper, paper towels, cat litter, detergent, garbage bags, and others are always welcomed. Other items can be viewed at [wildcatsanctuary.org](http://wildcatsanctuary.org).

## **Birthday Gifts**

Use your birthday to raise money and gifts for the cats. Ask guests to bring a gift from our wish list to your party. Or request donations for the cats as your birthday gift. You'll be amazed how happy your birthday can be when you help animals in need.



Projects you and your organization or school can build to help wildcats in need



Tractor & Scooter - Bobcats *Tractor & Scooter catch a few winks*

# Building Projects

Use your own hands to put together items for the cats' habitats and make the lives of our residents better every day.

## Perches

Our cats love to jump and climb. You can help make their habitats a fun place to be by building platform perches for them to lounge and jump on.

## Fire Hose Hammocks

Wildcats love to lounge around. What better way to do that than in a hammock?

Wildcat hammocks are made of old fire hoses that are woven together to make the best cat bed around.

The Wildcat Sanctuary already has the fire hose material, we just need your help to make the hammocks.

# The cats at The Wildcat Sanctuary enjoy getting new and exciting toys, too



Tasha - Cougar

*Feisty Tasha pounces on her mobile*

## Cat Toys

**The Wildcat Sanctuary residents enjoy  
playtime as much as the next guy.**

### Paper Mache Toys

TWS' residents receive enrichment in the form of toys, perches and other items. Paper mache balls and animal shapes are perfect for the cats. TWS staff hides scents and meat treats in the toys.

The cats love their play time. You can make paper mache toys using regular flour paste and newspaper. Brown paper grocery and lunch bags can also be used to make fringe or other fun decorations. Cardboard mailing tubes and boxes can be used to make more animal shapes.

Child safe paint is also safe for the cats, so feel free to put on finishing touches. Please remove the balloons, staples or any shipping tape that could harm the cats.

### Toy Collection

Start a toy collection at your school. Items like tennis and soccer balls are always popular. All of our cats also enjoy scents such as catnip, Lawry's season salt and other herbs and spices most people have in their kitchen. We can also use PVC tubes to make mobiles for the cats.



Use your imagination to think of  
more ways to help The Wildcat Sanctuary



Mufasa - African serval

*Mufasa gets into his painting*

*Getting  
Involved*

There are many ways you can help.  
We would love to hear your great ideas, too.

### Teacher Tool Kit

Request a tool kit to learn how to *Keep the Wild in Your Heart Not Your Home* for your school. For a \$25 donation, you will receive a packet with:

- *Keeping the Wild in Your Heart Not in Your Home* illustrated book to read out loud
- TWS DVD with several videos and slide shows of our cats and our cause
- *Kids Helping Wildcats* Flyer
- Coloring templates

### Let Us Know How You Want To Help

Contact us and let us know what projects you would like to do. Document your project with pictures, etc. and we'll highlight your group and project on our website.

Donations can also be made online via credit card at [www.wildcatsanctuary.org](http://www.wildcatsanctuary.org) or by mail at:

The Wildcat Sanctuary  
PO Box 314  
Sandstone, MN 55072

# Read amazing and fun facts about wildcats, then try the exercises to learn first hand



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Lilly - Tiger

Lilly cools off in her pool

## Fun Facts and Exercises

### Fun Cat Facts

#### Tigers

1. The tiger's saliva is antiseptic and comes in handy for cleaning their wounds.
2. Tiger stripes are individually as unique as the human finger print.

#### Lions

1. Lions are the only feline that live in a pride and hunt cooperatively.
2. All females in a pride are related.
3. Both males and females roar and can be heard up to 5 miles.

#### Leopards

1. Leopards will stalk and eat their prey in trees to avoid conflict with other predators like lions.
2. The strongest climber among the big cats, a leopard can carry prey twice its weight up a tree.

#### Jaguars

1. Fossil records from two million years ago show evidence of jaguars.
2. Jaguars have the strongest jaws amongst cats, second strongest in all land mammals.

#### Cougars

1. After humans, mountain lions have the largest range of any mammal in the Western Hemisphere.
2. Cougar's hind legs are larger and more muscular than their front legs which give them great jumping power.
3. The cougar holds the Guinness record for the animal with the highest number of names with over 40 names in English alone. (puma, panther, mountain lion, etc.)

#### Lynx

1. Lynx are known to jump 7' into the air from a sitting position to catch game birds in flight.
2. Lynx eyesight is so strong that it can spot a mouse 250 feet away.

3. Lynx large fur covered feet act as natural snowshoes in order to help stalk their prey in deep snow.

#### Bobcats

1. The deep low growl of a bobcat can be easily confused for a mountain lion's call.
2. Bobcats living in the north tend to be larger than those in the south.

#### African Serval

1. Servals have the longest legs relative to body size of all cat families.
2. While hunting, the Serval may pause for up to 15 minutes at a time to listen with it's eyes closed.
3. The Serval is reputed to be the most effective hunter of all mammals in the animal kingdom.

#### Caracal

1. A Caracal's ears, which it uses to locate prey, are controlled by 20 different muscles.
2. Caracals are best known for their spectacular skill at hunting birds, able to snatch a bird in flight, sometimes more than one at a time.
3. The pupils of a Caracal's eyes contract to circles rather than slits.

#### Jungle Cats

1. Often seen in groups, the Jungle Cat is perhaps the only feline where both male and female come together to actively partake in the rearing of the young.
2. Jungle Cats were revered by ancient Egyptians and sometimes mummified and placed in their tombs.

#### Geoffrey's Cat

1. Geoffrey's kittens are able to stand after only four days.
2. Geoffrey's Cats are agile climbers spending most of the daytime in a tree and hunting at night.

### Exercises

#### Cheetahs chasing Antelope

Cheetahs can run fast for about 20 seconds before they get tired. Try this game to see how quickly you become tired.

- You'll need at least three friends, an open space, and a stopwatch or a watch with a second hand.
- Choose one person to be the timekeeper. One person pretends to be the cheetah chasing its prey.
- Everyone else pretends to be the antelope running from the cheetah.
- The timekeeper starts the game and counts 20 seconds.
- The cheetah must tag an antelope in 20 seconds.
- Take turns being the cheetah, the antelope, and the timekeeper.

A cheetah can run 550 feet in just 20 seconds. It must catch its prey before it gets too tired. It will need to rest before it can hunt again.

#### The Tiger's Roar

A tiger's roar is a warning to others to stay away. Try this exercise to see how far your roar can be heard.

You'll need at least two friends and an open space (tape measure is optional).

- The friends should face each other and one person roars.
- Back up 10 feet and roar again. Continue doing this until you can barely hear the person roar.

How far away are you before you can barely hear them? A few feet? An entire backyard? Use the tape measure to see how far.

A tiger's roar can be heard up to 2 miles away.



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