

Greetings friends,

Hope all had a wonderful and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we had a peaceful one. Last month we had a wonderful turnout for Vincent, Max, Paul, Dee and T.J.'s birthday party. It's hard to believe they are 10 years old already! My how time flies. Our friends from TAME magazine came to help launch their summer issue in which we were featured. We have finally finished the girl's enclosures and they now have a lot more room to run in.

The week before that we had over \$3000 worth of plants donated to us (Thank you Blossoms!) and we were busy planting all of them, still have a few more to go....The next big project will be finishing the premier habitat which will be about 30,000 square feet. This will be the place the cats can go where people can see them play in their water park and with their toys. When it is their turn to take days off we will be able to just move them out into their other enclosures so that they may rest and not be on display.

Of course this requires time, construction and the never ending quest for financial support. With your help these past few months we have been able to get a couple of metal buildings to help us organize and remove the "work shop" out of the kid's barn. This way it is a lot more peaceful for them without the constant interruption of construction, and when friends visit they have a much better view of everyone and are not so confined.

We also have added a new member to our little family, a black Asian leopard named Midnight. She came from a private individual who bought her as a cub and could no longer keep her. She is three years old and declawed.



Leopards are very cautious animals and she has never been around tigers or lions. In the wild both are her predators, therefore she is very nervous because she senses them nearby. She cannot see them but she can smell them.

She is rather shy but she does enjoy dinner time and will come out and sit with us for a while. Midnight is not on display yet since she is still getting to know us and us her.

Hope all of you have enjoyed the Merlin videos on Facebook! He is such a sweet guy he always thanks us after everything we do. Whether it is cleaning his room or giving him fresh water he takes the time to come over push his big beautiful head against the fence so you could love on him.

Keep us in mind if you are traveling through to Branson or planning a trip to Springfield we are not far! We could always use your support!!!! Also keep watching Facebook for fun new ways to win free Behind the Scene Tours! Try to keep cool and have a great summer!