

Greetings Friends!

We have had a busy month so far. We have met so many helpful people and had a chance to visit with some of our old friends from St. Louis, who have driven the 4 hours plus, to see us! We had our first school visit, with very intelligent and well mannered fifth graders from Spokane Elementary. Our neighbors have been overwhelmingly supportive. The tigers and Banshee have become very comfortable with all their new friends, and we even have a new member to our little family, Merlin.

Merlin is a five year old, beautiful male African lion. Merlin worked in show business, here in Branson, as do many wonderful people. His owner Kirby Van Burch noticed Merlin was not enjoying the glamour and hype of the show anymore. He decided it was best to let Merlin retire to a loving forever home. Mr. Van Burch, Bambi and their associates made it a point to come see what we do and who we are. They met us and all of our "kids" and decided Merlin would benefit greatly here. Besides, since Merlin lives so close to the crew, they can always come and visit him, which is very beneficial to Merlin's adjustment.

Merlin and his favorite ball arrived on Sunday May 29, 2011 at 5:30pm. By 7:30 pm, he was outside checking out his new world, and some of his neighbors. Dee was not sure what to think about the "new guy" and all that hair! The boys, especially Vincent became a little envious of Merlin's big ball. T.J. didn't seem to mind too much, a little concerned that Merlin might steal his thunder but got over it pretty quick. Especially when Keith played "power washer" with him and all of Kirby's and Bambi's staff took the time to pay attention to him and talk to him. Sierra and Mariah were too busy checking out their new room, and Banshee just watched him from afar.

The 5 female tigers from Texas are still coming as soon as we can get our steel buildings built. Steel has become a hard commodity to acquire right now. Therefore, we are experiencing delays.

Extreme gratitude goes out to everyone who donated last month. But, as you know, the quest for funding is never ending. We have so many things we need to accomplish so very quickly and at this moment we just don't have the resources that we need. A donation from you, however small or large will help us immensely in the progression towards the continuation of our mission.

In the meantime, we want to invite everyone out to help us celebrate this joyous occasion.....

# ITS PARTY TIME!

June 18th & 19th

10am - 3pm



Dee



Paul



Max



Vincent



T.J.

**Come celebrate T.J., Vincent, Max, Paul,  
and Dee's 10th birthday!**

**Also, Merlin's retirement party!**



**Our friends from TAME pet magazine will be here!**

Free food, drinks, and cake will be available.

Plus fun activities for kids of all ages.

All proceeds will go towards the care of the big cats.

Tours will be given throughout the day.