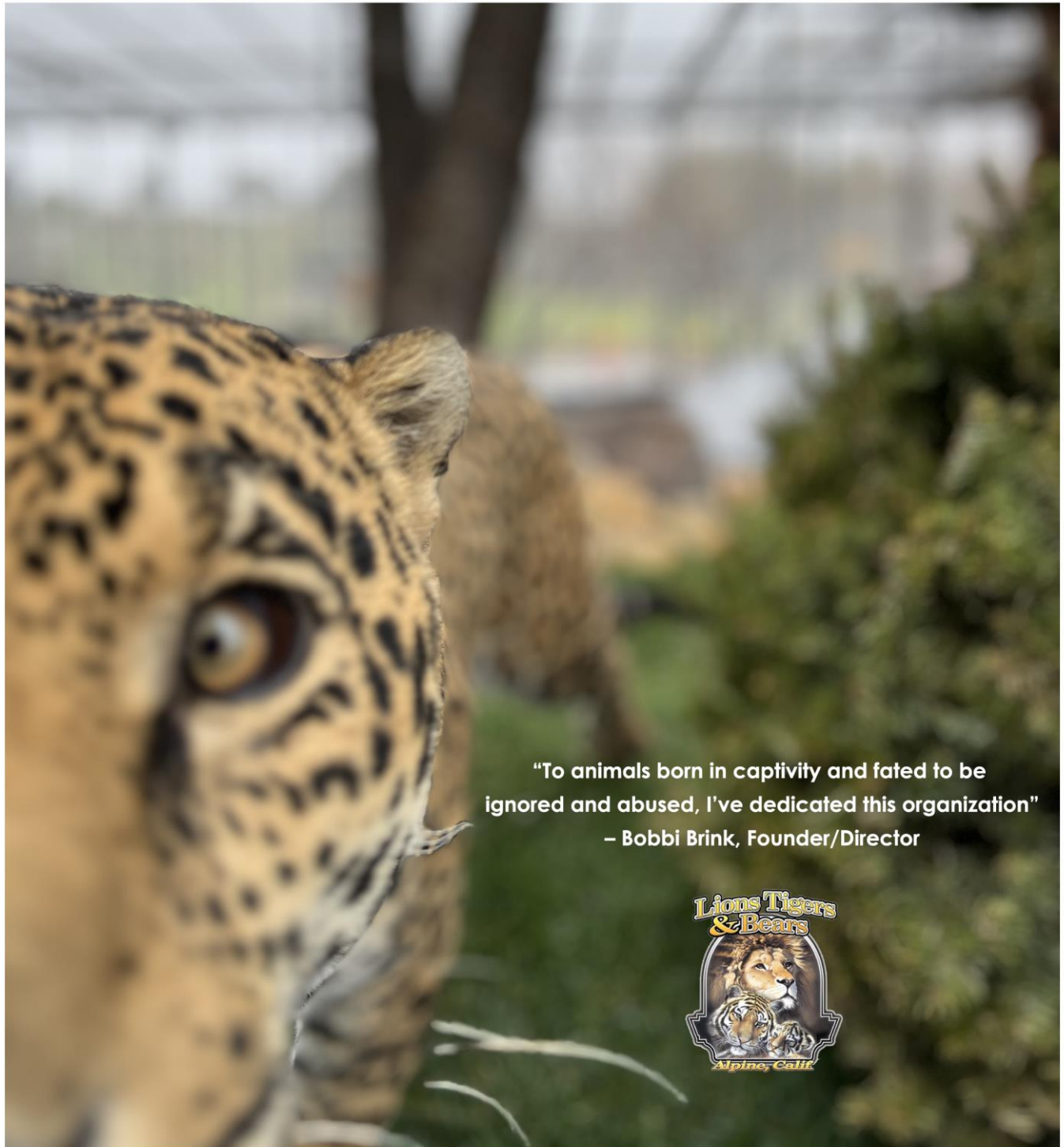


# LIONS TIGERS & BEARS

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



"To animals born in captivity and fated to be ignored and abused, I've dedicated this organization"

– Bobbi Brink, Founder/Director



# STATEMENT OF GOALS & PURPOSES MISSION & VISION

**Lions, Tigers & Bears** is a no contact, no breed, no sell rescue and educational organization that allows the animals in our care the opportunity to live their lives with dignity in a caring and safe environment.

Our goal is to provide a safe haven for these rescued animals and to educate the public about the growing population of abused and abandoned exotic animals and where they come from. Our primary concerns are for the health, comfort and safety of our animals.

We will protect and provide them with a lifetime home, realizing that environment, exercise and personal attention are key to their well-being.

Each animal is provided with a healthy diet, medical care, immunizations, behavioral enrichment and whatever else is necessary for their physical and psychological welfare.





## OUR MISSION

Lions Tigers & Bears is dedicated to providing a safe haven to abused and abandoned exotic animals while inspiring an educational forum to end the exotic animal trade.

Lions Tigers & Bears provides sanctuary care to 60+ animals, 22 species, and welcomes 12,000 people to the sanctuary each year for guided educational visits where they learn about the abusive exotic animal trade and hear the stories of each of the animals in our care.

There are 17 dedicated staff members and more than 120 volunteers who make a difference in the lives of the animals in our care.

## STRATEGIC VISION

- Rescue and provide a lifetime home to a responsible number of exotic animals that have been abused, confiscated, or are in danger of being destroyed for lack of a suitable home.
- Ensure an enriching habitat, nutritious diet and quality veterinary care utilizing the highest safety standards.
  - Collaborate with other reputable organizations to promote legislation to stop the exploitation and unnecessary breeding of captive exotic animals.
  - Provide educational opportunities to raise awareness and inspire change to stop the exploitation, trade and abuse of captive exotic animals.





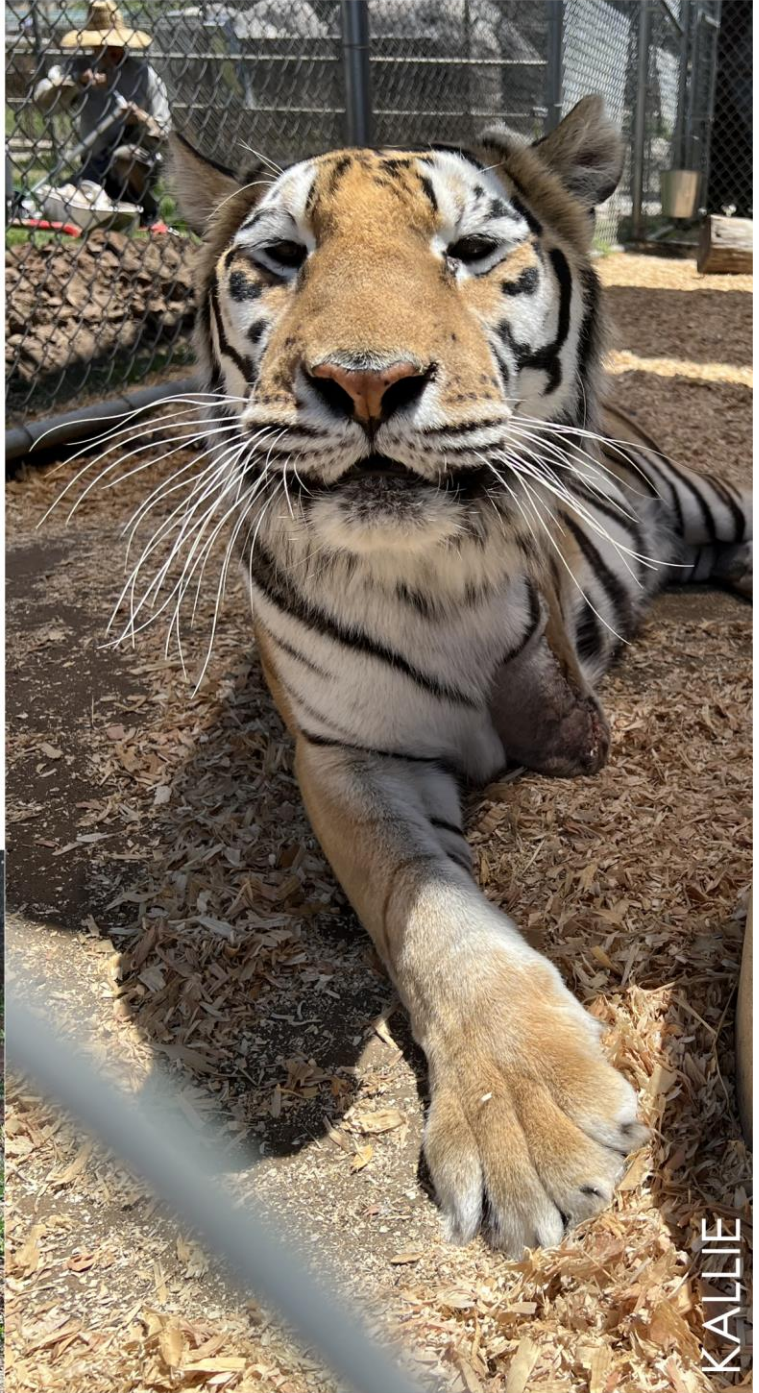
## **A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER**

**BOBBI BRINK**

This year (2022) marks 20 years of lifesaving work for Lions Tigers & Bears. It all began with the rescue of two adult tigers living in deplorable conditions in a Texas backyard. Raja and Natasha were the first two tigers I rescued, and they will always hold a special place in my heart as the founding tiger family of our sanctuary – and the catalyst for making Every Life Count. Now, as I look back at the past 20 years, I am honored at how far we've come from our simple beginnings – with one enclosure and a dream to end the suffering of animals victimized by the exotic animal trade. Today we are home to 60+ animals, 22 species. We have rescued more than 1,100 big cats, bears and other exotic animals from all across the nation. We continue to forge partnerships with other reputable sanctuaries and officials to be a collective voice for animals. We have 25 acres of developed habitat and open space for our visitors to enjoy and plenty of room to expand on our 143 acres to save more animals in need. We have become a world class, model sanctuary that implements the highest standards of care. This is all thanks to the kindness and generosity of our donors and supporters. I am forever grateful for your kindness and generosity.

# RESCUES

- LTB rescued Rocky the brown bear who was retired from the entertainment industry.
- Our rescue team facilitated 2 cross-country rescues this year – the first was in July when they headed to Oklahoma to a defunct zoo to save 2 tigers, 1 lion and a tiger hybrid. One of the rescued tigers, Kallie, came to Lions Tigers & Bears for lifetime sanctuary care. LTB coordinated with other reputable sanctuaries to take in the other animals.
- The rescue team also traveled to Maryland where they saved 12 animals, 5 of which are now calling LTB their forever home. They include 2 Himalayan black bears, Susie and Sallie, 2 mini horses, Dream and Cappuccino, and 1 llama named Cody.



# HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS



- Began fundraising and construction of a new bear habitat for Rocky.
- Began fundraising and construction of a new habitat for Eddie, the jaguar.
- Began construction on another new bear habitat for Susie and Sallie.
- Completion of a new quarantine habitat.
- Ongoing habitat maintenance and upkeep on all sanctuary habitats.

# RANCH & FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Thanks to a grant from The JEM Project began construction on the solar project to provide power to the sanctuary.
- Installed shade structure at visitor check-in and video area.
- Installed a shade sail structure in Rocky's new bear habitat.
- Significant progress made on new event venue.





Designed and custom built a 53' food prep trailer. The trailer is temperature controlled and features a walk-in freezer and cooler, commercial sinks and dishwasher, and plenty of counter space for our volunteers to prepare 180+ animal meals each week.



# VOLUNTEERS

**Lions Tigers & Bears** would not be able to do all it does for the animals in our care without the support of our wonderful volunteers.

In 2022 volunteers contributed 22,069 hours of their time and talents to ensure the continuity of care for animals at the sanctuary.

# STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Conducted regular staff and volunteer training programs in animal care and safety.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Along with a dedicated staff of volunteers, the mission of **Lions, Tigers & Bears** is carried out by the following team:

- **Mark Brink**, Co-Founder, President and CEO
- **Bobbi Brink**, Founder/Director/Vice President
  - **Julie Schuettenhelm**, Treasurer
    - **Susan Burchett**, Secretary
    - **Jackie Smith**, Board Chair
    - **David Judy**, DVM, Member
    - **April Schumsky**, Member