Summer is ramping up in full swing at PrideRock, and we are busy as always to make an impact in the lives of our beautiful residents. Since the last newsletter we have gained new residents, crew members, and interns. Along with that, North Texas Giving Day is coming at full speed, and we are preparing for this amazing day with gusto! This issue will feature all of the above and more, and we appreciate your interest in staying updated on our cause.

Four Tigers Find a Home at PrideRock

This past May, four Bengal tigers arrived at their forever home here at PrideRock Wildlife Refuge.

All four came from the same place, and reside in pairs. Twin brothers, Tarzan and Masala, show us every day the meaning of brotherly love. They reside together, and are unbelievably close. Whether it is playing, sleeping together, or bathing each other, they have a bond that is truly special. We love to watch their beautiful relationship.

Below shows how they can often be found sleeping. We are more than proud to have these two beautiful boys!
Along with the twins, we also received Duna and Ellie Mae. Duna is a stunning large male white tiger, and Ellie Mae is a sweet-faced classic orange girl. Both have very sweet dispositions, and have been an absolute joy to get to know. Ellie Mae is a very playful girl that loves to run alongside her enclosure with her new friend Corey, the manager of PrideRock. All four also love to spend their time curiously watching the horses in the neighboring pasture. Needless to say, they have settled in quite nicely, and we are thrilled to have them!
Interns from Afar

It is summertime, so that means interns! This season we have a full house; four interns, all coming in from long distances to work and gain the fulfilling experience our internship offers.

Michelle, Leah, Julia, and Mireia (in order above) have been hard at work this summer gaining experience and betting the lives of our animals. Each coming in far from Texas, we are excited to have them here. The first to arrive was Michelle, who came in from University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. She is from British Columbia, but has dual citizenship in the United States as well. She is attaining a degree in biology and will graduate in April of 2018.

Leah arrived shortly after Michelle. She is from Houston, Texas, but is attending Waldorf University in Iowa. She is getting her degree in biology, and wants to work in conservation biology. Leah is set to graduate in May, 2018. She is no stranger to the heat of a Texas summer, so she has hit the ground running!

Julia and Mireia arrived together from Barcelona, Spain. Julia attends UVIC-VCC in Vic, Spain. Julia is here for her second summer, coming back after an enjoyable first summer here with us. She is getting her degree in biology, and plans on beginning her Master’s degree in the fall. She is a big fan of Texas, and has really embraced the culture here in the Lone Star State.
Mireia also attends UVIC-VCC, the same University as Julia. They met in one of their classes, and Julia expressed her excitement and high regard for the internship opportunity here at PrideRock. Intrigued, Mireia decided to come with Julia and intern here as well, and we are so happy she did! She is getting her degree in biology, and graduates June 2018.

It is fair to say that we are thrilled to have such an interesting and hard-working bunch of interns!

**The Bear Barn**

*Nearing completion, the bear barn is an exciting addition at PrideRock that will lead to better efficiency for the care of the bears.*

Our bears are very special residents, and that means that they need special care. Being the health nuts of the facility, they mainly eat fruit, vegetables, and well.. nuts! This is very different food than what it fed to the carnivorous residents, therefore it needs to be stored and cared for in a different environment.

The bear barn was constructed to be a more appropriate storage place for the bear food, and well as be in a more suitable location in relation to the bears. Here, the produce will last much longer, and will have plenty of room to be sorted and organized into the feed pans. We are very proud to have the barn here at PrideRock Wildlife Refuge, and we’re sure the bears are too!
Our Veteran

In celebration of the Fourth of July this week and Memorial Day just last month, a common factor is our incredible troops who risk everything for us.

We have a veteran here at PrideRock, and we think that he deserves to be highlighted not only for his sacrifice, but his incredible work that he does here at the refuge. Jeremy Hughes was deployed in 2008 at the age of 18. He fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, and came back home in 2009. He was overseas for 18 straight months, and served as a combat engineer.

We are ever thankful for his bravery and service. He now works at our facility, and has a deep love for the animals here. He has gotten to know all of the animals over the past 1.5 years he has been here, and embodies the passion for the work that PrideRock does every day.
**North Texas Giving Day**

Excitement is in the air because North Texas Giving Day is on the horizon, and we are gearing up for an amazing day!

Happening on September 14th from 6am to midnight, nonprofits all over the North Texas area are anticipating the incredible good that this day can bring. For those who don’t know, North Texas Giving Day is a fundraising extravaganza for North Texas nonprofits, and last year 39 million dollars were raised for 2,200 nonprofits! This is huge, and the day is only expected to grow.

With PrideRock being funded entirely by donations, this is a massive day for us here at the facility. We are gearing up to spread awareness and excitement about how much each donation helps the lives of our amazing animals. Together we can make a difference!
Follow us on Social Media!

There is always something going on at PrideRock, and you can stay in the know by following our social media accounts.

Since we are not open to the public, we use social media to allow an inside view to what goes on at the refuge. Whether it be beautiful photography of the animals, news updates, fundraising opportunities, or highlights, we love to share our day. PrideRock has a presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the pages are updated multiple times a day. If you have not yet followed us, our social media search information is below:

**Facebook page:** PrideRock Wildlife Refuge

**Instagram username:** priderockwild

**Twitter username:** priderockwild

We look forward to having you in the PrideRock community!

Plans to Expand

The only direction to go is forward, and we are doing so at PrideRock with zeal.

Our sole mission is to give our residents the best life they can have, and that is an unending process. Plans to expand have been set in motion, and we are thrilled to announce that a new state-of-the-art enclosure is to be constructed once necessary funds are raised. This facility will be for tigers, and will provide them with more room and interactive elements. It has not been decided which of our residents will be moving in to the new location, but we cannot wait until that day!

North Texas Giving Day plays a big part in this process. The sooner the funds are raised, the sooner we can break ground and start this amazing process. Knowing that in the near future several tigers will receive a new home is not only exciting for all of us here at PrideRock, it is also fulfilling. We look forward to seeing this process unfold!

Prime Day

Shop and give to your favorite charity at the same time? Yes, please!

Amazon.com is launching their 3rd annual Amazon Prime Day on Tuesday, July 11th. Over the past three years this has become a very large day for e-commerce. This is especially exciting for PrideRock because Amazon is encouraging shoppers to shop through Amazon Smile, which donates portions of proceeds
from eligible products to a charity of your choice. This does not add to the cost of the item.

If you plan to partake on this day, use the link below, or search for PrideRock Wildlife Refuge on Amazon Smile.

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