Autumn at PrideRock

The long, hot days of summer have gone by, and our staff and residents alike are enjoying the cooler temperatures. Check out the rest of our Fall Newsletter to see what we've been up to since the Spring!
New Enclosures Complete

Our biggest, and most beautiful enclosures were finished this summer, and six of our tiger gals, ‘The N Sisters,’ and ‘The Baby Girls’ have been successfully moved to their new homes.

5,750 square feet each, these enclosures offer room to run, play, bask in the sunshine, and splash in their pools. Everyone is quite happy in the new digs.

We move on now to funding much needed renovations on other enclosures, and hope to acquire a few more acres soon to continue our growth and give our residents the most comfy, natural environments possible. Our next big project will be another enclosure just like this one, affording more of our big cats the room they need to run and thrive. Look for updates on the new construction as we head into the winter season.
New Residents
In September, we welcomed a new high-content wolf hybrid, Bree. Bree had a loving family who knew that they simply could not meet her needs, and they chose us to become her forever home. Bree is both incredibly shy and wonderfully sweet, a gentle lady and a welcome addition to our Pack.

Another welcome, but very surprising, addition came to us at PrideRock in the form of a baby tiger! Parents Ellie Mae and Duna came to us several years ago, and we were told they had been together multiple years without her having ever produced a cub. Fertility tends to be reduced in captivity, and it was assumed that she was unable to breed. Imagine our surprise, when, even more years down the line- it became evident there would be a baby in the future! Kyndl will live out his entire life at PrideRock, and we take this responsibility very seriously. We are not a breeding facility, so we have done our due diligence and made sure that all males in our bonded pairs have been neutered, regardless of the fertility of their mates. Kyndl came earthside on June 23rd, has finished up his cub shots, and is now in his own enclosure, healthy, growing, playing, and already a much beloved member of the family.
Intern Spotlight

Our Summer interns left us to return to school in August, and we have missed their playful, caring dedication to our cause. Here, we introduce you to each of these delightful women, and what they loved most about their time at PrideRock.

Bailey Hall:

“I'm a Zoology and Biological Sciences double major and I go to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. I was honestly surprised at how loving and friendly some of the animals were. My first few days I was really cautious and afraid to get too close to any of the animals. But as time went on I realized how sweet and playful the cats could be. Getting to know the cats' individual personalities and food preferences was one of my favorite things. Not going to lie, it took me a while to figure them all out, but it made me feel like I had a more personal connection to them. That personal connection is what made being elbow deep in mud (among other things) worth it. And it was so so worth it. Also, my experience at PrideRock wouldn't have been complete without my fellow interns, Ana and Meghan...

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Even though we barely knew each other, we quickly became our own little family. Without them, my three months on the compound wouldn't have been the same.”

Meghan Howard
“I’m missing PrideRock and all my fur babies greatly. But I go to Radford University in Virginia and am majoring in environmental biology. My experience at PrideRock is something I’ll never be able to forget. It was amazing how fast you build a connection with all the animals. Working at PrideRock made me realize just how badly I want to go into conservation of animal populations. It was so wild hearing all the different sounds that each animal could make. Seeing every aspect of being a caretaker was something that not many get to do and we even were able to take on that role ourselves. I can’t wait to come back and visit everyone someday!”

Analyn Sandhu:
“I attend The Ohio State University. I am senior majoring in zoology with a minor in animal science. PrideRock was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever been able to partake in. There are so many things I was able to learn and take away from this internship. Having such a rigorous daily routine pushed both my physical and mental strength. The best part about interning at PrideRock was seeing how much of an affect our work had directly on the welfare of the animals. Seeing as though the interns were responsible for every aspect of animal care, the bond we formed with the cats was extraordinary. Having such a direct impact on the lives of these creatures was incredible and truly life-changing.”
Upcoming Events

Ables Springs Home & Health Fair  
Oct 27 1pm-5pm

Panther Party Christmas  
(name and date TBA)  
The Tin Panther, Fort Worth, TX

Spirit Animal Wisdom Workshop  
Animal SensAbility with Andrea Sobotka  
March 23, 2019  
Register at spiritanimalwisdom.com

In Memoriam

In late August, we suddenly and very unexpectedly lost our beloved wolf hybrid, Bleu, to a pulmonary embolism. He was loved by all who knew him, and a cornerstone of the PrideRock family. His fluff was as big as his personality, and he is deeply missed by all of our staff, volunteers, and supporters. We carry Bleu’s legacy forward with our mission to provide a safe, loving, and peaceful home for unwanted, neglected or abused wildlife.

New Staff Welcome

We said goodbye to Macy late last spring, and on August 1, welcomed a new Director of Marketing & Donor Relations at PrideRock. Amy graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a degree in Public Relations, and is putting those skills to work sharing all of our animals with the public and coordinating fundraising events. You can find her either glued to her laptop, on grounds taking photos and videos of the animals, or at any of our public events, bringing PrideRock to the people.