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Lions, Tigers and Bears in Fort Myers? That's right, all of these animals and more, right here in our town of Fort Myers. These creatures are living at the **Octagon**, a wildlife sanctuary providing a healthy recovery and living environment for abandoned and abused exotic wildlife.

We had the pleasure of taking the grand tour with Officer JoAnne Adams and Lauri Caron, owner and operator of this amazing facility. Lauri was kind enough to walk us around and give us a background story on the octagon and each individual animal!

So click below to learn about the Octagon and see all of the **AWESOME** photos taken by Terry Waldorf and Carol Pauli.



Officer JoAnne Adams & Lauri Caron



Extinction is Forever



Lauri Caron and dog



Welcome



Donkeys



100% are rescued



Bear



Big Bear



Tiger



What are you looking at?



Panther



The scare on his nose is from being locked up in a tiny cage while in the circus



Watchi



Watchi Smiling



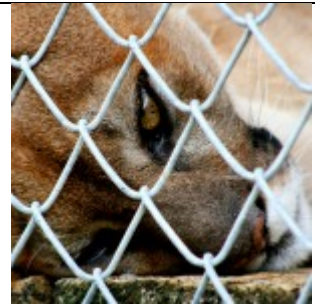
Peacock



Cougar



Liger



Cougar



Tiger



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Tiger



In the pool



Sleeping time



Bear



Hanging out by the pond



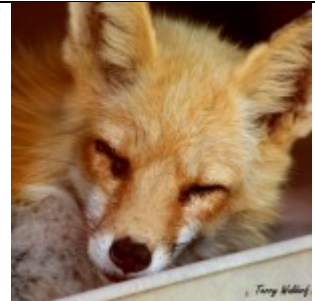
Peacock



Cookie



Lilly



Sleeping Fox



bear molting



Lilly close up



Tootsie Roll



Bear Standing



Lauri hanging out with the bear



Getting a drink



Lauri also loves domestics



Info



More info



Lauri and Officer JoAnne



Teaching Sandy K. of the Fort Myers Daily



Main building



Terry Waldorf



Jack Hanna



Tour



Behind the scenes

When learned about the Octagon through Florida Fish and Wildlife. There, we came in contact with Officer JoAnne Adams, Spokes person for the [Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#). She soon set up a private tour with Lauri Caron and herself for Daily.com.

About the Octagon

With full support from Florida Fish and Wildlife, the Octagon is a non-profit, charitable 501(c) (3) organization. Their motto is helping animals in need and that is just what they do! They are a wildlife sanctuary providing a healthy recovery and living environment for abandoned and abused exotic wildlife. With animals ranging from a Liger (Half Tiger / Half Lion) to a raccoon, the octagon helps them all.

It is sad to see many of these animals because they came to the Octagon declawed and abused, through the help of volunteers and Lauri, they on the road to recovery.

With well over 100 animals, the Octagon is truly an amazing place. Because the Octagon is a non-profit, volunteers are crucial to the success of the facility and care for these animals. Volunteers range from wonderful veterinaries like Dr. Dieter, Dr. Scott, Dr. Winter, Dr. Bogert, Dr. Folk, to other volunteers who give up Saturdays and Sundays to help out around the 10 acre property.

Even though the Octagon has wonderful people helping out, they still have lots of needs, especially when caring for big cats and bears!

The Octagon still needs:

- Volunteers 16 and up
- Public Relation Person
- Grant Writer
- Driver to pick up supplies
- Medical supplies for animals
- Lawn equipment
- New freezer doors
- Skid Loader
- Presser treated wood and fencing materials
- Pools
- Money

