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**Big Cats Day to focus on feline friends**

ABILENE, TEXAS –Saturday, Nov. 15, will be Big Cats Day at the Abilene Zoo, a special day of activities and learning adventures about all of the cats in the zoo’s animal collection.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Abilene Zoo’s staff will offer cat information, cat games and cat crafts about the different species on exhibit.

“This day also will highlight the needs of the threatened cat species in our collection,” said Abilene Zoo Executive Director Bill Gersonde. “Our jaguar, lions and ocelots are all from species that struggle with diminishing habitats.”

The Abilene Zoo’s collection includes ocelots, a bobcat, a tiger, lions, a jaguar, and cougars. The ocelot couple currently has a kitten, Lucy, who was born in September.

The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals from 250 species. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-12, \$5 for seniors aged 60+. Members are admitted free. Memberships start at \$30. [www.abilenezoo.org](http://www.abilenezoo.org). 325-676-6085. This summer, the zoo will be open every Thursday until 9 p.m.