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*Black Pine Animal Sanctuary*



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to build permanent habitats  
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## Our History

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary has evolved from humble beginnings to become one of the country's finest exotic animal sanctuaries. The sanctuary was founded in 1995 by Karen Hoag and her family at a historic farm house on the west edge of Albion, Indiana, a small town of 2,300 people. Albion is the Noble County seat located about 30 miles north of Fort Wayne.

After several years caring for her own menagerie of ostrich, potbelly pigs, llamas, and black Welsh mountain sheep, Karen turned her focus to adopting exotic animals displaced from private homes and retired from performance. First to arrive were a pair of mountain lions, followed by Siberian tigers, then snow leopards.

A variety of educational programs including school field trips, and a student volunteer program were added. As more animals arrived Karen felt she needed to take steps to ensure that no matter what happened to her the animals would be provided a long-term, loving home.

Professional Animal Retirement Center (PARC), Inc. was established in 2000 as a non-profit corporation. A volunteer board of directors was established and in 2004 PARC became registered as a 501c3 tax exempt organization. Shortly after a "no breeding, no selling" policy was adopted.

In 2006 the sanctuary lost its lease and was forced to make an unbudgeted move to a new site. The first phase of rebuilding was completed in December 2006. Construction is slated to continue for several years.

## About Us

The black market trade of exotic animals is a multi-billion dollar industry surpassed only by the illegal drug trade. Ownership of dangerous exotic animals in America is banned in only 29 states. Captive-bred and privately owned exotic animals, including Bengal tigers, African lions, apes, monkeys, bears, snakes, lizards, macaws, and others, are sold on over 1,000 Internet sites, at auctions, and in pet stores around the country. The number of households in the U.S. with pets, 62 million, is almost double the number of households with children.

Exotic animals often have nowhere to turn when they face losing the only home they've known, yet millions of people remain unaware of their plight. Thousands of captive animals each year are abandoned, confiscated, and otherwise displaced. Black Pine provides such animals a permanent, safe refuge.

Children have been taught for years about the dangers of illegal drugs. Classrooms rarely, however, discuss the risks of owning and handling exotic animals. Black Pine reaches out to more than 15,000 children and adults every year to help them become informed of these dangers, threats not only to their health but also to wild animal populations.

Black Pine's unique programs are designed to influence people to be responsible pet owners and to have a positive impact on the conservation and preservation of animals and their native habitats.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the Black Pine Non-Permanent Fund, please complete the form and mail with your check, made payable to the:

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