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Where Did the Time Go?



Our first issue of Bears First since April 2012

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2011 Bears Kapalua and Hewech Released in June 2012

We made arrangements with Utah to return Hewech first since we felt Kapalua would do just fine being alone for a day or two. Kapalua is the first lone cub IBBR rehabbed that was completely at ease being alone. She always found ways to amuse herself and never bawled or acted distressed when left alone. She was a pretty amazing cub in that sense so we took her back to Oregon after Hewech had gone home.

See details and pictures on our website under [Bear Journal 2011](#). Be sure to take time to view the video of [Kapalua's release](#). Then view the video by IBBR supporter Randy Repichowski who did it especially for the release of Hewech & Kapalua for our Facebook Freedom Celebration on July 7th. It's appropriately set to the music of Bon Jovi's "Who Says You Can't Go Home".



Hewech goes home to Utah



Kapalua goes home to Oregon

Now the Repairs Began

We buried several tree trunks in cement in the ground; added an old broken swim tub in the back of the enclosure to put aspen shavings in for them to roll and play in; covered all the culvert dens with logs and stumps; created two log piles in back for them to play & climb on; added a layer of new dirt; planted pasture grass with clover; rebuilt most of the wood dens & put new roofs on a few & replaced the latches & locks; checked all the wiring in the chain link roof & on the sides; poured a cement bar about a foot in the ground in front of both entry doors where they had been digging – now they will just hit cement when they dig. It all started with the complete renovation of the swim / water tub, moving it to the ground, adding heating elements keep it from freezing in winter, and adding some lights to that area.

First project - Swim Tub Renovations

During our Facebook Pool Party the end of March, we raised \$3000 to renovate and winterize the swim tub and fresh water situation. We hoped to have enough labor and materials

Now the Repairs Began - continued

volunteered to put the swim tub in the ground, but that didn't turn out to be the case. So we cleared the logs around the swim tub, moved the frame it sat on, leveled the ground, and placed the tub on the ground. Then we waited for Master Excavation who was doing the installation of the system. Having a holiday in the middle of starting this process didn't help the time line, but since we didn't have any new bears we had more time. The repairs were all completed in August. There are heaters in the bottom of the outer tub that will keep the water from freezing and will recycle it back into the swim tub for drinking. While we won't be using it until spring, we will test it out this winter as soon as it gets cold enough.



We had to haul in more dirt to level the ground - that's a lot of dirt to haul by wheelbarrow!



Apparently we have been host to a cute little critter under the swim tub. He wasn't too happy with us at that moment for disturbing his home. We relocated him to a new condo in the same area. Wonder if he knew he had bears for neighbors?



Now the Repairs Began - continued

Swim tub renovations - continued



Huge thanks to Master Excavation, Wynn Jones, & all the crew

Rebuild dens

While waiting for the swim tub renovations to continue, we began rebuilding all the dens. All but two needed completely rebuilding except for the frames. We weren't able to get any donations of 2 x 4s or plywood or hinges & locks so the materials ended up costing about \$415.00. Amy and helper Jace began working on them and we finished all of them except for a couple of roofs. Shame to rebuild what it took the bears so little effort to undo.



Now the Repairs Began - continued

Rebuild dens - continued



Cement in new log structures

The bears have knocked down most of the logs planted in cement in the ground and also broken some of the cement around the roof support beams in the main enclosure. Once we finished the dens we started cementing in new log structures for them to climb up on. We already rebuilt the log structure in the old enclosure & repaired all the formula dish holders. We have plenty of logs to use.



Clint digs new hole to cement in climbing tree limbs.



Clint & Tennyson starting to replace all the roofs on the dens

Now the Repairs Began - continued



Melanie & Dennis getting ready to mix cement to do all the cement work



Stan & Scott cementing in big stump



Pasture vegetation already creeping into the enclosure



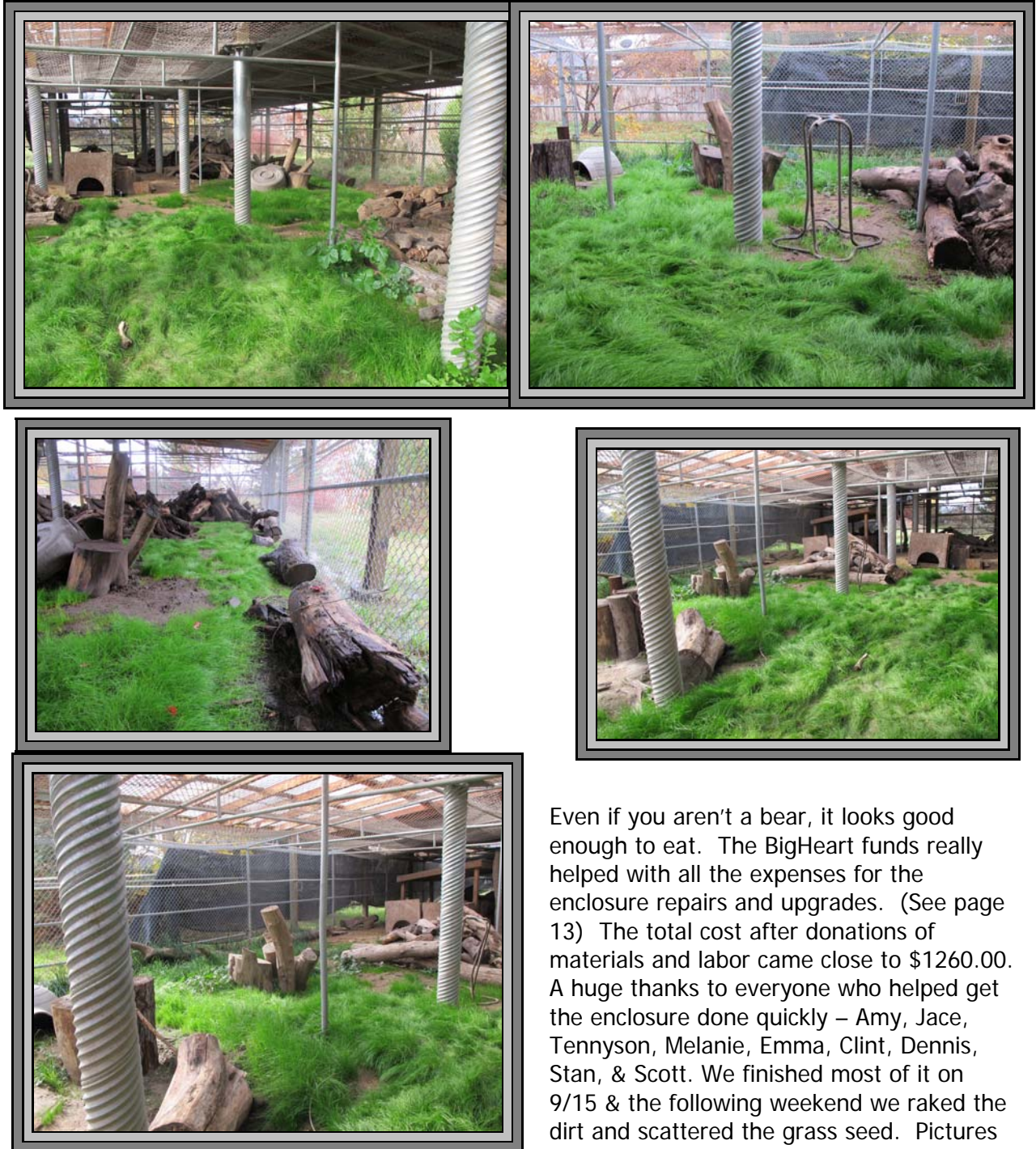
Since the swim tub is now on the ground, we didn't need all those stumps. We made two large stump piles for bears to climb & play on

Grass, Grass, & More Grass

We are very pleased with the pasture grass we planted as it's growing fast and covering the floor of the enclosure. It's the first time in a few years we haven't had bears all year around and could start the grass growing again. Of course the bears will make short work of it once they get in there. However, we won't be using the main enclosure until spring so it's safe for a while. See pictures on page 7.

Now the Repairs Began - continued

Grass, Grass, & More Grass - continued



Even if you aren't a bear, it looks good enough to eat. The BigHeart funds really helped with all the expenses for the enclosure repairs and upgrades. (See page 13) The total cost after donations of materials and labor came close to \$1260.00. A huge thanks to everyone who helped get the enclosure done quickly – Amy, Jace, Tennyson, Melanie, Emma, Clint, Dennis, Stan, & Scott. We finished most of it on 9/15 & the following weekend we raked the dirt and scattered the grass seed. Pictures above were taken the last part of October.

New Bear Hammock - Talk about Luxury!

Bear caretaker Tennyson Egan made a fire hose hammock for the bears similar to one she saw at an ape sanctuary. The fire hose was donated by the Logistics Division of the Boise Fire Departments. Our thanks to them for donating the fire hose to make this project a reality.

Tennyson & Clint spent most of a day weaving it together & Tennyson & Amy hooked it up to the wood support beams over the old swim tub wooden frame. Now a bear can sit underneath it & torment the bear in the hammock. We still have to raise the hammock a little higher up above the bottom frame, cut off the tops of the beams & then it's done. It will be great fun to see the bears using it in spring - new hammock - new swim tub - newly remodeled main enclosure!



Courtesy of the Boise First Dept.



Weaving the hose to make the hammock

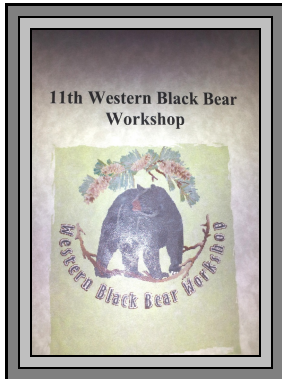


All we need now is a few bears to test it out. Maybe we'll hold a contest to see who can come the closest in guessing just how long it will take the bears to destroy it so we can build it again.

Freedom Celebration for Kapalua, Hewech, & All Rehab Bears

Since their release the first part of June, IBBR's FB team began preparing to celebrate their freedom around the same time we celebrate our own freedom. They set the date for Sat. July 7th and called the event "[Freedom Celebration](http://www.facebook.com/events/350256035046948/)" (<http://www.facebook.com/events/350256035046948/>). We showed release photos, video of [Kapalua's release](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0H81o3JZIs) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0H81o3JZIs>) and a special video by IBBR supporter Randy Repichowski. Randy collaborated with me to put the photos to the music of Bon Jovi's "[Who Says You Can't Go Home](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=t_66spqUJB8)" (http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=t_66spqUJB8). It brought tears as everyone remembered the two bears who have become favorites of our Facebook Friends. The event was just 3 hours long, but everyone had a lot of fun with pictures, bear stories, jokes, etc. Although it wasn't presented as a fund-raiser and was just a celebration of freedom, supporters donated \$609.00 during the event.

2012 Western Black Bear Workshop



May 21-24, Valerie LeBoeuf attended the Western Black Bear Workshop in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The workshop focused on population monitoring and estimation, bear management, human-bear interactions, ecology & behavior, & advances in technology. While IBBR's focus is rehabilitation, it is so important to attend these workshops to share information with the state wildlife



Photo courtesy of the 11th Western Black Bear Workshop

agencies and projects working with bears & to learn what they are doing as well. Valerie presented a Poster about IBBR. She met and talked with many people there and what she learned will help us in our work not only rehabilitating orphaned cubs, but in identifying information we can share that will be helpful to the wildlife agencies and bear projects.

Run Fido Run - 2012



IBBR hosted a table at Run Fido Run again this September and is one of the non-profits selected to benefit from this event. Once again, Valerie and her daughters manned the table and greeted all the visitors. Everyone had a great time. IBBR recently received a check for \$1500 as one of the beneficiaries of the event. Thank you Run Fido Run!



Coins for Cubs

Recently we started our Coins for Cubs program. We are placing the donation cans & brochures in as many places as we can. We started with the newly opened Black Bear Diner in Boise. We also put one in Northwest Pets in Eagle & Zamzows on State Street in Boise. Zamzows has 9 stores and we hope to place the Coins for Cubs and the brochures in as many stores as we can. We have a whole list of places to visit and hope that by spring, people in the Treasure Valley will see our Coins for Cubs in many businesses they visit. Since we started, the Coins for Cubs program has brought in close to \$200 for the cubs. See more on [Coins for Cubs](#) on our website.



IBBR Attends the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)



Throughout the year the CFC holds events at various locations in the US to introduce federal employees to non-profit charities registered with the CFC. Those employees can then donate to the charity of their choice at the end of the year. Our thanks to bear caretaker Amy Kidwell for manning our table and Police Training Sergeant Gregory T. Drake for his help and guidance in finding the right building and helping us get our booth set up in the right place. It was fun and we enjoyed meeting many people.

BigHeart Bing Contest

One of IBBR's supporters nominated us for a cash prize. This was a one vote per person contest and thanks to our many supporters devoted efforts, IBBR won and received a donation of \$758.01. While it is hard to win funding from voting contests like Chase & Pepsi it's not impossible, especially some of the smaller ones. We hope we will have continued success when future opportunities arise. Unlike the grants that IBBR applies for, our supporters can have an active role in these types of funding contests.

Grant Opportunities

IBBR still needs to find someone willing to help us with grants. It is so important to helping us fund the cost of caring for the orphaned cubs so if you can help or know anyone who can help, please have them contact Sally at info@bearrehab.org. Since we haven't found that person yet, in June Sally took an online grant writing course through the Idaho Non-Profit Center. She is the first to admit that she is not the person who has the time, knowledge, and talent for grant writing. However, she found the course very interesting and helpful. The course showed us how to organize the information into files we can quickly access as needed for a grant, creating a file of examples of what other non-profit organizations do in order to help us develop what we need for IBBR, how to match IBBR with a grant, and the overall preparation needed to apply for a grant. The course also gave us many useful websites and organizations to help us and tips on how to sort out the foundations or grants that would most likely fit IBBR's needs.

Environmental Education Outreach Program



On May 9th and 10th, 2012, Idaho Black Bear Rehab, Inc. (IBBR) was invited to present to over 470 elementary school children in the Wood River Valley of Idaho. As a part of Ketchum, Idaho's Environmental Resource Center, the annual Environmental Education Outreach Program brings presenters from all over the state of Idaho to share information about their work in various environmental and wildlife projects. Please visit our [Education / Outreach](#) page on our website to read about this wonderful opportunity to educate kids about bears.

David Soul Donates Book Proceeds from "Picturing David Soul" to Charities



Recently David Soul authorized a book titled "Picturing David Soul" which is a collection of pictures from his career in TV, movies, stage, and singing. David designated the proceeds will be split between three organizations, one of which is IBBR. You can find out more information about buying the book on [David Soul Fans website \(http://www.davidsoulfans.com/?page_id=459\)](http://www.davidsoulfans.com/?page_id=459). It's a great book and I recommend it to everyone! I proudly display my personal copy with my most precious bear books and look at it often. Thank you David for all the wonderful memories & for your generosity to help the cubs and other animals in need. (Photo courtesy of the David Soul Fans website).

Sally Maughan

Speaking of David Soul - [Survival Con 2013](#)

I know that many IBBR supporters are also fans of the 1970's TV show Starsky and Hutch. On April 6, 2013, David Soul and Paul Michael Glaser will join fans for a reunion based around the Starsky & Hutch episode "Survival", which was David Soul's directorial debut. For information click on the header above or visit:

<http://www.starskyandhutch.info/surcon/> . If we didn't have bears that keep her onsite, Sally says she would be there for sure to support & thank David again personally for all he has done for IBBR. And, what fun it would be to meet Paul Michael Glaser and see this dynamic team together in person.

Education Presentations

Valerie LeBoeuf will be doing an education presentation in 2013 for the Early Riser Program which is part of the Kuna Boys and Girls Club. She also met with the management of the Avimor Planned Community on our Be BearWise program. They contacted IBBR after having a bear encounter in September and were very happy to have her visit and provide them with information. She will return again in the future to do a presentation for the residents.

Freedom Celebration - Facebook

On July 7th after the July 4th holiday, our Facebook supporters held a celebration for Hewech & Kapalua's release. It was a way to celebrate their freedom just as we do our own on July 4th. While it wasn't presented as a fundraiser, supporters donated \$609 to IBBR. If you haven't already, please visit either our Facebook page or the IBBR website [Bear Videos](#) and listen to the video done by Randy Repichowski to the music of Bon Jovi's "Who Says You Can't Go Home". It brings tears of joy and the song is so appropriate considering how hard these orphaned cubs work to get their freedom & go back home again.



IBBR Launches Our New "Be Bearwise" Educational Initiative

Visit our website and read about our new [Be BearWise](#) initiative. Thanks to Valerie LeBoeuf for getting this project off the ground during all the other demands on her time. We will be sharing the program at schools, education seminars, conferences, communities requesting information. The brochure is available to download or print from the PDF on our website.

Welcome Malino & Hoa - 2012 Bears from Washington

It certainly was a quiet summer after we released Kapalua & Hewech in June, but it also gave us time to get all the work done on the enclosures. With all the fires in the Western states, we held our breath just hoping any orphaned cubs would be found and brought in.

Malino (Hawaiian for quiet or calm) arrived first at IBBR on October 30th. She was spotted by a resident who called the WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife to let them know a very tiny cub was hanging around – no mother in sight. She was in very poor shape when Washington Fish & Wildlife captured her. They took her to Dr. Randy Hein at Eastmont Animal Clinic in Wenatchee. She had a torn ear, pads were depleted, blind in one eye, and extremely underweight - 14 lbs.

On 11/10 our second Washington cub arrived. He was bigger in frame, but still thin at 24.2 lbs. Overall, he was in better shape than Malino. We named him Hoa, which means companion in Hawaiian. It seemed appropriate as he has become Malino's protector. Whenever we are around whether feeding or trying to get a picture he positions himself in front of her.

Bear caretaker, Josh Hood left early Saturday morning & met WA Fish & Wildlife near the Tri Cities. Hoa was a very quiet traveler, ate some grapes, drank some water, and arrived here at 5PM Saturday night.

For Malino and Hoa's full story please check our website [Bear Journal 2012](#). We will update the website again in the future, but for more frequent updates please check IBBR's [Facebook](#) as we try to send weekly updates on the bears. Thank you.



Josh shares his water with Hoa

Boo Boo - Idaho's Burned Cub

The end of August, a cub burned in one of Idaho's fires came to the attention of the public. The person who rescued the cub name him Boo Boo. He was taken first to the ID Dept of Fish & Game Wildlife Lab. They asked publically for a clinic to take the bear for treatment. Several clinics, two we know of for sure called & offered. No one from IDFG ever contacted them to even thank them for the offer. Instead they just took the cub to the Humane Society.

IBBR was prepared to take this cub from day one. We had 3 veterinarians committed to coming to IBBR for daily changing of bandages and dressings or any other needs. IBBR was prepared and able to provide some of the daily medical treatment as well. On our staff is vet technician, Tennyson Egan and between her medical knowledge, Amy Kidwell's experience at handling bears, and Sally's 23 years of handling bears with injuries, we all felt we could provide both proper medical and rehabilitation care for this cub. However, IDFG refused to send the cub to IBBR.

Lake Tahoe Wildlife had a cub with far worse burns and injuries which they handled from the day the vet treated it until its release the following spring. Cheryl sent IBBR pictures and info which we forwarded to IDFG. Still they declared the cub would be at the Humane Society for 6-8 weeks. IBBR felt very strongly that this cub should go into a rehab program after its initial treatment at a clinic. Rehab can not only provide the medical treatment, but also the proper handling required for a cub in rehab. IDFG was already proposing that Boo Boo wouldn't be released due to the amount of handing it would require at the clinic. The facility where they eventually sent Boo Boo was also stating the cub could not be released. IBBR was very surprised anyone would make a blanket statement like that so early on. That decision should be made when release time comes after observing the bear, not in the beginning of his treatment.



Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care's burned cub

It was obvious from the beginning that IDFG would not make any exceptions in the best interest of Boo Boo to let him leave the clinic & be placed with a rehabilitator. So we decided to help this bear in another way. IBBR started a campaign to get Boo Boo out of the clinic & into rehab ASAP. Our supporters sent faxes, e-mails, commented on Facebook & in public forums, & made phone calls. In the meantime, the HS decided they would rename the bear - a public outcry followed. Everyone agreed Boo Boo was not only appropriate, but endearing and the person who rescued the bear had every right to name him & the HS should not change that name. They finally capitulated & left the name alone.

Boo Boo - Idaho's Burned Cub - continued

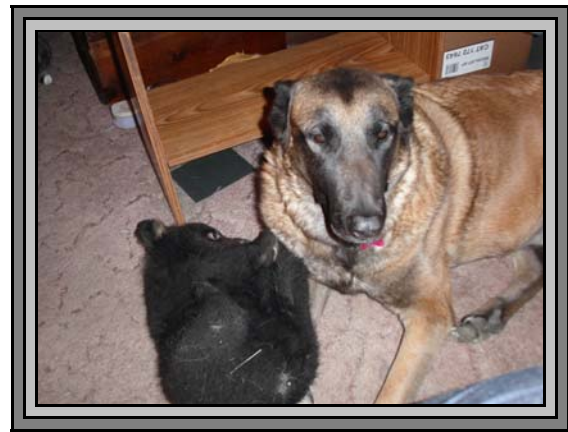
After much pressure, IDFG declared Boo Boo was doing so well he would probably spend far less time at the clinic. After about two weeks they transferred him to a rehabilitation facility. It was a welcome move by everyone familiar with Boo Boo. However, considering the statement that he would probably be too imprinted for release, it was surprising IDFG later allowed a public viewing at an open house. Seems contradictory and not in the "best interest of the bear". Bears in rehab at IBBR are generally not available to the public.

Remembering Ronin, Sierra, & Lelani - Welcoming Zen to IBBR

by Sally Maughan

For the past 13 years or so IBBR has been blessed to have a trained protection dog patrolling our property, protecting the bears and the staff, and to keep stray people from casually wandering onsite hoping they might see a bear - which was an ongoing problem until the police dog came along.

First it was Ronin, an amazing Belgian Mal police dog donated to IBBR when he was retired from the Garden City Police Dept. There was only (and will only ever be) one Ronin. He was gentle, quiet, loving, but if he perceived a threat or I felt the need to give him the attack command, the bad guy would want to be in the next county before Ronin blinked. I fully understood his capabilities when I saw him working during a training session. He had only been with me about two weeks, but was already very much aware of his job and who and what he was protecting. During a review training session, he took down the perceived bad guy who merely grabbed my shoulder. He ran from about 15' away without any command and hit him so hard it almost knocked me down. Ronin was greatly admired for his work by the officers in the department. It brought home very clearly the responsibility of having a protection dog on site. While I have the command word, the dog also has his own perception of what is a threat and I needed to be constantly aware of that. Ronin passed due to cancer and it was a devastating loss.



Cubs loved to torment Ronin - he tried to just ignore them which only encouraged them more.

Shortly before Ronin came to IBBR, we adopted Lelani from the Humane Society. No one imagined that Lelani would become our "bear" dog. She made it clear from the beginning that she wanted to mother the first little cub she saw. She was both a sibling and foster mother who kept the cub company when I wasn't able to be there 24/7. A young cub left alone for the first time in the outdoor enclosure will often pace and bawl. Since I work at home, I'm here, but I couldn't be out in the enclosure all the time. Lelani stepped in and provided the solution.

Remembering Ronin, Sierra, & Lelani - Welcoming Zen - continued

Both she and the cub enjoyed their time together. Lelani passed away then end of 2008 leaving us to struggle once again with single orphaned cubs.

Following Ronin's death, Sierra joined our family. She was a drug dog, but her protective instincts were awesome. The visual and threat posture alone would deter anyone sane or insane from challenging her. She was also a Belgian Mal and very quickly took to patrolling the property. Her idea of patrolling was to bark constantly to let the world know she was on



Lelani & Shenandoah Bright



Sierra back on duty after recovery in September

duty.

That could be irritating at times, but that was her way of working. Like Ronin, she was sweet and gentle and very happy to play. She wasn't receptive to the cats at first, but within 2 days had figured out that they weren't so bad after all. She and Gatsby became best buddies. In May of this year she suddenly became totally paralyzed from the neck down. After two surgeries and a long, difficult recovery, in September she was finally back to normal. Then the second blow hit. At the end of October she developed paralysis in the

hind quarters. At first she remained upbeat & we think she just expected to recover like the last time. After a week, her attitude changed and it was clear she realized this wasn't like the last time & she was getting worse not better. With breaking hearts we made the decision to let her go.

December 8th, probably with the help of Lelani, Sierra, & Ronin from the other side, we welcomed Zen to IBBR. She is 7 years old, trained in tracking, protection, and obedience. She is so sweet it's hard to believe the protection side exists. She loves people & just wants to be with us all the time.



Zen takes over for Sierra

Remembering Ronin, Sierra, & Lelani - Welcoming Zen - continued

Like Lelani who stayed with single cubs until another one arrived, Zen has also had pups and has a strong mother instinct. It's possible she could pull double duty - protection and the bear cubs. We won't know about her being a sibling/mother to single orphaned cubs until another single cub arrives, possibly in spring. We are all so glad to have her here and welcome Zen to our family (and I can finally sleep again).

Stop the Eviction of Animals Asia Bear Sanctuary in Vietnam

IBBR would like to ask everyone who cares about bears to write and e-mail to stop Vietnam from evicting the Animals Asia Bear Sanctuary. It is horrible that the government agreed to give them a long term contract, let them build the sanctuary and continue to improve on it, and then try to evict them so the land can be used for development and personal gain by certain parties. Please visit their [website](#) NOW to see for yourself & take action. I understand there are so many projects and animal organizations needing help these days, but this situation is just totally unacceptable. IBBR has written and e-mailed several times as has so many others, but it's not over yet. We can't let the bears pay for the personal gain of a select few. Help them now and continue to follow this situation as it develops!

2013 Arrived Despite the Warnings

We all heard the world was going to end on 12/21. There were certainly enough shows on TV telling us of the many disasters that would or could happen on 12/21 to cause the end. Whether you were a little concerned, a lot concerned, or not concerned at all, we probably all held our breath for just a second as the deadline arrived. We wanted to share with you the



sunrise that greeted IBBR on 12/21. For just a minute we thought the world really was on fire. When we realized it was the sunrise, we knew it was a vision of beauty welcoming us to a new day, not the end of the world. What an amazing sight it was and a reminder of just how beautiful our world is and that we need to take very good care of it.

Our Facebook Caption Contest Winners



Congratulations to Lisa Cole



Congratulations to Joyce Dunson

Our Facebook Caption Contest Winners - continued



Congratulations to Sharon Korsberg

IBBR's Cub Cam is a Priority for 2013

by Valerie LeBoeuf

Our current monitoring system is old and the cameras do not meet the needs of IBBR's education program. While it is sufficient to observe the bears on a daily basis, the quality of the video and still photos are far inferior to today's demands. We can't share that information with other bear rehab programs or bear projects and we can't use the video or photos in our education program. It's time to upgrade the system and the cameras to enable us to move forward and share the valuable information we obtain each day.

The "IBBR CUB CAM" will provide live video feed on the web, recorded video presentations, and webcast opportunities with live video feed to schools, students, zoos, libraries, wildlife agencies, wildlife rehabilitators, biologists, animal organizations, and bear projects around the world. The Cub Cam will provide a valuable tool in our continuing efforts to share knowledge and educate the world regarding the rehabilitation and release of bears, the habitat needs of bears, and how others can get involved helping to protect bears and their environment.

IBBR's Cub Cam Project is a Priority for 2013

by Valerie LeBoeuf

IBBR has proven its ability to be dedicated and effective with program implementation and success. Over two hundred (200) bears have benefitted from our program. Wildlife agencies from surrounding states request to send their cubs to IBBR for rehabilitation. Rehabilitators from around the U.S. and Canada have been mentored by IBBR when starting their own programs for the rehabilitation of black bear. The program and methods of IBBR have been used as a base model for scientists around the world who are working to restore threatened and endangered populations of bears.

Although, IBBR has presented educational programs in the local community for many years, we have made an additional focused effort over the last two (2) years of reaching even more members of the local and world-wide community through participation in public events and through outreach using social media and electronic mediums. IBBR is well known as an organization that successfully rehabilitates and releases the American black bear, as a leader in the development of government and rehab facility implementation of ethical standards and methods for the rehabilitation of black bear in North America, as a source of assistance and guidance for bear rehabilitation programs at other rehab facilities worldwide.

IBBR is an organization who wants to instill in others the inherent value of the individual bear and to take responsibility for the protection of bear habitat and the environment. By implementation of the IBBR CUB CAM project, IBBR will be able to continue our outreach efforts on a more effective and broader scale. By doing so, we will continue to fulfill our Mission using additional and new technology that creates additional accessibility for the public. This project expands on our efforts over the past twenty three (23) years, and will solidify our steps to bring our program into the regular curriculum of school children, university students, wildlife agencies, captive bear programs, and other professionals in the field of science and animal husbandry. We anticipate the additional tool of the IBBR CUB CAM project will have a great impact on those efforts.

Funding will be used to purchase new equipment for remote recording of bears during rehabilitation at the IBBR facility, including the equipment, methods, and techniques used which have led to the successful rehabilitation and release of IBBR bears since 1989. Funds will also be used to set-up live video feed and webcast seminars using live video feed on the IBBR website, to record, edit, and develop video programs regarding the rehabilitation of the American Black Bear which can be used during presentations to school children, church groups, Boy and Girl Scout troops, senior citizens, other members of the general public, professional conferences, shared via social network to a world-wide audience, and by direct distribution to wildlife agencies and other animal organizations.

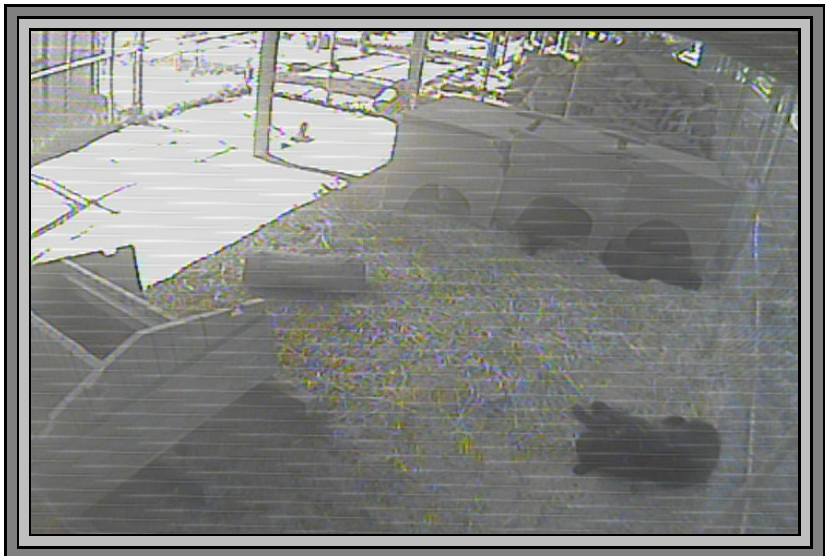
We will work with the equipment supplier and installer to begin installation of primary equipment and begin with recorded video on our website, during presentations, and on social networks. We will notify schools, wildlife professionals, and other animal organizations, via electronic and postal service mediums, the currently available, and near future, upcoming "IBBR CUB CAM" program components.

IBBR's Cub Cam Project is a Priority for 2013 - continued

The IBBR Cub Cam project will target schools, students, and the general public, on a local, national, and international level. In addition, the "IBBR Cub Cam" project will be offered to wildlife professionals working with both wild and captive bears, black bear rehabilitation programs throughout the United States and Canada, and organizations working to restore threatened bear species around the world.

The project has the ability to reach an unlimited number of persons within the Treasure Valley of Idaho, throughout the state of Idaho, the United States, and around the world. The ability to share knowledge about our program with students and professionals guarantees the success of the project. It is an opportunity for participants to observe what is normally, a very elusive species. We will continue to seek both written and verbal feedback from our audience in regard to what they found useful about the project, what they enjoyed, what they learned, and what they would like to see in the future.

Monitor System Pictures Now



Monitor Pictures as We Need Them to Be



PROJECT PURPOSE

- ◆ To enrich the lives of students, by providing a unique addition to their general educational curriculum.
- ◆ To enrich the lives of the general public by providing a unique opportunity to not only educate, but to encourage stewardship of bears and their environment.
- ◆ To offer a unique opportunity to wildlife professionals by providing guidance, technique, and example in real-time and recorded format, with the intent that the knowledge gained can be applied to their specific field of work.
- ◆ To collaborate with other organizations working to rehabilitate and release the American Black Bear in the United States, and other organizations working to restore threatened bear species around the world, by sharing the experiences of our rehabilitation program, with the intent that the information can be adapted and applied to their own specific program efforts.
- ◆ To continue to observe and learn about the behavior of orphaned cubs in rehab, how it differed from previous bears, how it repeated the behavior of previous bears, and to document and record via video and photos that behavior.

Total cost is approximately \$17,000 which includes 13 cameras to cover all the bear enclosures and one pan/tilt/zoom camera for the main enclosure and some labor & equipment donated. The old tower and monitor are quickly becoming unstable. We only have use of 4 cameras at the moment. While we are purchasing cameras one at a time, the entire system is needed to make it all work. We will continue applying for grants and seeking the funding for this major project before our current system fails totally.

Challenges and Blessings

by Sally Maughan

All of us at IBBR wish you much happiness and many blessings in 2013. At this time of year, we try to focus on the things we are thankful for in our own lives. For me, it's the blessing of sharing time with the bears, of their willingness let me be a part of their lives for a short time, to teach me what it is to be a bear, to accept me as I am though I'm not one of them, and to share their spirit with me. I've watched cubs like Malino transform from a scared, starved cub to one that is thriving. I've been amazed by cubs like Hoa obviously displaying a protectiveness over his weaker, shy companion. I've been humbled by my time with Jaws who had his jaw shot off. He was in such pain and yet never once threatened me during the long journey to recover and go free. I play the videos in my mind of all the past bears, the blessings they brought to my life and their struggles to survive and regain their freedom. I smile when thinking about them free and taking charge of their own lives, of doing what bears do. I think about the bears from early years and know that some have probably had several cubs of their own since I knew them. If I had one wish it would be that no cub would go without help in our sometimes cruel and uncaring world.



Kapalua & Hewech - Freedom is everything

experience the blessings and spirits of these cubs as I do. While I know that's not possible, I hope I have shared that experience in a small way by sharing the pictures, stories, and moments of each bear.

We will continue striving to help change attitudes about bear rehab, to educate our children about their value, how to protect them for all future generations, how to co-exist with them, and to understand that every bear is a treasure. We must appreciate them, protect them, and save them along with their habitat.

Thank you to all who supported IBBR and the cubs these past twenty three years. As we start our twenty fourth year, we look forward to a successful 2013 helping as many cubs as we can

with your continued support and help. I so wish each of you could

Sally Maughan

BEAR NECESSITIES - WISH LIST

Idaho Black Bear Rehab needs your help. Without this program, orphaned bear cubs would not have a place to go. Zoos and wildlife parks no longer want or need cubs as they have their own breeding programs. We raise orphaned cubs for release back into the wild. They remain with us until December when we take them to dens in the mountains or through winter until spring if they don't have sufficient weight to survive hibernation. When released, the cubs take charge of their own lives. It can cost up to \$5600 all inclusive to care for each cub during the nine to fifteen months they are with us depending on how much food & other items are donated. It is approximately another \$750 per cub for release & repair expenses. If everyone could donate even the price of one soft drink, it means we could help one more cub.



Ruggles - 1989 - He started it all

ALWAYS NEEDED: \$\$ for formula - Fresh fruit when in season

VOLUNTEER HELP - DONATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

IBBR needs people to fill the following three volunteer positions:

1) Grant Writer 2) Fund-raising Assistant (3 Web update assistant

Printer to donate printing handbooks, newsletters, and other documents; electrician to donate time and knowledge for needed repairs; plumbing company to volunteer labor with swim tub repairs & other needs; volunteers to pick up fruit and nuts in fall ; video specialists to donate labor and/or equipment for upgrades to video monitor system; welder to build a transfer carrier to move cubs from one enclosure to another; volunteer to do property maintenance; volunteer with construction experience

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Bath towels * Hand towels * Lumber * Copy paper * Large & medium Vari-Kennels * Stamps * Xerox Phaser 8560 Solid Ink Sticks - yellow, cyan, magenta, black * HP LaserJet P3015dn printer cartridges * Freezers * Hydraulic lift truck crank for IBBR truck (see www.pickupspecialties.com 4' model LT436) * Golf cart to haul items from roadside drop to enclosure at back end of property

SPECIALITY ITEMS:

Available by Special Order from UPCO (800) 254-8726 - you can arrange payment with UPCO - ship to address at bottom - (order by item # - no substitutions please)

[Multi-Milk #99536](#) (15 Lbs) - [Esbilac #9498](#) (5 Lbs powdered) - [Vionate #615](#) (2 Lbs)

Available at Treasure Valley stores or online ordering from Mazuri.com or 800-227-8941

Mazuri Bear Diet - 40 lbs - stock #5ZH6 \$47.70 or Omnivore Biscuits - 40 lbs - stock 5635 \$37.30

See web site www.mazuri.com for locations in the Boise area

Formula items:

Cartons of Gerbers peach fruit baby cereal & cans of Wilderness Blueberry Pie Filling * Albertsons blended fruit yogurt (or any yogurt with blended fruit rather than chunks) * Honey * Natural applesauce * Boxes of Gerbers baby rice one grain cereal

Food items:

40 LB sacks of Fred Meyer Premium **Chunk Style** dry dog food * Bread * Acorns & Hazelnuts * Fish (salmon or trout) Raw carrots * Cans of fruit * Cottage cheese * Avocados *

Fresh fruit: (Please ask if fruit was sprayed with insecticide) :

Apples, peaches, pears, grapes, plums, cherries, apricots, watermelons, cantaloupes, blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries, strawberries

Please find enclosed my donation for \$ _____ to help save an orphaned cub.

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

We will send you a tax deductible receipt & picture of the bears. For credit cards and other ways to donate visit on our [website](#).



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The Bears Thank You!

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