

Curriculum Vitae of Bobbi Brink

Bobbi Brink began working with ranch animals and riding horses at eight years of age and was active in the 4-H Club throughout her school years.

She began her personal involvement with exotic big cats in 1992 in Texas. What she thought would be an exciting job working with tigers, lions and other big cats, instead became a personal nightmare when she took a job with a breeder and exhibitor. After seeing the horrible abuses and neglect inflicted on captive exotics, Bobbi vowed to make a difference in the lives of these animals and to do everything in her power to end the cycle of indiscriminate breeding for profit.

Lions, Tigers & Bears

Lions, Tigers & Bears (LTB) was founded by Bobbi Brink in Alpine, CA, in 2002, when she rescued two endangered Bengal tigers from a negligent and distraught owner who threatened to kill the tigers when local authorities entered his property to rescue the impoverished cats. Ms. Brink's direct intervention and negotiation with the owner saved these animals, and they are now the patriarch and matriarch of LTB: Raja and Natasha.

Ms. Brink plays an active role in all aspects of managing Lions, Tigers & Bears, from daily feedings to office management. She is a prolific fundraiser and tireless advocate for abused and displaced wildlife.

In addition, Ms. Brink has taken an active role in advancing legislation to protect captive exotic animals. She testified before the Ohio state legislature in favor of SB310, which subsequently passed and is being implemented this year. She continues to work on behalf of federal legislation, the "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act," meeting with its Congressional sponsors and other animal welfare leaders, both in California and in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Brink and Lions, Tigers & Bears have won multiple awards and recognition for leadership and public service.

Alpine Chamber of Commerce

- Organization of the Year – 2008 and 2012

United States Congress

- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition – Alpine Organization of the Year 2012

California Legislative Assembly

- Bobbi Brink - Certificate of Recognition – Outstanding Achievement - Woman of the Year Nominee 2010
- Lions Tigers and Bears - Outstanding Service Award 2010
- Certificate of Recognition – Alpine Organization of the Year Award 2012

California State Senate

- Lions Tigers & Bears – Certificate of Recognition – Alpine Organization of the Year Award 2012

San Diego County Board of Supervisors

- Certificate of Appreciation – Alpine Leadership and Public Service Award 2006
- Certificate of Recognition – Alpine Organization of the Year Award 2012

Teaching and training in the care of exotics

All caregivers at LTB are personally trained by Bobbi. In addition, visiting veterinary interns and student volunteers receive one-on-one training with Bobbi.

Education

Post-high-school education and training related to animals has all been practical application ("hands on"), including more than 20 years of ongoing animal studies and observations, peer-to-peer communications, day-to-day staff supervision, immediate problem-solving, and emergency management.

Memberships & Associations

Better Business Bureau

San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

East County Chamber of Commerce

Alpine Chamber of Commerce