



# Captive Wildlife Report

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 5110 GANDY BLVD  
 TAMPA FL 33611

Report Date / Time <b>3/7/2016 1:54:10PM</b>	Report Number <b>ISR019650 (01)</b>	Report Case/CAD Number <b>FWSW16OFF002976 / FWTB16CAD005682</b>	Reporting Officer Rank / ID <b>INVESTIGAT / WN485</b>	Reporting Officer Name <b>HOUGH, DONALD S</b>
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## LOCATION(S)

County <b>HERNANDO</b>	Location Type <b>REPORT LOCATION</b>	Location Description <b>BIG CAT RESCUE , TAMPA</b>						
Street Number <b>1453</b>	Street <b>HASTINGS RD</b>	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City <b>SPRING HILL</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>34608</b>	Phone Number <b>352-688-1934</b>	Ext.	
County <b>HILLSBOROUGH</b>	Location Type <b>INCIDENT LOCATION</b>	Location Description <b>BIG CAT RESCUE</b>						
Street Number <b>12802</b>	Street <b>EASY STR</b>	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City <b>TAMPA</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>33625</b>	Phone Number <b>813-920-4130</b>	Ext.	

## INVESTIGATION

Sufficient perimeter fence provided	N/A
Enclosures meet or exceed caging requirements	N/A
Animals permanently marked - VR, ROC, other	N/A
Cage doors key locked	N/A
Cages, paddocks, pools appear to have been cleaned, raked, scrubbed & disinfected	N/A
Fecal & food waste properly stored/disposed of	N/A
Enclosures provide adequate surface water drainage	N/A
Animals appear healthy (not including rehab)	N/A
Free of wounds, injuries, skin irritations (not including rehab)	N/A
Animals provided adequate protection from extreme temperature	N/A
Animals provided adequate protection from extreme weather	N/A
Safety entrance for Class 1 & 2 wildlife	N/A
Perimeter/Barrierfences provided	N/A
Complete written records kept up to date as required	N/A
Food & water containers clean	N/A
Proper diet provided per species	N/A
Food spoiled or contaminated for any animal	N/A
Insufficient food & water	N/A
Transport cages meet transport requirements	N/A
Infants/juveniles only at this time	N/A
Elephant ride without required authorization	N/A
Critical Incident/Disaster Plan	N/A
Contact information for contiguous land owners in Plan (Class I Possessors)	N/A
CIDP - Part B - on site	N/A
All Discrepancies Explained to Recipient	N/A
Appropriate Copies of Regs Given or Possessed	N/A

## Person: VOLUNTEER

First Name <b>SUE</b>	Middle Name <b>ANNE</b>	Last Name <b>MESSINEO</b>	Suffix	Race <b>WHITE</b>	Sex <b>FEMALE</b>	Height <b>5'07"</b>	Weight	Hair <b>BROWN</b>	Eyes <b>BLUE</b>
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MNI # <b>FWC16MNI447177</b>	SSN	Date of Birth <b>9/16/1966</b>	Age <b>49</b>	Place of Birth	Drivers License or other ID <b>M250781668360</b>	State <b>FL</b>	ID Type <b>E</b>
Addresses • <b>RESIDENCE / 1453 HASTINGS RD, SPRING HILL, FL 34608 / 352-688-1934</b>							


**Person: OWNER**

First Name <b>CAROLE</b>	Middle Name <b>A</b>	Last Name <b>BASKIN</b>	Suffix	Race <b>WHITE</b>	Sex <b>MALE</b>	Height	Weight <b>0</b>	Hair	Eyes
MNI # <b>FWC14MNI038967</b>	SSN	Date of Birth <b>6/6/1961</b>	Age <b>54</b>	Place of Birth	Drivers License or other ID	State	ID Type		
Addresses • <b>/ 12802 EASY, TAMPA, FL 33625 / 813-920-4130</b>									

**Business: CW EXHIBITOR**

Business Name <b>BIG CAT RESCUE</b>	MBI # <b>FWC16MBI000324</b>	Phone Number 1 <b>813-493-4694</b>	Ext 1	Phone Number 2	Ext 2	
County <b>HILLSBOROU GH</b>	Street Number <b>12802</b>	Address <b>EASY STR</b>	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City <b>TAMPA</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>33625</b>
Other Information						

**Narrative: COMPLAINT INSPECTION**

Narrative Date/Time <b>3/7/2016 2:08:29PM</b>	Narrative Synopsis <b>IBE 16-010 SUMMARY SHEET</b>		
Reporting Officer <b>HOUGH, DONALD S</b>	Officer Rank <b>INVESTIGAT</b>	Officer ID No <b>WN485</b>	Officer Org/Unit <b>FWSWSW RE</b>
Officer Signature 	Officer Agency <b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		

Messineo (Victim) was offering an evening (PM) meat mush paddy to Western Adult Cougar, Known as "Mickey", thru 4" x 4" wire panel opening(s), by hand toss delivery, from outside of wire mesh openings, and thru mesh panel openings.

The meat paddy broke into several pieces upon presentation; some of contents fell inside enclosure(Dirt floor with Landscape pave present) , and some of it fell outside of enclosure.

Messineo state she then picked up residual meat mush paddy, reformed it, and was attempting to deliver it, by hand toss, thru wire mesh openings.

Allegedly the Cougar targeted hand of Messineo containing the meat mush paddy. Messineo retracted hand rapidly, likely brushing against the exterior plane of the wire mesh panels. Messineo stated no contact with Cougar was ever made. No witnesses present during this feeding as all other personnel had left for the day.

This event was not reported to staff until several days later. See Investigation Narrative.



Medical Attention given.

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Preventative hospital admittance for several days for wound care/prevention received at Oak Hill Hospital, Brooksville, Florida.

FWCC was notified by the John Campbell, State Department of Health/Hernando County Health Department.

**Narrative: FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION**

 Narrative Date/Time <b>3/7/2016 2:17:49PM</b>	Narrative Synopsis <b>INVESTIGATION IBE16-010</b>		
Reporting Officer <b>HOUGH, DONALD S</b>	Officer Rank <b>INVESTIGAT</b>	Officer ID No <b>WN485</b>	Officer Org/Unit <b>FWSW/SW RE</b>
Officer Signature 	Officer Agency <b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		

On March 3, 2016, Lt. Steve De Lacure and myself met at the location listed above known as Big Cat Rescue to conduct a follow-up investigation related to IBE 16-010.

At this location we were met by Carole Baskin, Owner / Manager who escorted us to the enclosure that contained the Western Cougar named in the IBE. We viewed the area where Messineo stated she was standing / kneeling when she was injured.

See attached photo's

At the enclosure we observed all wire to be intact and no damage. This enclosure is constructed of 4" X 4" square welded wire and meets the requirements set forth in the FAC governing caging.

During a thorough examine of the feeding area, several barbs on the wires surface were located, this occurs during the manufacturing process. These sharp burrs may have caused the minor injury that Lt. De Lacure observed during his interview with Messineo.

It should also be noted at throughout the entire facility there are sections of wire fence that have very sharp edges and this is also addressed in the release from liability form that each person must sign prior to entering the grounds. Signage is also present in many area's ref leaning on the wire.

We then viewed the records related to the Cougar and verified its point of origin and that it had received a rabies vaccination when it arrived at Big Cat Rescue on 8/7/2014. In the records it was noted that the Cougar had it's from claws removed on its front paws. All other records were up to date and no violations were observed.

It should be noted that this facility had been inspected on the date of the alleged bite by this Investigator and Investigator Chad Paul.

As of March 3, 2016, Messineo had still not contacted Carole Baskin, nor had she completed an Incident Form required by the facility.

This investigation is closed with no further action.

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Victim Sue Anne Messineo was interviewed by Lt. De Lacure on at her residence, after being treated for an alleged bite involving a Western Cougar at Big Cat rescue were she is a volunteer.

**Officer: Approving Supervisor (Supplement 01)**

Officer Name <b>STEPHEN DELACURE</b>	Officer Rank <b>LIEUTENANT</b>	Officer ID No <b>W0507</b>	Officer Agency <b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>
Officer Signature			

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<b>01</b>	<b>HOUGH, DONALD S</b>	<b>INVESTIGAT</b>		<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>WN485</b>	<b>FWSWSW RE</b>	<b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the narratives associated with this report:

**Officer: Reporting Officer (Supplement 01)**

Officer Name <b>HOUGH, DONALD S</b>	Officer Rank <b>INVESTIGAT</b>	Officer ID No <b>WN485</b>	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the ____ day of _____, _____ DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Officer Agency <b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	Officer Signature		