

Video Transcript for The Wild Animal Sanctuary, Visitors Video:

Text slide #1: An estimated 30,000 great cats, bears, wolves and other large carnivores are living in substandard conditions throughout the United States.

Text slide #2: In Weld County, Colorado, The Wild Animal Sanctuary is working to reduce this number through rescues and public education. For founder Pat Craig, it is about giving these animals a second chance and a better life.

[music playing]

[Teri Lucero, visitor, speaking]

“My name is Teri Lucero. I live in Evans, Colorado. I have visited the Wildlife Sanctuary for I don’t how many years – several years, anyway. I’ve seen it from where it first, first began to now where they’ve expanded the walkway. And there’s a lot more animals here now also.

“My very first time, I came with a – I was an elementary teacher – and we came on a field trip, and it was my very first time. I have my two grandkids with me today, and it’s their first time so they’re really enjoying it.”

[Lauren Monfredi and Chris Jenkins, visitors, speaking]

“I’m Lauren. I’m from Vermont.”

“And I’m Chris, and I’m from Rhode Island.”

[Lauren Monfredi speaking]

“It’s really cool. I love it! It is really interesting to watch the animals just pretty much roam free, and you get to take the pictures that you want.”

[Chris Jenkins speaking]

“It’s a great opportunity to see animals in a natural environment and to feel like they’re not captive and they’re being taken care of and being rescued and given a second life. It’s great.”

[Breanne Dimock, Development and Public Relations Associate for The Wild Animal Sanctuary]

“I’m Breanne Dimock. I am the Development and Public Relations Associate. We are a 100% privately funded. All of the funding that we receive comes from individual donors and grants. We receive no government funding whatsoever. So it is really important to us that people come out and see these animals and fall in love with them and then make the choice to donate to us – to keep us going. They can also choose to adopt one of



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our animals, symbolically. They will receive a picture of that animal and yearly updates about how that animal is doing.”

[Teresa Kempf, Director of Animal Care at The Wild Animal Sanctuary]

“My name is Teresa Kempf, and I am the Director of Animal Care here at the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

“Pat (Craig, founder) does a lot of the – getting everything organized to get the rescues going. We will get everything ready so we can leave that morning and go scoop up the animals – how ever many that may be – and then bring them back here as soon as we can. It’s always pretty difficult to see what they (the animals) are forced to live in and how they are forced to live. So rescues to me are very serious, and they’re exhausting, and they’re stressful, because I want to get the animals back as soon as possible. And get them, hopefully, better soon.

“But then to watch each animal through their own individual process on their rehabilitation is pretty neat. Watching them just be okay and, like I said before, get to smile here is pretty important to me. And it’s pretty neat.

“It’s everyone coming together for the animals. It’s the visitors, and it’s the volunteers, and it’s everyone coming together to support them (the animals). I think the sense of community here is also so wonderfully contagious. Having everyone be a part of their (the animals) smiles is a neat thing.”

[video of animals]

[Terri Lucero speaking, lion roaring in the background]

“Can you hear that? Isn’t that neat? That is so cool to hear them. It really is!”

The Wild Animal Sanctuary is located at 1946 Weld County Road 53 in Keenesburg, CO. To learn more visit: www.wildanimalsanctuary.org.



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