

WILDLIFE BOB

INTERVIEW

I want to introduce you to a very interesting person. He has completed many interesting accomplishments during his lifetime. His experiences are so interesting and filled with such excitement. He enjoys wildlife rehabilitation and other experiences with wildlife. He gives of his time for many organizations as a "Volunteer". He is available at a moments notice for photo shoots that must be taken at a moments notice by various requesting organizations.

He was first sighted carrying a rake, pail and both hands **were** filled with utensils for cleaning the panther's cage. He can be found by checking the cages of the wolves, fox or other critters. He is dedicated to wildlife.

I will now introduce you to Wildlife Bob.

Wildlife Bob has traveled extensively in Brazil, Ecuador, the Amazon, Haiti, and many other places as a Volunteer for Church missions and other volunteer positions. He said he enjoys people and the joys of working with them on various projects. He always took his camera along on these trips so he has many varied photos to share.

Bob has been retired for 10 years and now the "focus" is on wildlife photography. He volunteers at many different organizations so his experiences are varied. Some of the organizations are:

Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW)
Panther National Wildlife Refuge
Shy Wolf Sanctuary, **Education and Experience Center**
Naples Zoo At Caribbean Gardens
Conservancy of SW Florida – Wildlife rehab and education

CREW encompasses 60,000 acres of space that spans two counties. This property shelters some of the most imperiled species in the United States such as Florida endangered Panther, wood storks, and several species of endangered wild orchids.

The Panther National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1989 with 26,000 acres located in the Big Cypress Basin. It is home to endangered Florida panther, black bear, bobcats, white tailed deer, fox squirrels and many varieties of wading birds.

Bob visits the Panther refuge and checks the high-speed cameras to see what critters have been in the area. Some times he has to do complete and innovative repairs out there in the wild as nature can throw some punches at the camera equipment. The ants are a problem so he uses "moth balls" to get the carpenter ants to leave the equipment alone. Bob is there to change the film on these high-speed cameras every 2-3 weeks. One must also be aware of where one-steps as there are always some kind of scat to avoid. Bob enjoys the trips back out to the refuge center as along the way there is sure to be some surprise wild life picture to snap.

Bob says his greatest pleasure would be leaving wildlife wild so they can take care of themselves. This is the way it should be for all.

His goals for his photography are to use it as a medium for his own enjoyment. He does sell his photos at Shy Wolf Sanctuar, Education and Experience Center. He is published in a book called, "Myths and Truths About Coyotes by Carol Cartaino. His picture is one of a coyote taken in Yellowstone National Park in Chapter Four.

Bob's website is located at: <http://wildlifebob.com>

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