

It's time to meet the first residents:



Droma – she was one of the first cats to arrive at the centre.

Fruin – she's a quietly curious cat, and likes to investigate everything going on around her. She settled into the centre quickly after arriving from Camperdown Wildlife Centre, Dundee.



Embo – was another of the very first cats to arrive. This handsome chap came from Wildwood Trust in Kent.

Margaret – enjoys stalking and hunting, and is very playful. She's been practising her ambushing skills.



Arran – this two-year old male came from Myerscough College. He's very inquisitive about his new surroundings and really loves his food!

Oscar – this handsome two-year-old recently arrived from Belfast Zoo. Oscar will soon be partnered with a mate. He'll play an important role in creating the next generation of wildcats.



This is **Fearn**. She joined the centre in January and is excellent at hiding!

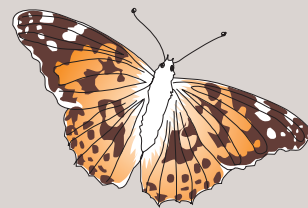
Cranachan – this young cat arrived last summer. He has a very keen appetite!



There's also Rannoch, Tulla and Torr at the centre. Of all the cats, Oscar, Fearn and Torr are the most elusive. They love to hide up high in the enclosures or in their den boxes, and their keepers haven't disturbed them to take many, if any, pictures. It's important they're able to exhibit their wild behaviours, and, as very recent additions to the project, they're just settling in.

There are now 11 wildcats at the *Saving Wildcats* conservation breeding for release centre, with a few more expected this month. They're being paired up and we're hoping for kittens in a few months! Using a methodology developed with PTES funding, these cats were selected to ensure their kittens have the strongest wildcat DNA.

Thanks to everyone who donated last year. Your donations have helped create wonderful natural enclosures for these cats to enjoy, away from the public and with lots of enrichment, as well as veterinary checks and an excellent standard of care from their keepers. The kittens born to these cats will be the first wildcats released into carefully selected sites within the remote Scottish landscape.



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