

## **Grant Kemmerer**

"The Real Life Noah's Ark-Living Wild"



**Grant Kemmerer, 52 Location:** Eighty Four, PA

- **Experience:** Grant has been taking care of wild animals for over 30 years. Focused on education and conservation, Grant has created a variety of programs that bring awareness to the importance of wildlife and endangered species. Grant cares for over 200 animals on his 15-acre property. including big cats, wolves, primates, birds of prey, parrots, venomous and non-venomous snakes, crocodilians and other various reptiles, small mammals and amphibians.
- Who he is: Since childhood, Grant has always been fascinated with animals of every kind. Graduating from Florida International University, he started working professionally with animals in Miami. Through his professional career working with animals, he recognized a need for someone with his expertise to be able to care for exotic animals who had been injured or orphaned. He also recognized his giant property would be the perfect place to home animals from all parts of the world.
- **Mission:** Grant believes he has the real life Noah's Ark and hopes to create a sanctuary that reflects specific species original habitats. He's been approached to take on an injured snow leopard, a cheetah and a wolverine, which means he'll need to construct spaces that mirror the climates and spaces that they're used to. Grant hopes to become a haven for injured and orphaned exotic animals, and by proxy, educate the public about these amazing animals and their importance in our world.

## Examples of Work:

- o Grant has been working with animals for 30 years. He's spent time in the Amazon, South Africa and the Galapagos Islands learning about different animal species.
- o Grant's property is 15 acres and acts as a sanctuary for over 200 wild and exotic creatures.
- O Animals like mountain lions, black bears, and foxes have come into his care because they were injured and orphaned. If it's not safe to rehab and release them back into the wild, he gives them a permanent home. He has bottle-fed many animals, including baby bears.
- o Grant isn't afraid to handle wild animals. He's one of the few people that can go into these enclosures. While he never feels threatened by his animals, he also knows his limits and has been injured in the past. At one point, he had a baboon break his nose, a hyena bit a part of his finger off and he even had a venomous bite from a cobra.

