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**"SLO Film Fest to show 'The Cat That Changed America'
Sponsored by Pacific Wildlife Care on March 15th, 17th and 18th, 2018"**

Morro Bay, CA, March 8, 2018--- Pacific Wildlife Care has partnered with the SLO International Film Festival, to sponsor a full-featured film written and directed by Tony Lee of Sabana Films, *The Cat That Changed America*, and a new short or animated youth film award, *The Wild World We Love*, in the Young Filmmakers of Tomorrow category for students K-12.

P22 is the most famous mountain lion in the world, living in Griffith Park, right in the heart of Los Angeles. He was born in the Santa Monica Mountains, and crossed two of the busiest freeways in America, the 405 and the 101, before he settled in the park. Yet P22 is now trapped, hemmed in by freeways and the urban sprawl, with little chance of ever finding a mate.

This new documentary film will explore his plight and the development of the wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon in Los Angeles. Angelinos and local conservationists alike are battling to help P22 and the mountain lions of the Santa Monica Mountains, as they try to raise over \$50 million dollars, while facing resistance from public ignorance and the spread of rodenticide use.

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As the only local organization in San Luis Obispo County licensed to rehabilitate injured, orphaned and sick wildlife with the goal of releasing healthy back to the wild and the sponsoring organization of the SLO County chapter of the Berkeley-based *Raptors Are The Solution (SLO-RATS)*, we see first-hand the devastating effects from urban-wildlife conflicts resulting from shrinking habitats and use of man-made poisons and deterrents that affect much more than their intended targets including raptors, mammals, domestic pets and children..

This film will have three screenings at the Palm Theatre on Thursday, March 15th at 1:00 pm, Saturday, March 17th at 1:15 pm, and Sunday, March 18th at 1:15 pm. This film starring P22 is entertaining and emotional touching audiences and the next generation of conservationists about coexistence with wildlife in LA, or any town or city facing increasing development and urbanization. Look for the life-size P22 photo cutout outside the theatres & take a photograph with him!

In addition, a panel of jurists officially selected winning entries for *The Wild World We Love* youth film award. The youth films will be shown at the Downtown Centre at 2:30 pm on Sunday, March 18 at the Filmmakers of Tomorrow showcase with all the other youth selections and winning films will be awarded at 6:00 pm at the Fremont Theatre on that same day. Those films meeting this new award

criteria will also be shown before the screening of the "The Cat That Changed America" on Thursday, March 15, at the Palm Theatre at 1:00 pm.

FEATURE DOCUMENTARIES

THE CAT THAT CHANGED AMERICA

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THUR 1PM PALM SAT 1:15PM PALM SUN 1:15PM PALM



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