

Lynx Shows Up in Wisconsin Neighborhood

Siberian lynx escapes from wildlife park, is safely captured.

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When Alan Borud pulled up into his driveway this week, he saw what at first he thought was a stray cat. When the cat stood up and walked toward his car, however, Borud realized it wasn't an ordinary house cat, the Wisconsin Dells Events reports.

"Normally, I'm not afraid of animals," Borud told the Events, but the way this large cat approached Borud's car made him think twice about where he parked. After moving the car closer to the house, Borud made it safely inside.

As Borud watched from the window, the cat approached Borud's porch, then stood on its hind legs. It stretched to about chest height on a grown man, and appeared to weigh between 40 and 50 pounds, Borud said.

Borud called the Adams County Humane Society shelter, which helped reunite the Siberian lynx with its owner, Mark Schoebel of the Timbavati Wildlife Park/Storybook Gardens in Lake Delton, north of Madison. Schoebel said the cat, named Felix, escaped from a broken crate. He thanked Borud for being a "gentleman" and seeking help from people with knowledge about animals.

Felix is now safe at home on a farm in Neshkoro with Schoebel, and will return to the Dells when tourist season starts next year.