

Florida Panther Field Note

August 2003

Births

- **FP93.** Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP). 2 males, 1 female handled August 5 at approximately 21 days old by Big Cypress personnel under state and federal permits. All appeared healthy.

Other Panther News

- **FP119** male. BCNP. First captured this past season on 2 April 2003 by Big Cypress personnel. Since he was a yearling male, a “break-away” device was placed in his radio-collar to guard against potential problems should the collar prematurely fail. The break away material broke after only 4 months.
- **FP93** female. BCNP. Collar failed. Last location was 18 Monday.
- **Kittens Released.** Three kittens from 2 different litters were released on 20 Wednesday within their mothers' former home ranges. Female FP113 and male FP114 (siblings) were released on the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and female FP116 was released on Big Cypress Mitigation Bank lands (Hendry County). See the Field Note pertaining to this incident for more details.