

## Florida Panther Field Note February 2005

### Captures

- Female Florida panther #48 was last “heard from” on July 5, 2000, that’s when the radiocollar she was wearing prematurely failed. She was recaptured on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month and was in excellent condition for a 13 year old panther. Because she was so robust, at 86 pounds, we determined she could comfortably tolerate a slightly larger GPS collar. She continues to utilize her established home range in the Bear Island Unit of Big Cypress National Preserve but occasionally makes forays north.



SFP48 was kind enough to present us with an easy target and nothing to deflect the dart.

### Mortalities

- Uncollared Florida Panther #71 (UCFP71), a male less than 3-years-old, was hit and killed on US41 in Big Cypress National Preserve on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

- UCFP72 was discovered along SR29 south of I-75 on February 25<sup>th</sup>. He was estimated to be about 2-years-old. The carcass was not immediately discovered because it was so far from the road shoulder. Based on the degree of decomposition it was estimated he had been dead about 2 days.