

The Morris Animal Foundation hosted “Leading the Way,” its Second Annual Gala on Thursday, October 25th, 2012 at a private club in New York City. The event was designed and produced by Kate Edmonds Events, and chaired by **Dr. David Haworth, Robin Reardon Nelson, Kate Edmonds,** and **Barbara Regna.**



Cocktails were served in the Big Cat Lounge featuring jungle prints, palms, big cat cut-outs, kia royales and beautiful tropical lighting. Tito The Pom was in attendance, charming the guests

The ballroom doors opened to a cooling counterpoint, a room designed to celebrate all the ocean and its creatures. A sea of animal print dresses and accessories swirled around

the room, adding to the décor. The unusual centrepieces of barnacles, wild coral roses, beach grass and exotic shells set the mood. The Reverend **Douglas Ousley** from the Church of the Incarnation gave a great invocation for wildlife followed by a three course dinner, starting with a delicious English Pea Soup.

The gala honored **Dr. Janine Brown**, a reproductive physiologist at the Conservation & Research Center of the Smithsonian National Zoological Park. For more than 25 years, Dr. Brown has led research projects to better understand the reproductive biology of endangered wildlife and is devoted to increasing the body of knowledge that will lead to better management and conservation of endangered species.



