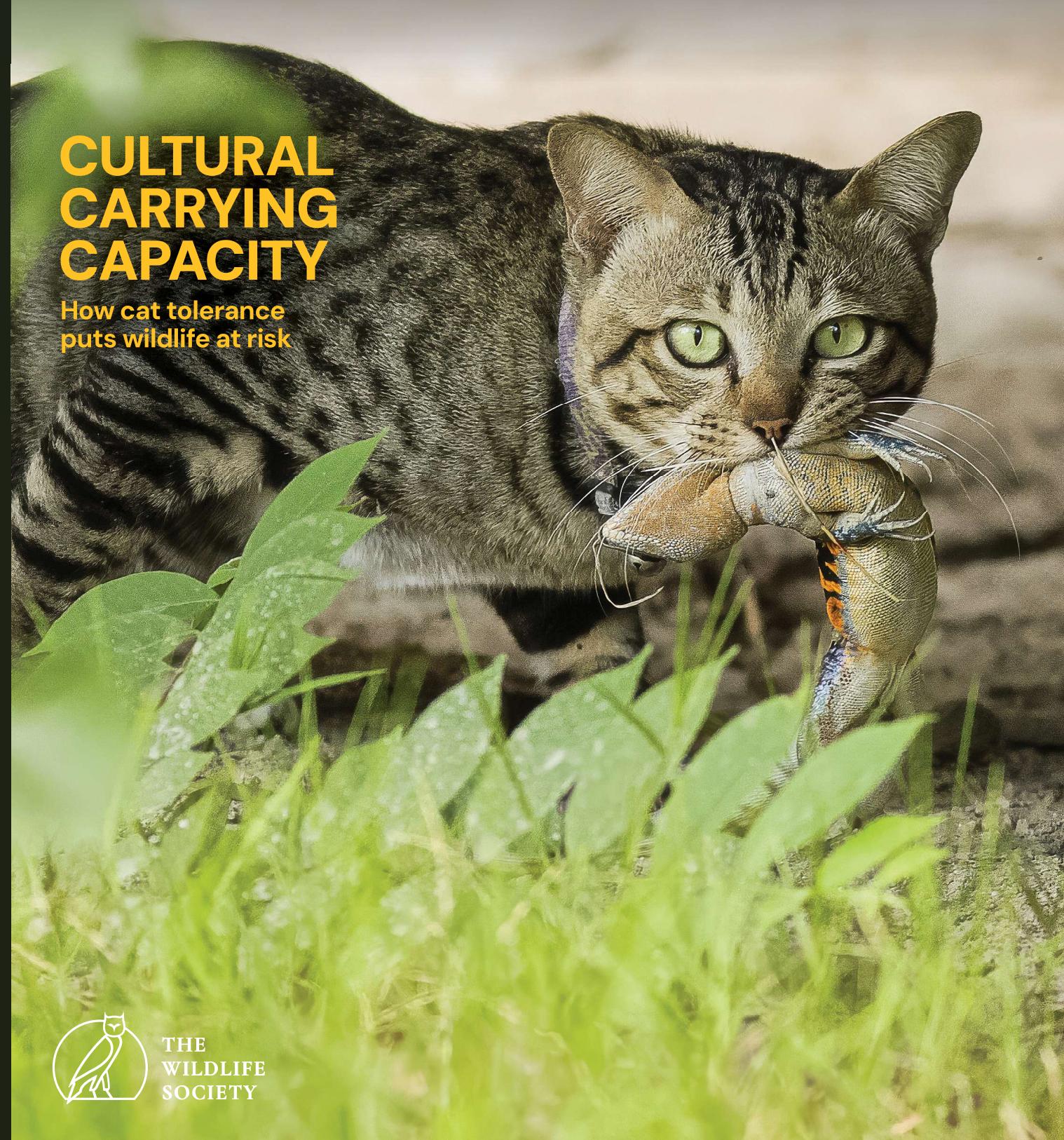


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**A domestic cat in Thailand with a common butterfly lizard (*Leiolepis belliana*) in its mouth.**

Wich'yanan (Jay) Limparungpattanakij

## ERRATUM

In the September/October issue of *The Wildlife Professional*, we mistakenly identified an eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) as a western gray squirrel (*Sciurus griseus*) in the article "Wild Animal Welfare."

In the November/December issue, we incorrectly referred to a structure in Colorado as the largest wildlife overpass in North America when it is the largest wildlife overpass east of the Rocky Mountains, not the largest on the continent. We regret these errors.

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