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The stated purpose of Phoenix per the articles of incorporation :

“ ...for charitable educational and scientific purposes; to educate the public in the necessary safety precautions and procedures for dealing with exotic wildlife; and to provide emergency assistance to exotic wildlife in need of care or relocation.”

Phoenix is dedicated to the legal and ethical ownership of exotic animals by private persons with an emphasis on education and safety.

Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association Inc., is an organization of active members working to protect and maintain the rights of private ownership through responsible behavior.

WELCOME!

YOU ARE HOLDING THE FIRST COPY IN PRINT OF PHOENIX EXOTICS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER. MY NAME IS JEANNE HALL , I AM THE PRESIDENT OF PHOENIX EXOTICS AND WOULD LIKE TO BRIEF YOU ON what to expect in our upcoming newsletters. The newsletter is an avenue to reach our members that are not on our E-list provided by Yahoogroups.com. This newsletter will help members who do not have computer access or easy access to our website. We are *reaching out* to make Phoenix Exotics accessible, including in our newsletter information from our E-list for members that are currently not online.

Enjoy!

LETTER FROM EDITOR Welcome!

This newsletter is a derivative of articles or posts from the E-list through member participation. Any and all articles included in this newsletter were either taken from Phoenix Exotics Wildlife Assoc., Inc. email E-list or were submitted by members with their permission. Please feel free to submit any article you wish to have included in our newsletter. Email requests to : Pretyziba@aol.com I will communicate back with you in reference to your submission.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR PHOENIX EXOTICS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION, INC. are \$10.00 ANNUALLY, PLEASE SEND ANY INQUIRIES OR \$10.00 TO :

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PLEASE Notify Phoenix Exotics if YOU are AWARE of a ‘Canned Hunt’,

Wildlife On Easy Street issues a publication called Cat-Tales. The following is a response from John Lussmyer in reference to an article in their publication.

“I just received and read the latest issue of cat-tales. They are repeating the usual story of 500 ranches do "canned hunts" in Texas, and talk about small enclosures where you can kill various big cats. “



Picture submitted by: Cheri Fecker

Chimpanzees Said in Danger

Story Filed: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 9:59 AM EDT DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) -- Commercial hunters abetted by wars and logging companies are a grave threat to chimpanzees across central Africa, renowned chimp conservationist Jane Goodall said Tuesday. Hunters shoot chimpanzees and then smoke and sell the meat, "even shipping it off to exotic restaurants," said Goodall, who has been studying chimpanzees in northwestern Tanzania for 40 years. "We are training young people to change their desire to eat chimpanzees and develop an appetite for other meat like goat," Goodall said. Trade in chimpanzee and gorilla meat is widespread throughout central Africa, even though both are protected species in the countries where they are hunted. The World Wide Fund for Nature says chimpanzee and gorilla meat is commercially available for sale in central Africa and is on restaurant menus in Paris and Brussels. The meat is served dried or smoked and as steak or in stews. Copyright © 2001 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved.

Information about the Wild Feline Husbandry course:

August 8th, 8 am to 5-6pm, at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport Portland, OR Registration is \$75, DUE JULY 10th Please send payments or questions in writing to: **LIOC-ESCF, Inc., PO Box 22085, Phoenix, Arizona 85028.**

Kenya relocates 56 elephants

By ERIC MUNENE, Associated Press NANYUKI, Kenya (July 5, 2001 2:26 p.m. EDT) – Mzee is 42, stubborn and known for crashing through the electrified fence that surrounds a sprawling ranch in north central Kenya. On Thursday, the 4.2-ton bull elephant stumbled out of a truck, shook off his stupor and flapped his ears, ambling free in his new, fenceless home following the most intensive elephant relocation effort to date in eastern Africa. Richard Kosgey, whose small farm outside the ranch has been trampled more than once by elephants, was glad to see Mzee and the other pachyderm's leave. "We are very happy they are gone. They destroyed our crops every now and then, but luckily, no one has been injured in a long time." The three-week process to move the 56 elephants from the 36-square-mile private game Ol Pajeta sanctuary to the 348-square-mile Meru National Park began Monday. The \$150,000 effort underscores the problems the huge animals face - and pose - in a poor country of 29 million people. After an 11-hour, 90-mile journey in a three-truck convoy, Mzee and two companions were exploring the vast plains of their new home. The International Fund for Animal Welfare, the Born Free Foundation and the Kenya Wildlife Service was financing the \$150,000 relocation process. IFAW spokeswoman Liz Wamba said the fund plans to spend \$1.25 million in Kenya over the next five years to help keep animals like Mzee out of harm's way - and farmers' fields.

Peta Offers Reward

July 7, 2001

"The Channel 9 news in Oklahoma City has been detailing a case of animal cruelty for the past week about a kitten, domestic, about six weeks old that was dipped in hot tar, survived for a week after that alone after being dumped near the land fill. It was found and brought to the local animal shelter. First the local humane group offered a \$1000 reward for conviction of the guilty party. Today PETA has offered another \$1000. Now we have what they say is the kittens mother who was mutilated and had to be euthanized. My question is " How in the heck do they know that these cats are related?" And if they know that, then who was the owner if both were dumped? I asked Channel 9 news that question and they only wanted to talk about the PETA reward. They never answered my questions at all. Strange ? ~ Leona

Boys Arm Tore off by Shark in Florida

Story Filed: Saturday, July 07, 2001 12:27 AM EDT PENSACOLA BEACH, Fla. (AP) -- An 8-year-old boy was in critical condition Friday after his arm was torn off by a bull shark, officials said. The boy was in the water along Gulf Islands National Seashore on Friday night when he was attacked, said National Park Service ranger J.R. Tomasovic. The boy's uncle was able to wrestle the shark to shore, and another man pried the shark's mouth open to remove the boy's arm, Tomasovic said. Once the arm was taken out of the shark's mouth, a park ranger shot the animal to death, Tomasovic told WEAR-TV in Pensacola. The boy was taken to a hospital where doctors were trying to reattach his arm. His name was not immediately released. Copyright © 2001 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved.



Doctors Upbeat About Boy's Status Following Shark Attack

The Associated Press PENSACOLA, Fla. (July 8, 2001 5:44 p.m. EDT) - An 8-year-old boy whose arm was reattached after a shark attack has made good progress, doctors said Sunday, but may need more than a year to regain use of the limb. "The doctors were pleased, he had a good 24 hours," said Pam Bilbrey, spokeswoman for Baptist Hospital Pensacola. "They were pretty



Goliath, submitted by: Tracy Wilson

ecstatic when they left this morning, about how well he's doing right now." The boy "shows no sign of failure of blood supply to the arm; he shows no sign of infection," the hospital said in a news release. "He should have a normally growing limb," said Juliet De Campos, an orthopedic surgeon.

\$6 Million Tiger Center to be Built in East Texas

05/25/2001 Associated Press Tyler – A \$6 million tourist center and educational complex is planned by operators of an East Texas tiger refuge along Interstate 20. The proposal unveiled Thursday includes a circular-shaped building with a visitors' center and classrooms surrounded by landscaped "cat habitats," as well as a performance area and amphitheater. Smith County commissioners received details of the plan from Werner. Picnic areas and hiking trails are planned throughout woodlands and wetlands on a nine-acre tract of land located off the State Park Highway in Smith County. The proposal also calls for ample RV, bus and visitor parking to be made available on the property. Brian Werner, director of Tiger Missing Link Foundation and Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge, said the center will be a rest stop for road-weary travelers. The project, although not completely funded, would primarily be paid for through federal grants and private donations, Werner said. He expects funding to be in place by February. (Copyright 2001 by The Associated Press. All Rights Reserved.)

**The 56 Patriots Who Signed "The Declaration of Independence"
REMEMBERING INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor. They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: freedom is never free! ~ Author Unknown ~

Phoenix Exotics does not recommend or condone this type of animal husbandry!

Baby Bob Cats For Sale: Awesome babies for sale! these animals have fangs and claws removed and are shocked trained to provide the best pet quality bob cats on the market! they never bite or scratch or your money back! These are third generation captive bred and tame as any house cat! Free shock collar with every purchase! for use for back up training only. Asking \$300 a piece for the babies or \$500 a pair! Tiger and Cougar babies expected soon!

Beware of advertisements that sound offbeat and make inquiries to offset negative public reaction! REMEMBER EDUCATION IS KEY.....





Baballoo, is a retired circus tiger living at Riverglen..
Picture taken by and Submitted by: Leann Montgomery

RESPONSE FROM PHOENIX MEMBERS TO ADVERTISEMENT SELLING SHOCK COLLAR TRAINED CATS

"The fangs are pressure sensitive and without them the cat is not aware just how much pressure it is applying! Defanged mom-cats are notorious for hurting kittens when they attempt to move them. De-fanged cats have a much more difficult time figuring out "no bite". "Mouthing" seems to be instinctive for a lot of breeds and teaching them to be gentle is fairly simple IF they can figure out what "gentle" is. " ~ Shirley Wagner

"No one can guarantee that an animal will or will not do anything, and promising that to a novice is just wrong, wrong, wrong. She's obviously in it to make money off uneducated people. " ~ Tracy Wilson

A Del Rio Ranch Worker May Have Contracted ANTHRAX, state health officials said.

The anthrax death toll for cattle and wildlife is climbing in three South Texas counties, including Del Rio. Health officials believe that the worker reportedly skinned an infected animal. He is being treated and is expected to be released soon. Officials have sent warnings to ranchers across the area and several ranches have been quarantined. Health officials said that this is the worst anthrax outbreak since the 1970s.

LIOC Putting Together Placement List

Now that I'm not working, I have more time to do the things that I've been meaning to do for months. One of those things is to put together a list of possible homes for cats that may need them. If anyone is interested in taking in a rescue cat, please email me privately with your contact info and what species you would be willing to take on. My goal is to have more homes lined up than cats that need to be placed. If anyone has room in your hearts and homes please let me know. ~ Leann Montgomery
You can contact Leann in writing, send to : Leann Montgomery 2846 Hillspring Road, Pleasureville, KY 40057

Humane Society Of The United States Commends Senators For Letter To President Bush On Whales WASHINGTON, Jul 11, 2001 (U.S. Newswire via COMTEX) -- The Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal protection organization, is applauding a bi-partisan coalition of 28 Senators who sent a strongly worded letter in opposition to commercial whaling to President Bush just two weeks before the International Whaling Commission is set to begin its annual meeting.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ Phoenix Exotics JULY meeting

The July meeting was a tad confused as the local LIOC branch meeting time conflicted with our meeting. This was due to an unintentional error in the newsletter which could not be corrected in time to adjust the meetings. A couple members missed the meeting due to late notice. We still had good attendance. We reviewed the Mississippi cougar situation. (16 yr old cougar taken from its home due to noncompliance with new laws by the owners) The owners are still working on their situation and feel they have the matter under control. They expect to have the cat back in 2 months. Thus no action to be taken at this time. No action has yet been taken on the Hardship Compliance fund. We discussed conventions and training courses. We went over the possibility of Cheri Fecker working on some project for the group. Cheri has since decided to take on the function of local rep in her area and assist folks as needed there and work on a snail mail newsletter. This has not yet been approved by the board. However, I have seen a draft copy and it looks great. We can open up membership to those not on e-mail if we can get this off the ground. Plans are also in the works to put it into a web format so those who cannot deal with the email format due to time or interest can stay in touch that way. This would add an entirely new level of expense and required resources as well as open up for a lot of additional members. The entire plan has not been formulated yet. As things are starting to bottleneck in my area, I have hired an office manager for my business to free me up some. Her name is Emma Ball. I would like to use her for Phoenix work also, but the funding has not been scheduled or approved for that purpose. For now, she will be in the office from 9-12 Monday, Wed and Friday or out doing errands for me and where I can work in a little Phoenix work I will do so - like answering the phones or getting the mail out. I apologize to anyone who has sent in a check which I have not yet cashed. With Emma on board I can either be freed up to do that or have her get that completed. Our Secretary, Kim Germain is still working a very heavy schedule. She is very much here, the bottle neck on dealing with the finances is in my area - not her's. I have not turned over the materials to her yet. It happens to work out that 4 of the 5 officers will be in Portland for the LIOC Husbandry course on August 8th. I am working to see if the 5th can attend for some portion of the time. Since we will already be there, we would like to do a brief meeting over dinner after the course. As a number of our members are also LIOC members and may be there doing the course, this would be a perfect opportunity to meet one another. The LIOC Husbandry course ends around 6 on Wed and the LIOC convention does not start until the next day. We should be able to slip in a meeting at dinner. Zuzana will be leaving for the airport around 8:00, so this would have to be short. For anyone who would like to attend, we will be in the Holiday Inn Portland Airport in Portland, Oregon for the course. Time of the meeting will be after the course. That depends on when it ends. Please let me know which issues you would like to discuss and if you plan to



Jake, submitted by Jeanne Hall

attend. Let me know, also, how to contact you with exact time and place. We should have a newsletter sample for you at that meeting too. Please let me know if this sort of meeting will fit with your plans. If you have other suggestions, please let me know. And as always, if you cannot attend but would like to send your comments or suggestions, please get them to me. I will need them by August 6th for this month.

Jeanne Hall, President

Phoenix Exotics Wildlife Association, Inc.

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

Any submissions that have been published have been given prior permission for publication. If you anyone feels that their views have not been properly represented they can contact :

general@phoenixexotics.org or president@phoenixexotics.org

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

There are two type of membership.

Free membership is given to anyone who asks. Full access membership to the E-list and it's archives are the perk. Full membership includes the E-list and archives, monthly newsletter, monthly meetings in person or by *write in* yearly general membership meeting and the one vote.

A FULL MEMBERSHIP CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$10.00 PER YEAR.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Congress urged to pass lab animal protection measures

Alternatives Research and Development Foundation National Association for Biomedical Research

By FREDERIC J. FROMMER, Associated Press WASHINGTON (July 5, 2001 10:29 a.m. EDT) –

While mistreating a pet mouse, bird or rat can lead to criminal charges in all 50 states, if a scientist does the same thing in a laboratory setting, there's no penalty. Federal regulations for research animals specifically exclude mice, birds and rats, which make up more than 95 percent of all lab animals. Scientist John McArdle, who has spent 20 years working on animal rights issues, thought he had changed that last year when the Department of Agriculture settled his lawsuit by agreeing to set standards. But that effort was blocked by Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., then chairman of a Senate agriculture panel, after lobbying by a group representing laboratories. McArdle is trying again this year and hopeful of a better result now that Democrats control the Senate and the panel is led by Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis. "I don't believe any animal should suffer unnecessarily," said McArdle, a former animal researcher who says he saw too much cruelty to continue that work. The National Association for Biomedical Research says the standards the government planned to introduce last year were unnecessary, costly and would have delayed cures of diseases. In 1998, McArdle's group, the Alternatives Research and Development Foundation, sued the USDA, arguing it couldn't exclude these animals. Believing it could lose the case, the department settled the suit last year by agreeing to come up with a new rule covering them. The rule was to take effect last October but Cochran blocked it for a year by inserting an amendment to the farm spending bill. Kohl has not said whether he will try to block the rule. Without such action, the rule will take effect with the Oct. 1 start of the next fiscal year. W. Ronald DeHaven, the USDA veterinarian who oversees the department's enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, said most lab rats, birds and mice are covered by some regulating body. But he said NIH provides no independent oversight or inspection. The USDA, on the other hand, does spot inspections and has enforcement powers over 1,200 labs. It also requires annual reports on which animals were used and how many experienced pain. "If in fact most of the rats and mice are already covered by other regulations, then the only additional burden would be reporting animals to the USDA," DeHaven said.

New Home for Jumbos

Story Filed: Friday, July 06, 2001 11:20 AM EST Jul 06, 2001 (The Nation/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX)-- The historic movement of elephants from the Sweet Waters Rhino Sanctuary in Laikipia to the Meru National Park has started. Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) game capture experts have already captured three of the targeted four jumbos. The exercise was witnessed by KWS director, Dr Nehemiah Rotich and the Laikipia District Commissioner, Mr Abdullahi Leloon on Wednesday. The most exciting catch was of a 42-year-old jumbo christened Mzee, which was captured in the afternoon and fitted with a radio collar. According to one of the seven scientists monitoring the process, Dr Elizabeth Wambwa, the whole process from darting to loading takes between 40 and 50 minutes. However, it took longer because thickets had to be cleared for tractors to pass. Dr Rotich said their objective was to decongest the sanctuary and reduce human-animal conflicts in Laikipia. "We intend to restock the Meru National Park which has about 300 down from 2,400," he said. Dr Rotich said KWS was keen to develop the capacity in northern Kenya to attract more tourists to the area. He said security would be beefed up to protect the animals from poachers.



Caracal kitten, submitted by: Mark

The exercise targets 9 problematic bull elephants and 9 families comprising 47 jumbos. The movement of entire family members is meant to avoid interfering with their family cycles, Dr Rotich added. The operation will cost about Sh11 million and is funded by KWS, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Born Free Foundation, Kenya Army, the Ol Pejeta Ranch and Save the Elephants, among others. It runs through July 31. by Gakuu Mathenge Copyright The Nation. Distributed by All Africa Global Media(AllAfrica.com) KEYWORD: Kenya Copyright © 2001, Africa News Service, all rights reserved.

S.D. Man Gored to Death by Buffalo

Story Filed: Saturday, July 07, 2001 2:42 PM EDT CUSTER, S.D.

(AP) -- A man was gored to death by a buffalo in Custer State Park while photographing a free-roaming herd. Ernest Barna, 76, of Allen Park, Mich., was with a group of visitors viewing the animals on Thursday when a large buffalo bull approached. All the visitors except Barna retreated to their cars, Park Superintendent Rollie Noem said. The bull walked past, nudged Barna, then turned, gored him in the side and threw him, Noem said. Barna underwent surgery Thursday evening, but died Friday at Rapid City Regional Hospital. In another incident at the park, a Texas man suffered a deep cut to his arm in a buffalo attack on Thursday and needed stitches. Jack Knight, 87, was treated at a hospital and released. Noem said the two attacks happened in different areas of the park and were not connected. Copyright © 2001 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved.

Fund for Animals Asks Nation's Sports Media to Stop Promoting Hunting Summary:

SILVER SPRING, Md., Jul 12, 2001 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ --

The Fund for Animals, a national animal protection group founded in 1967 by bestselling author and humanitarian Cleveland Amory, has sent an open letter to the editors of more than 2,000 newspapers asking them to stop promoting hunting and fur trapping in the outdoor columns that appear in most sports sections. A similar letter went to the presidents of sports cable channels ESPN and ComCast Sports Net, asking them to cancel their hunting programs.



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