Sasha, submitted by Phoenix member Cheri Cougar, owned by Lenore and Mario Infanti

This species is called Geoffroy’s Cat and this one belongs to Phoenix member Colette.

This is Molly, a 10 yr. old cinnamon capuchin owned by Phoenix member Betty.

This is a Serval.

This Ferret belongs to Phoenix member Susan.

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Thank you to ZB, she provides the mass amount of news articles regarding exotic animals.
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An interesting website to go to for arthritis in dogs. Submitted by Tracy Wilson
http://www.arthritis-glucosamine.net/pet-arthritis/

NPR Universal Pet Health Care  NPR: Universal Pet Health Care
Does anyone know whether this universal healthcare for pets will be introduced as LEGISLATION, or as AGENCY RULE by Health & Human Services? Thanks, Polly

April 1, 2002 -- Reaction today was swift and vocal to a Bush administration proposal to extend universal health care to pets. Under the measure, veterinary care coverage would be fully subsidized by tax dollars. As a result of the announcement, a three-way squabble has erupted between fiscal conservatives, animal rights groups and pro-human organizations. Health and Human Services officials found themselves scrambling to clarify who would be eligible for the controversial Pet Health Insurance Program, or PHIP. The program would allow states to use federal funds to cover veterinarian visits, preventive care, neutering -- even hairball extractions. For All Things Considered, NPR's Julie Rovner reports. HHS spokesman Roland Dalet.  Photo: David Banks, NPR Online

HHS spokesman Roland Dalet says the measure is designed to assist all animals, large and small. "Your dog, your cat, your iguana, your great komodo dragon," he tells Rovner. "Who can quantify your feelings for that animal, and what that animal gives back to you?" Dalet points out that some states already allocate money to cover farm animals. But until now, there has been no state or federal guarantee for flea baths for Fluffy, grooming for Fido -- or even, as under this proposal, back surgery for the family vole. Opponents of the measure argue that since house pets like gerbils don't pay taxes, they shouldn't receive benefits. But animal rights activists applaud the change. Valerie Austin, vice president of Animals First -- an advocacy group that has pushed for full rights for pets -- points out that the federal government provides aid to illegal immigrants and children, even though those groups don't pay taxes.

~~~~TO READ THE ENTIRE POST GO TO:  http://www.phoenixexotics.org and link to the yahoo website for Phoenix Exotics.

Lioness adopts yet another oryx  Folks, I'm thrilled to pass on the news that Kamuniak, the enigmatic oryx-adopting lioness, has taken a third baby. No-one can possibly say now that this was a fluke or a mistake on the part of the lioness. Here's the full story:

By SUNDAY NATION Team The enigmatic lioness that puzzled the world by adopting its prey, an oryx calf, has done it again. Tourists on a dawn game drive yesterday stumbled on the lioness named Kamuniak (Samburu, for the blessed one) intimately crowding the oryx under a tree, in the far-flung Samburu Game Reserve, one of Kenya's wildlife sanctuaries located 300 kilometres north-east of Nairobi. She was sighted at the base of Lolgotoi Hill, much to the delight of Easter holidaymakers.
Samburu game warden Simon Leirana told the *Sunday Nation* the oryx was about three days old, and in good health. He also said they are keeping a close watch on the situation, and had seen three female oryx nearby, one of whom is likely to be the mother. "The oryx's horns have only just started forming," said Mr Kioko Musyoka, manager of Samburu Intrepids Safari Camp. The oryx can only suckle and cannot defend itself from predators. By the time we went to Press, the two animals were still together. The lioness puzzled wildlife watchers and conservationists by adopting an oryx calf three months ago. The oryx was later mauled by a lion when the famished lioness went in search of water leaving its captive behind. Last month, the lioness adopted another baby oryx, but the custodian of the country's wildlife, Kenya Wildlife Service, rescued it and took it to the Nairobi National Park before it could be hunted down by other lions known to pursue antelopes with ferocity. Game warden James Lesuyai said he would observe the intimate relationship for a while to "see what what happens".

**ANNUAL MEETING LAST MINUTE CHANGE**

**REGARDING ATTENDANCE OF ASA SPEAKER -EXPLANATION**

Regarding the recent spate of link removal requests noted on felines-l -I had thought I posted this to the list previously, but may have not made the post clear enough - There has been a very major change within the ASA - American Sanctuary Association - in regards to their stance on private ownership. The full post from Vernon is at the end of this post after a bit of context. But the exact quote from the ASA board - the important part is this - "ASA has decided to support a total ban of exotic animals being housed as pets in the United States. Due to this recent development your (i.e. Vernon) attendance at this meeting will be unproductive and most likely counteractive to our cause. The board has voted against you attending the meeting as a representative of ASA."

Notification came in the form of a post from the ASA board to the Phoenix Exotics organization as part of the ASA board's order to Vernon Weir that he was not to attend the Phoenix annual meeting on the 23rd of February. This board statement was forwarded to us via Vernon at the request of the ASA board.

Vernon's attendance at the Phoenix meeting was to have been an opportunity to discuss points we could agree on - maybe work out some sort of areas we could interface on in regard to placements of exotics. Shortly before our annual meeting in Nevada, the National Geographic Television had been filming Carol Asvestes and related folks, part of which involved a rescue of cats in South Dakota. It just so happened, that a private owner who is also a Phoenix member and a wonderful sanctuary who is NOT an ASA sanctuary also worked on this same rescue. Carol took half the cats, the private sanctuary took the other remaining cats. NGT was already in contact with Phoenix regarding private ownership, and we had declined to suggest any members for them to film in light of the anti-private ownership stance of the folks they were currently working with - such as Carol Asvestes. However, we did point out the fact that the other half of the cats that had been so publicly rescued by Carol had been quietly taken in by this other private owner/ private sanctuary and they might want to complete their South Dakota rescue story by interviewing her.

NGT did. They asked for and got permission to interview her. NGT had been previously informed of the planned annual meeting and the intentions of the attendees to discuss and work out ways to work together. Days before the meeting, NGT decided to accept our previously given invitation to attend our meeting and requested permission to tape the proceedings. Permission was granted. NGT also informed ASA of their intentions to attend and tape. It was at this time that Vernon's attendance was reviewed and eventually ordered not to attend. I don't know that the NGT decision to tape effected the ASA board decision. I don't know how long the policy change has been in the works. I only know that when I called to let Vernon know of the change regarding NGT attending his attendance was in the process of being reconsidered by the ASA board. A number of attendees at the annual meeting were looking forward to this discussion with Vernon very much. The cancellation was not Vernon's. He was not involved in the change of policy.

Post from Vernon Feb 21, 2002

"I am very sorry to advise you that problems have arisen and the ASA board of directors has given me specific instructions to not attend the Phoenix meeting this weekend. I am not an ASA board member, so I was not involved in the discussion. However, I am certain that recent information received by some board members made them feel that the upcoming meeting, meant to be a private dialog between myself and Phoenix members, might have made them suspicious that my attendance would be engineered for political purposes.

The board sent a message to me, with instructions to forward to you, which follows in the next paragraph. In the past the Shambala bill did not seek to stop the private possession of exotic cats. It dealt mostly with

regulation. This new policy is a departure from the previous position. (quote from ASA board in a different type style in original post) ASA has decided to support a total ban of exotic animals being housed as pets in the United States. Due to this recent development your (i.e. Vernon) attendance at this meeting will be unproductive and most likely counteractive to our cause. The board has voted against you attending the meeting as a representative of ASA. (end of ASA board quote) Again, I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. (end of Vernon post prior to a private PS) Please note the words BAN and ALL are pretty prominent in the ASA board statement. "housed as pets" certainly leaves a very wide area. A number of folks viewed this statement as very close to a declaration of war on private ownership. Not just cats, not just owners of a single animal. But ALL exotic animals housed as pets. Covers a lot of ground and draws a fairly clear line in the sand - no?

:(   Jeanne Hall

More than Half a Million U.S. Students Learn: What's a Herp? Submitted by: ZB Story Filed: Thursday, April 04, 2002 4:33 PM EST CAPE COD, Mass., Apr 4, 2002 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- "What's a herp?" you may ask. This week, 785,000middle school students in more than 13,000 classrooms across the U.S. will find out as part of an International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) project to teach children about issues related to keeping amphibians and reptiles -- 'herps' -- as exotic pets. This IFAW project, funded with a generous grant from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, was produced in cooperation with Lifetime Learning Systems, the nation's leader in sponsored educational materials, and a division of Weekly Reader, the leader in classroom periodicals. The project includes an eight-page teaching brochure and specially designed website -- www.ifaw.org/exoticpets. The kid-friendly brochure, entitled Amphibians and Reptiles as Exotic Pets is being distributed this week to subscribers of Weekly Reader's Current Science publication. "We are proud to be a partner with IFAW and believe that this valuable brochure will help promote an understanding of animal welfare with students in the classroom," said Katy Dobbs, Editorial Director at Lifetime Learning Systems. "Current Science readers will now have the opportunity to be well- informed, and hopefully think twice before adopting a herp." The illegal trade in amphibians and reptiles is closely linked to the drug trade, taking the same routes and generating high profits. In 2000 alone, more than 5.5 million illegal herps were thought to be brought into the U.S., where trade in these animals has increased by 2000% in a mere nine years. The mortality rate is enormous for illegally trafficked herps. Experts estimate that three times the number of animals die in the process of capture, storage, and transportation as those that actually arrive at exotic pet markets. IFAW hopes that this project will help inform teachers, parents and students about these issues, and in turn, reduce the demand for these exotic pets. "Children are naturally drawn to the marvelous animals that inhabit our earth," said Cindy Milburn, IFAW Director of Animals in Crisis & Distress. "This well-designed project will teach them about the unique qualities and needs of creepy crawly 'herps' so that they and their parents can make responsible choices in choosing pets." Join students nation-wide and learn about 'herps,' visit www.ifaw.org/exoticpets. Contact:Jennifer Ferguson-Mitchell (IFAW) -- U.S. Tel: 1(508) 744-2076

START OF SHOWDOWN IN TEXAS! Submitted by: Ray We have been waiting for TX to move somewhere. No surprise that it is in Fannin County. April 15 is the deadline. The whole state will be watching. If you are a Texan it will matter to you how it comes out. At stake is your ability to own and possess ANY item of ANY sort that someone wants to declare a nuisance or a health hazard within any definition of the words. If you think that's OK then you haven't thought enough. Your truck is a health and safety hazard. So is your stove, your power tools. They are accepted but odds are you have or use other things that aren't. Think about it. This was received in the mail today:

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Well Ray, I finally got a nasty note from the district attorney of this county today in the mail concerning Tigger now they are threatening to fine me or remove the animal from the county now. This is not been sent certified either but states so on the top of the letter.
Subject: "TIGGER"

As a resident and/or property owner in Fannin County, Texas you are part of a citizenry intent on keeping its community a healthy and safe place to live and work. The Texas Legislature has implemented the Health and Safety Code of Texas to help realize this goal. The responsibility of complying with such code and ordinances lies with all Fannin County's residents and property owners.

Chapter 822, Section 822.101(4)(B) of the Health and Safety Code includes "a tiger" with that law's definition of "A Dangerous Wild Animal".

Chapter 822, Section 822.103(A) provides that a person may not own, harbor, or have custody or control of a dangerous wild animal for any purpose unless the person holds a certificate of registration for that animal issued by an animal registration agency. As you know, on November 26, 2001, the Fannin County Commissioners Court adopted and entered its Order Prohibiting the Keeping of Wild Animals. Such order does not provide for the regulation of dangerous wild animals in Fannin County. A copy of that order is included for your information.

Based upon reliable information and belief of Derrell Hall, County Judge of Fannin County, you are keeping in Fannin County in violation of such order, an animal prohibited by that order, to wit, a tiger ("Tigger"). Demand is hereby made that you immediately comply with the court's order by removing "Tigger" from the unincorporated areas of Fannin County.

If you have not confirmed with the Fannin County Commissioners Court and/or County Judge, Derrell Hall, that you have corrected your violation by April 15, 2002, and that you are in compliance with the court's order, then at that time you may be liable for a civil penalty of not less than $200.00 and not more than $2000.00 for each animal with respect to which you are in violation and for each day such violation continues after March 21, 2002. (Section 822.114 Health and Safety Code.)

This is what I got today. According to the law I have till June the 1st and that is that. to comply with any regulations. Thank-you being a private owner now they are telling me that I do not own him.. I cannot own him., Please if you would like let everyone see this on the list ok. Just to let people know of the predicament I am in now,

The predicament LOTS of owners are in.

Ray
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