White Tigers, like this one belonging to a Phoenix E-mail list member, are not a separate species of tiger. They just happen to have white fur in the places where most tigers have orange fur.

"You dirty, dirty domestic cat, Fawn!!!! Why can't you keep your self clean and beautiful like me, the gorgeous Exotic!!" I always have to do all the work! Karaharja, the "Queen!"

Karaharja is a Serval owned by Phoenix member Cathy.

This is a sweet Bengal Tiger named Cassie when she was only 7 months old. Photo by Phoenix member Alene.

Cinder is a two year old bitch owned by Phoenix member Crystal. Cinder is her poster child and mascot for fighting breed specific legislation.

This is MiCante Nu at 10 days old. MiCante is an Arctic "98%" wolf.
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PHOENIX MEMBERS THIS IS AN IMPORTANT BILL TO TRACK. BE PRO-ACTIVE AND STAY ON TOP OF YOUR FUTURE AND THE RIGHTS THAT YOU WISH TO PROTECT!

HR5226 Submitted by: Robert Sullivan
This is what I've found so far, the PDF version is not on the web yet, but the plain text one is. I think I'm going to try and find the Lacey Act text and make the changes, and then post it here.
http://thomas.loc.gov
107th CONGRESS
2d Session
H. R. 5226
To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JULY 25, 2002
Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL
To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the `Captive Wildlife Safety Act'.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPORT, ETC. OF CERTAIN WILDLIFE.

(a) IN GENERAL- The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 is amended--
(1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 3371) by adding at the end the following:
   `(k) The term `prohibited wildlife species' means any live lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, cougar, or bear;';
(2) in section 3(a)(2) (16 U.S.C. 3372(a)(2))--
   (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking `or' the fifth time it appears;
   (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking the semicolon and inserting `, or';
   and(C) by adding at the end the following:
   `(C) any prohibited wildlife species (subject to subsection (e));' and
(3) by adding at the end the following:
   `(e)(1) Subsection (a)(2)(C) does not apply to--
   `(A) any zoo, circus, research facility licensed or registered and

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inspected by the Federal Government, or aquarium;

`(B) any person accredited by the Association of Sanctuaries or the American Sanctuary Association;
`(C) any State university or agency, State-licensed wildlife rehabilitator, or State-licensed veterinarian;
`(D) any incorporated humane society, animal shelter, or society for the prevention of cruelty to animals;
`(E) any federally-licensed and inspected breeder or dealer who is conducting any breeding or dealing activity with a person referred to in this paragraph; and
`(F) any person having custody of a wild animal solely for the purpose of transporting it to a person referred to in this paragraph.

`(2) The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies shall, within 6 months after the date of enactment of this subsection, issue regulations describing the persons referred to in paragraph (1).

`(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be considered or construed to preempt or supercede the authority of a State to regulate wildlife species within that State.'.

(b) APPLICATION- Section 3(a)(2)(C) of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, as amended by this section, shall apply after the effective date of regulations under section 3(e)(2) of such Act.

FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSES BANNING BLACK CARP
Submitted by: ZBStory Filed: Friday, August 02, 2002 10:46 AM EST
WASHINGTON, Jul 30, 2002 (States News Service via COMTEX) -- Black carp, used by catfish farms in seven states, may soon be banned from importation to the United States. If finalized, a rule proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will add the carp to the list of "injurious fish." As a result, no live black carp or viable egg will be allowed in imports or interstate transport. Black carp currently are maintained in research and fish production facilities in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas, according to Craig Manson, assistant secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks and author of the proposed rule. Catfish producers, who use the carp to control the snail population in fish farms, are the most likely to be affected by this rule, but there are "alternativemeans of control for snail infestation of catfish ponds," Manson said. The Fish and Wildlife Service estimates a loss of about $9 million per year for the affected catfish producers. Black carp are most commonly used on catfish farms in the Southeast. The agency is concerned that black carp might escape or be released into the wild, especially since natural disasters are common in the region. Based on the feeding habits of black carp, the agency says this would disrupt the ecosystem by negatively impacting native snail and mussel populations. "Freshwater mussels and snails are natural water filters," said Kari Duncan, a fishery biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Service. "There would almost certainly be a decline in water quality, as well as a loss of biodiversity and the educational value that provides." "Everybody agrees that if it escapes, it will be bad for the environment," said Mike Freeze of Keo Fish Farm in Arkansas. "But the black carp have been here for 25 years and not escaped yet." Freeze also said that a distinction should be made between sterile and unsterile black carp. "As aquiculturalists, we're going to try to limit the listing to the unsterile variety," Freeze said. Greg Lutz, a professor at the Louisiana State University Aquaculture Research Station, agreed that this distinction should be made. The sterile triploid variety, for example, is useful in managing the yellow grub that is undesirable to catfish farmers. "Sadly, I think if they're not going to include consideration of [the sterile variety], they're doing society as a whole a disservice," Lutz said. "Their concern over black carp is very warranted. But it's just not realistic to throw the baby out with the bath water. I'm just looking at the science of it. I think the proposed rule has been based on emotion." Comments on the proposed rule may be mailed or faxed to Everett Wilson, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 322, Arlington, VA 22203. Comments should be submitted by Sept. 30. By KASSIE MEEKS Copyright States News Service, all rights reserved.

Prairie Dogs Fair Game in Nebraska
Submitted by: ZBStory Filed: Friday, August 02, 2002 1:45 AM EDT
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- Some people might think of prairie dogs as cuddly little needed for cattle and creating bumps and holes in once-flat pastures. "If Lewis and Clark would have looked rather than listened, they would not have been called prairie dogs. They would have been called prairie rats," Atkins said, referring to the 19th-century explorers who came across the creatures. "Any pasture they get into, they completely destroy."
Nebraska ranchers were relieved in July when state officials declined to classify the black-tailed prairie dog as a species in need of conservation. Such a designation would have meant restrictions on when the animals could be hunted on public land. While killing prairie dogs on private land and most state land would still have been allowed, landowners worried that prairie dogs would multiply on small pockets of public land and spread into private property. Conservationists have vowed to continue fighting for the designation. “It's not done. This was just round one,” said Tyler Sutton, president of the Conservation Alliance of the Great Plains. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants Nebraska and 10 other states to enact their own conservation plans to keep the animals off the federal list of threatened species. But it appears unlikely Nebraska will do so soon. In addition to refusing additional protections for prairie dogs, the state Game and Parks Commission adopted a resolution not to conduct future studies or develop a prairie dog conservation plan. Commissioner Connie Lapaseotes, who introduced the resolution, said there's no conclusive evidence that the animals need conservation. Lapaseotes said the cost of pursuing the issue is too high, considering the state's ongoing budget crisis. Meanwhile, several conservation groups are requesting a meeting with Fish and Wildlife Service officials to discuss Nebraska's decision and whether it may be a violation of federal species protection laws. The groups also are not ruling out a lawsuit.


Communicating on list is a way of networking the following are posts between members helping one another find answers to questions.

Hi A friend of mine is feeding lots of baby kits and wants to find a website or place to get a variety of nipples for the bottles. Does anyone know where these can be found. He has the standard 2 kinds that come with the nurasers but would like to try something else.~~Thanks EZ Pockwockie Crossing

Answer: (posted same day)

There is a company called Ideal Instruments
In Col Ohio that makes Nipples ~~Victoria Galle’

Jaguars paw Brazil hotel 8/8/02 Submitted by: ZBRio de Janeiro - A pair of wild jaguars who decided to take a stroll in a Brazilian hotel sparked hours of panic among guests and employees, news reports said on Wednesday. The two surprise guests, who had failed to make reservations, became nervous themselves on Tuesday when their presence caused hysterical screams from maids and visitors. They broke a glass door and caused other damage before being captured by officials from the environmental agency Ibama. Despite the chaos and fear caused by the free run, no one was seriously hurt in Serra da Piedade, a community in the southeastern state of Minas Gerais. A veterinarian who later examined the jaguars said they were "well nourished and luckily had not been hungry". It is unusual for jaguars, which are threatened with extinction in Brazil, to venture into inhabited areas. "We suspect that in the thick forest of Serra da Piedade, there are many more such animals of which we don't know," an Ibama spokesperson said. - Sapa-DPA news24.co.za

Bird Eats Hundreds of Butterflies _Story Filed: Saturday, August 17, 2002 7:39 PM EDTSubmitted by: ZBINDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- A mockingbird gobbled hundreds of rare butterflies in a zoo exhibit over two weeks while evading attempts to catch it. The bird apparently entered the Indianapolis Zoo’s conservatory through a vent or window. The exhibit had about 1,500 butterflies and was due to close Labor Day. The lost butterflies were worth about $1,000. Brilliant neon butterflies called blue morphos were especially hard hit. The bird hid in the 65-foot-tall conservatory until late July, when zoo staff members soaked it with a hose and finally caught it in a net. “You can't blame the bird. He was doing what came naturally," zoo gardener Susan Micks said. The bird was
released "far, far away," zoo spokeswoman Judy Gagen said. Copyright © 2002 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved.

**West Nile Kills Penguin at N.Y. Zoo** Story Filed: Friday, August 16, 2002 12:17 PM EDT Submitted by: ZB

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) -- A zoo penguin has died from an infection of the West Nile virus, officials said. Twenty-five other penguins at the Seneca Park Zoo were tested and are not ill, officials said. West Nile virus, which first appeared in the United States in 1999, is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, and can infect people, horses, many types of birds, and some other animals. The virus most recently has been detected in a bird and horses in Colorado, a finding that if confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, would mark the farthest west the virus has migrated. As of Thursday, the CDC said 160 people have been infected and nine have died -- seven in Louisiana and two in Mississippi. On the Net: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

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**BOOK PROJECT FOR PHOENIX**

The current project in the works at Phoenix is the Book project. This is a collection of positive stories about legal responsible private ownership. Max has been working on this for awhile, but has to tend other projects right now, so we have assigned a few different folks to work on this. ALL exotic stories are needed.

Right now, we are concentrating on collecting the small cat stories.

Send stories or questions to me or general@p...

OR SEND SNAIL MAIL TO ADDRESS LISTED ON INSIDE FRONT PAGE OF NEWSLETTER. This will be a small booklet designed to be either free or inexpensive enough to use as a handout as well as be made available thru Amazon etc.

The book is part of the target from the Phoenix meeting - to get some positive information out into the public. We would like everyone's help in this effort.

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**Environment: NASA say's Antarctic Ice Cap Growing, Not shrinking** Submitted by: ZB

Antarctic Sea Ice increases over Past Two Decades By SPACE.com Staff 22 August 2002 In a surprising departure from other findings that point to a warming planet, a NASA researcher has found that the amount of ice in the Antarctic increased from 1979 to 1999, as measured by satellites. Many recent findings have detailed the decline of the ice cap in the Arctic, at the top of the world. These new results from the Southern Hemisphere imply that global climate change involves regional variations. Changes in ice cover are important not only because they indicate temperature changes that have occurred; the changes can effect future temperatures. With more ice, more solar radiation is reflected away from Earth. The ice also insulates oceans from the atmosphere. Less ice has the opposite effects. In the new study, published in the Annals of Glaciology, Claire Parkinson of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center analyzed the length of the sea ice season throughout the Southern Ocean to obtain trends in sea ice coverage. On average, the area where sea ice seasons have lengthened by at least one day per year is roughly twice as large as the area where sea ice seasons have shortened by at least one day per year. "You can see with this dataset that what is happening in the Antarctic is not what would be expected from a straightforward global warming scenario, but a much more complicated set of events," Parkinson said. The length of the sea ice season in any particular region or area refers to the number of days per year when at least 15 percent of that area is covered by sea ice. Some areas close to the Antarctic continent have sea ice all year long, but a much larger region of the Southern Ocean has sea ice for a smaller portion of the year, and in those regions the length of the sea ice season can vary significantly from one year to another. Parkinson also looked at how various regions of the Antarctic compared to one another. Regionally, the Ross Sea, on average, had its sea ice seasons getting longer, while most of the Amundsen Sea and almost the entire Bellingshausen Sea had their sea ice seasons getting shorter. "The Antarctic sea ice changes match up well with regional temperature changes," Parkinson said. The study used data from NASA's Nimbus 7 Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer (SMMR) and the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) Special Sensor Microwave Imagers (SSMIs).

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**TV show on lions, tigers features locals Program looks at private ownership of big cats** By MARK WAITE VIEW STAFF WRITER Pahrump made national television last Sunday night as part of a program on the MSNBC network show "National Geographic Explorer," which aired a program titled, "Big Cat Crisis." It focused on
ownership of tigers and lions as pets. "Is there a tiger in your back yard?" the TV special began. In the first few minutes, alert viewers could catch a quick shot of Brian Turner, who owns cougars in the north end of the Pahrump Valley, as well as brief comments from Pahrump residents Jeanie Stevenson and Zuzana, who own big cats in the valley. Zuzana, who wants to be identified by her first name, says briefly on TV that she would only live where she can keep her animals. Turner remarks, "Bonding moments with the power of nature, it's almost impossible to describe." There was a shot of the blue Pahrump sign, with the announcer saying, "Welcome to Pahrump, Nevada, meeting place for one of the largest exotic animal owner groups in the nation." There was a quick scene of members of the Phoenix Exotic Animal Owners Association meeting last February at the Pahrump Community Library. The commentator remarked, more and more Americans are buying tigers and lions as pets. Much of the program focused on owners of big cats who had problems with their neighbors. The Pahrump segment, however, showed big-cat owners in a more positive light. Stevenson, a Pahrump resident for 23 years, was shown riding a lion. In the show it was mentioned Stevenson has owned tigers and lions for 25 years. The production crew described her home as a "mini-museum." "We love these animals like they're our children, and I don't see anything wrong with that," Stevenson tells the TV interviewer. "I think it's providing a good home for my animals and they need that." Stevenson said the film crew was invited back after the taping of the Phoenix Exotic Animal Owners meeting in February. The camera crew made a special trip to Pahrump to film Turner, Zuzana and herself, she said. Stevenson said they filmed at her place for a couple of hours at the end of May. "It was pretty much what we thought it was going to be. It had basically been filmed about a rescue," Stevenson said when asked her thoughts of the show. "We asked them to film us because we wanted to show a positive side of ownership." "They did a