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This is a 6 week old baby Serval named Sebastian who is owned by Phoenix member Samantha.

Phoenix member Leann and her Lynx named Bigfoot

ANNUAL PHOENIX MEETING IN COMING UP AGAIN!
PLAN TO ATTEND,

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one farm there were at least six white lion cubs. One-week-old cubs had been removed from their mother and placed in an enclosure. One of the breeders was advertising an adult white lion male for hunting at a price of $165,000. The estimated 45 to 50 breeders of large cats in South Africa keep at least 2,500 predators. These figures indicate that the industry has mushroomed since exposure of the local "canned" cat breeding and hunting industry caused an international furore in 1997 - when it was estimated the breeders had about 300 cats on their farms. This large-scale breeding of captive carnivores for hunting profits is a South African phenomenon, though a few similar outfits are to be found in Namibia, Zimbabwe and the United States. Most of the local farms are based in the Free State and Limpopo. Mostert says the Free State auctions may be an indication that the breeders are worried their market will collapse when draft legislation aimed at clamping down on "canned" hunting of predators comes into effect. The draft proposals, drawn up by provincial conservation officials, are expected to be passed early next year and give the breeders a one-year period of grace before they have to comply with the new regime. The proposals outlaw hunting of big cats in captivity, hunting at night, using drugs to tranquillise target animals and luring animals by using sound, scent or bait. They stipulate that dogs may not be used and that hunting must be done on foot. Critics of the proposals say while "canned hunting as we know it" will be outlawed, a loophole could mean business as usual for the breeders - and this may explain why they are advertising pregnant lionesses for sale. The loophole allows for "managed wild populations" of large predators to be hunted six months after being introduced to an area. Conservation officials will be monitoring the sales at the auctions and checking up on where the cats are going, says Mostert. "But some of these breeders are skelms (thieves) and if they want to carry on being skelms, there's not much we can do about it." Zambia Mail & Guardian, 15/11/02

I am sorry but why do so many sanctuaries feel the need to completely ban private ownership, so many large zoos and attractions are considered private sector, and most if not all sanctuaries are private, what is the definition of a private owner is it some one who has no lisencing, or can USDA or AZA lisence holders still be considered private. If I have an AZA lisence like the Siberian Tiger Foundation had wouldn't that make me a zoo, but I'd still be a privately owned zoo/ How would bans effect these different areas of the private sector, woulsd exceptions have to be made , and is it possible that a federal law might get rid of bans. If a federal law similar to the AZA refulations became a law it would be against the law to ban anyone abiding to the federal one right? I looked over the AZA regulations and I beleive they have a good minimum set up for large cats and elephants, I beleive some one should push for these standards to become a federal law rather than making a federal ban, but I do beleive certain things required for keeping a zoo do not need to be required by a private owner just the size of the cages and minimum wire strength. ~~ CYBERTIGER

There are a lot of sanctuaries that do not want to ban private ownership. Like ours for instance.
John Burkitt

I'll answer your questions with a couple of my own. Isn't AZA itself a*private corporation*; and why in the world would we want that private corporation's "regulations" adopted at the federal level, when we already have USDA in charge of the same regulations? It was my understanding that the Siberian Tiger Foundation is *not* AZA accredited but referenced AZA on their website, possibly to infer that they are AZA accredited when in reality they are not.I see no need for additional federal regulations beyond what USDA is already in charge of. It wouldn't make a bit of difference to the "sanctuaries" who are making it their life's ambition to shut down private ownership. It's not the cage sizes and strengths that they want to mandate; it's whether or not individuals should have the right to put certain animals INTO those cages.

Polly

Keep in mind only USDA issues licenses. AZA is an accreditation system (granted with maga power!!) and they may suggest standards but they have no regulatory authority, influence yes authority no. If USDA should happen to walk into an AZA facility and decide its shut down its shut down. Not very likely it would happen BUT it's USDA that runs the show.

Karen & the gang
Big Cats of Serenity Springs
Trapper Catches Rare Gray Wolf in Utah  Story Filed: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 3:25 AM EST Submitted by: ZB
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -- A trapper captured a rare gray wolf and saw the tracks of a second animal in the mountains of Utah, where wolves have been absent for 70 years. Federal officials from Wyoming arrived in Utah on Monday and took custody of the wolf to return it to its pack in northeastern Yellowstone National Park, 200 miles north of where it was caught, said Alan Clark, an Utah Division of Wildlife Resources manager. The trapper caught the wolf Saturday in the mountains in northern Utah, the same area where ranchers and wildlife officials reported seeing and hearing wolves last summer. The wolf has been successfully re-established in the wilds of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana and is protected in the contiguous 48 states by the Endangered Species Act. Within a few months, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is expected to propose reclassifying the wolf's status from endangered to threatened, and it could be removed from the protected list altogether in two years. That would leave management to the states. Environmentalists would like to see the wolf re-established in Utah; ranchers would not, and there are no plans to actively promote a wolf pack in Utah. ``Our efforts to recover wolves are concentrated in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho," said Ralph Morgenweck, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mountain-Prairie Region. "We'll continue to focus our attentions in this three-state area." Mike Bodenchuk, Utah field director for Wildlife Services, a federal predator-control agency, said it was inevitable wolves would wander into Utah. Bodenchuk said the captured wolf and the wolf that produced the second set of nearby tracks probably wandered south from their packs and followed the Bear River mountain range into Utah. "It's got all the groceries, the elk and deer, that the wolves need." Copyright © 2002 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved.

QUOTE FOR CAT FOLKS SUBMITTED BY: ROBERT SULLIVAN

QUOTATION: People who wish to salute the free and independent side of their evolutionary character acquire cats. People who wish to pay homage to their servile and salivating roots own dogs. ATTRIBUTION: Anna Quindlen


Actually, preparing for this meeting is top priority. For those who are not familiar with the annual meeting, this is where you get to have your say in person. Sort of a round table format. We have at least one guest speaker and have a bit of corporate business to attend to - annual meeting stuff, about a half hour. There will be some entertainment, but the main purpose is to get together, work together and come up with solutions. We have a large meeting area secured inside the Nugget itself. It is large enough to allow for the Predators of the Heart show and we have the necessary approvals. Scheduling, getting the animals there from Washington and so on is still being worked on. There might be an opportunity there for a ride-along with the show crew. The current target being worked on locally is a touch of food for the attendees - coffee, donuts, luncheon platters. The meeting will be free again and we are trying to add a bit to eat. Dinner will be on your own. We are hoping to have the first book completed and ready for an unveiling and release. Next week is scheduled for almost full time attention on that project. Folks who are a bit slow on sending stories need to get them in THIS week. If anyone has meeting photos please send them. We do have an announcement of guest speaker and that should be released in the next few days. The rest of the line up is on-going. National Geographic is invited, same as they were last year. But, we don't expect any camera's to be rolling. Excellent idea on the road trips! Cathy is hard at work getting the hospitality stuff arranged like she did last year. She has some exciting surprises she is working on... The only major change is the location of the meeting. Being inside the Nugget casino reduces the need for a lot of car rentals. I could use some organizers and other helpers over the next few weeks. Send me a post if you would like to lend a hand. And, if you have a presentation you would like to make or need some scheduled time to address the attendees, let me know. ALL groups are invited to bring their newsletters and other materials explaining their groups. There is no charge to set up an area for information. We encourage everyone to get someone there who can represent your group and sign up members. We are asking for advance registration. Let us know you are coming and how many there will be in your party. Space is limited and we want to have an estimate on the food needs. Watching 100 hungry people try to share 12 donuts is no fun but getting rid of 100 stale donuts is worse! We are animal people.

Given enough room and enough to eat and some nice hospitality goodies we should get some work done. Too many animal people smashed into a space without enough food could lead to an abundance of hissing and growling and pinching and nipping and general unrest. ADVANCE REGISTER please! JEANNE HALL
Bengal tigers and crocodiles transferred to China  Submitted by ZB. Story Filed: Friday, December 27, 2002 2:09 AM EST SANYA, Dec 27, 2002 (Xinhua via COMTEX) -- One hundred Bengal tigers and 2,000 crocodiles from Thailand arrived in the tropical tourist city of Sanya on Christmas Eve. The animals were met at the airport by over 100 residents of Sanya, a popular Chinese tourist destination on the southern tip of the tropical island of Hainan. The animals were transported to a special center in Tiandu County in suburban Sanya in 55 military trucks.  

"It's the largest single transfer of tigers and crocodiles to a single city" said Wu Wenzue, vice mayor of Sanya. The city plans to apply for a Guinness World Record. "They will bring joy to local citizens," said resident Liang Qihai, who brought his three-year-old son to the airport after dinner. "They will transmit the world's magnificence to children and teach them to protect wildlife," Liang said. "They are friendship ambassadors to some extent because they promote friendship between China and Thailand," Liang said. The Bengal tigers, from Thailand's largest breeding center, include eight one-year-old cubs, 20 two-year-olds and others over the age of three. The transfer is part of a tourism project funded by a joint Sino-Thai venture to increase people's understanding of the world's bio-variety and the importance of protecting
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 Exotics Wildlife Association, Inc. became incorporated in the state of Washington as a non-profit corporation. 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.

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