Pepper & Peppermint, African Serval
Submitted by Phoenix member, Cheri

These little guys are a members of a species named Geoffroy's Cats. They belong to Phoenix member Colette.

This is Tilly, an 18 yr. old black capuchin owned by Phoenix member Betty.

Maya, 7 year old cougar, owned by Phoenix member Cheri

Karahaja, owned by Phoenix member Cathy, playing a box of popcorn

This Bobcat named Amandalyn is owned by Phoenix member Leona.
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Submitted by Cheri Fecker, Phoenix member, (with Kelly Jean's permission)
The following is discussion resulting from Rapeseed being used as a by-product for human consumption. Informative and very interesting.

I sent this Canola Oil information to my mother who has been doing preventive health research for more than 30 years, and asked for her opinion. I also looked in my kitchen to find several things I use has Canola Oil in them, i.e. Pam Spray and Peanut Butter. The following is the information that she came up with:

She didn't have a problem with the fact that it's genetically processed, or that it could be 'poisonous' (we're exposed to poisons all the time), but she doesn't approve of the heat processing problems. When oil is heated it becomes altered which is unhealthy. Canola oil is processed in a heat extraction method. Rape seed is poisonous, but when the plant is genetically altered into Canola oil, it then is not poisonous. Another problem is that other seeds get mixed in and there's no way to separate them out. For this reason, there's no way to know what other material is in the end product. It's better to stay away from any oil that is heat processed. Most restaurants that use deep fry food, use Canola oil.

Cold pressed oils have not been altered therefore are healthiest. Peanut oil and Olive oil are the best oils. Another good oil that will not alter the taste of your food is Safflower oil. If you buy natural peanut butter, it has to be stirred up and then kept in the refrigerator so that it doesn't separate again. Natural peanut butter has peanut oil in it. Other peanut butter has "rape seed" oil (on the label) in it and they've removed the peanut oil from the product. Yes, it's a pain to stir peanut butter, but it really does taste better. :) She said if you are interested in researching oils, that a web search of any kind of oil is very easy to access, even the information on the Canola. This topic makes me wonder how many other unhealthy products are inserted into foods that we eat.~~~Kelly Jean

Far East leopard attacks reindeer at Maritime farm Submitted by: ZB Story Filed: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 4:41 AM EST VLADIVOSTOK, Jan 30, 2002 (Itar-Tass via COMTEX) --The Far Eastern leopard, which is entered in the International Red Data Book, has attacked domestic reindeer at a farm in Khasan district of Russia's Maritime Territory. A man-beast conflict was avoided. The Phoenix ecological foundation, in conjunction with the Netherlands environmentalist organisation, implements a programme in the Territory to compensate for damage done to farmers in the event of attacks on their animals by tigers or leopards. The programme helps man and the rare beasts to co-exist peacefully, make up for the farmers' material losses and overcome their negative attitude to tigers and leopards. Over the past three years, the Foundation paid more than 5,000 US dollars to farmers in compensation. Phoenix foundation director Sergei Bereznyuk has pointed out that the efforts being made by scientists, Russian and international ecological organisations to conserve the Far Eastern leopard have been to no avail so far. The leopard stock does not increase and the number of the beasts in the Territory is
BIG CATS OF SERENITY SPRINGS — Leanne (Phoenix member) wrote.... And I'll dare to bet that it didn't cost 100,000.00 to move them. The only person in the ASA that I have any respect for is Vernon Weir. — Response from:~~~~~Karen Big Cats of Serenity Springs

No it didn't : ) Don't know how many of you know that the SD cats USDA license was held here in Colorado. That is one of the reasons we felt like we really should step up. The majority of these cats have traveled up and down the front range here doing photo shoots and commercials for the biggest furniture store chain in Colorado. We have the young lions that are seen bounding across couches on TV here on a daily basis. And 5 of them here spent just short of a month 'camped out' on display in one of the furniture stores parking lots 'middle of Denver no less) One of the hardest hardest things I had to learn was how many couches he sold cause people came to see the cats, and I asked him since we had benefited from the cats we would sure appreciate if he would make a donation. He told us, and then a local TV station he NEVER used lions, only tigers, I couldn't believe he said that since it runs about 5 times a day every day, and the fella that handled the cubs for the commercial actually is here now, any way. It was a NOT MY PROBLEM response. Well then the remaining tigers and the lion Boomer needed to be moved. Needless to say I did contact the store again saying OK we've getting the tigers fork over some dough. What we did do is GO GET THE CATS!! (60,000.00 + for the initial stages of the move my aunt fanny!!! they took 1 I repeat 1 more than we did, managed to get those youngens and the whites in the truck out of there though ) Like Leanne, and Tracy, Jim Judy Jeanne H John W and so many others out there that do what we do WITH OUT the mega bucks forked over or National Geographic crews, keep it up WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. As for Mr. Weir, Nick and I are really trying to get to the Phoenix meeting,

Woman breastfeeds abandoned baby monkey — Submitted by: ZB An Indian woman is breastfeeding a baby monkey found abandoned by its mother. Namita Das says she was spurred to suckle it by a combination of maternal and religious feelings. She recently gave birth after many years of trying for a baby and felt the need to save the animal because she is a devotee of the Hindu monkey god Hanuman. The monkey was found almost dead by her woodcutter husband in a forest clearing outside Chandrapur village in Tripura state. The Pragati newspaper reports hundreds of people have turned up to see Das feed the monkey. Local school teacher Ballabh Saha said: "We can't help feeling touched by her concern for the monkey. It's like she believes it is her own child." Story filed: 15:14 Friday 1st February 2002

Iguanas ARE Illegal to Own in Hawaii — State captures iguana off H-3 in Kaneohe

The illegal reptile is the second spotted on Oahu this year Submitted by: ZB By Rosemarie Bernardo rbernardo@s... A 2-foot-long male iguana was in state custody yesterday after being captured on the side of the H-3 freeway in Kaneohe. Lisa Nakayama, land vertebrate animal specialist for the state Department of Agriculture, said a motorist stopped on the shoulder of the freeway near the Koolau Golf Club on Monday and attempted to catch the iguana, but was unsuccessful. The motorist called officials of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources from his cellular phone. Crew members of the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Division helped agriculture officials catch the animal. This is the second iguana to be found on Oahu this year, Nakayama said. On Jan. 3, a 2 1/2-foot male iguana was spotted in Pearl City. The iguana caught Monday is at the Plant Quarantine Station and will be transported to the zoo until it is shipped out of the state. Iguanas, native to Central America, may reach up to 6 feet in length. Their tails are used to ward off predators. Iguanas are vegetarians, but are known to disturb bird nests and feed on eggs. According to state officials, it is illegal to possess or transport iguanas in Hawaii. Persons possessing illegal animals could face a fine of up to $200,000 and three years in jail. Those with illegal pets are encouraged to turn them in under the department's amnesty program. Anyone with information or knowledge of illegal animals in Hawaii is asked to call the department's pest hot line at 586-PEST (7378).

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INTRODUCED BILL TEXT INTRODUCED BY Senator Polanco FEBRUARY 23, 2001 An act to amend Sections 2124 and 2126 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to restricted live wild animals. LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST SB 889, as introduced, Polanco. Restricted wild animals. Under existing law, it is a crime to take, possess, transport, import, export, propagate, purchase, sell, or transfer certain live mammals, listed as specified, for the purpose of maiming, injuring, or killing the mammal for gain, amusement, or sport or for the buyer of a live mammal so listed to resell it to another buyer who intends to maim, injure, or kill that mammal for purposes of gain, amusement, or sport. This bill would add certain listed birds, fish, or reptiles to that prohibition. Because other provisions of existing law would make the violation of the bill a crime, the bill would thereby create a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes.

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Phoenix Exotics E-List Contained 806 posts in February. We are limited in the print medium to select only a few items. You can join the e-list at http://phoenixexotics.org/ then click on the link for E-groups email list.

Tucson, Arizona Monday, 4 February 2002 Dog bites a pain to all concerned Jeffry Scott / Staff Betty Boop, a pit bull, will be euthanized for attacking two people a year ago.

Animal bites
  * County's reported animal bites for fiscal year 1999-2000.
  * Dogs 2,353
  * Cats 565
  * Ferrets 8
  * Bats 5
  * Coyotes 1
  * Skunks 1
  * Other 5
  * Biters identified by breed
    * German shepherd 322
    * Chow 311
    * Rottweiler 150
    * Pit bull 156
    * Lab 116
    * Terrier 98
    * Hound 68
    * Spaniel 57
    * Collie 11
    * Doberman 8
    * Other large dogs 134
    * Other medium dogs 681
    * Other small dogs 171

SOURCE: Pima County Animal Control
By Joseph Barrios
ARIZONA DAILY STAR
Dog bites are serious problems not only for the injuries suffered by the victims, but for the financial toll on homeowners and insurance companies. In Pima County, there were more than 2,000 dog bite incidents reported during the last fiscal year, which ended June 30. And many of those will result in insurance claims or civil lawsuits that take years and thousands of dollars to resolve. For a
dog's owner, the incident
could also result in a beloved pet's being destroyed. Even though "dog-bites-man" incidents generally don't result in much publicity, the problems caused by those attacks are widespread: * Nationally, an estimated 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs every year, resulting in an estimated 800,000 injuries, according to a report by the Center for Disease Control. * About 20 people die every year in the United States as a result of dog attacks. * Dog bites account for a third of all homeowners' insurance claims and cost insurance companies anywhere from $310 million annually, according to the Insurance Information Institute, to as much as $1 billion. * The average insurance settlement is estimated to be about $2,600.

"Of course, it is a serious problem for us," said LuWanna Nielsen, a State Farm Insurance spokeswoman in Phoenix. In the year 2000, State Farm paid out $74.3 million in dog bite claims nationwide. That number was up slightly from 1999, when $73.5 million was paid out, said Nielsen, adding that her company has seen slightly fewer claims submitted even as the amount paid out has increased. In each case, there is a plaintiff, an injured party, and a defendant, the dog owner and his or her insurance company. The real defendant is the dog itself. For repeat or particularly violent offenders, the penalty can be death.

Such is the case for Betty Boop and Hambone, considered a much-loved part of Tucsonan Jeffrey Dolan's family. The two pit bulls have been held in the dog's equivalent of death row at the Pima County Animal Control facility since April. Dolan was walking his dogs without leashes in a wash on the city's East Side when the dogs bit two men. Dolan said the men were injured but only because a third dog belonging to one of the men fought with his dogs. Pima County Animal Control disagreed. The family's dogs were declared vicious and were ordered to be euthanized by a Tucson City Court judge. Photos taken by animal control staffers show a snarling Betty Boop leaping toward the camera and baring her teeth. Photos submitted by Dolan show both dogs playing with children or sitting calmly while a cat eats from atop Dolan's kitchen counter.

Dolan admits he violated the city's leash law. His priority now is getting his dogs back home. "These dogs are part of his family. He visits them every day," said Lisa Thompson, Dolan's attorney.

Thompson said a second try at saving the dogs, filed in appellate court, failed last week. Thompson said she is not certain what legal remedies are left for the dogs and isn't sure how much time they have left. Time is also a question for Tucsonan Mary Morris Cole, the victim of a dog attack in February 2000.

She's still trying to resolve her civil lawsuit against the dog's owner and attain at least $25,000 for medical expenses. (con't. on page 6)

Cole, 48, suffered from several puncture wounds below her left eye and needed 17 stitches after she was bitten by a dog while at the Midtown house of an acquaintance. "I had just fed him a cracker with cheese. He was fine. I turned to say 'good boy,' and he was right in my face," Cole said.

Submitted by Phoenix member: Tracy

When dogs pray...what do they think/say?

Dear God, How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God, When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God, Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!

Dear God, If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God, Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have "on ramps"?

Dear God, If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?

Dear God, More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God, When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God, We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God, Are there dogs on other planets or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street!

Dear God, Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God, Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the "carpet thing", again?

Dear God, May I have my testicles back?
The insurance company has been reluctant to pay, arguing that the person named in the lawsuit did not own the dog and because medical records indicate Cole, holding the cracker in her own mouth, leaned over and was bitten when the dog went for the cracker. She denies that version of events. Michael Ciaccio, a Tucson lawyer, said he works on two or three dog bite cases at any given time. In Arizona, he explains, dog bites are covered by strict liability. For a dog owner, the only defense against dog bite claims is provocation, in which the victim does something to provoke the animal. Ciaccio's clients have settled or been awarded damages ranging from $10,000 to $100,000. One case, in which a little boy was bitten on the face and a tear duct was permanently damaged, was settled for $100,000, he said. "It's a terrifying event. For some length of time, you realize you're going to be attacked by a vicious animal. I think it scares the heck out of you. Something with big teeth is coming after you. It's a primal thing," Ciaccio said. .................* Contact Joseph Barrios at 573-4241

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