A Phoenix E-mail list member owns this Frog whose scientific name is *Phrynohyas Resiindictrix*.

These two lazy dogs are American Pit Bull Terriers belonging to Phoenix member Crystal. The male (Sooner's Duke Nukem) is the dog looking at the camera. He is Daddy's boy. He is about 9 months old in this picture. He loves beer.

This 2 year old Bobcat is named Sheba and is owned by Phoenix members Ashley and Dave. Sheba is a working cat who is part of the Predators of the Heart program aimed at educating kids about wild animals, as well as, the evils of drugs and other destructive substances.

These Serval Samba's babies owned by JoAnn.

These Yellow Handed Tamarins were raised on a bottle from 5 days old. Their mother had triplets and could not support three babies. These are among the smallest primates in the world. Phoenix member Gail says they were a real joy to raise on a bottle.

This Ferret belongs to Phoenix member Susan.
Gamblers go head to head with casino chickens. Submitted by: ZB An Indianapolis casino is employing a group of chickens to take on gamblers at noughts and crosses. The chickens are always allowed to go first and make their choice by pecking on a game screen. Visitors watch their opponent’s move from inside a game booth and touch the screen to respond. Bosses at Casino Aztar say players who manage to beat the bird will win the equivalent of £3,430. Spokeswoman Pam Martin said: “It's possible to beat the chickens, but they're very good.” The 15 trained chickens are all leghorns from a farm in Springdale, Arkansas. The first one to take part suffered 'stage fright' and another bird had to be called in to finish the game. Casino officials say the games will move faster as the hens get used to their surroundings.

Hungry ape breaks out of cage to raid zoo shop. Submitted by: ZB An orangutan escaped from her enclosure at a Czech zoo to raid the shop for snacks. Dona managed to swing over an electric fence with her daughter Bona at the zoo in Dvur Kralove. She then headed for the shop where she grabbed crisps and chocolate bars, and took swigs from bottles of washing-up liquid and cleaning fluid. Dana Holeckova, zoo director, said: "She must have carefully planned her escape as she was so determined to get out." Shopkeeper Bohuslava Doubravova added: "I was standing outside and watched Dona as she climbed down from the roof. She looked me in the eye before heading inside. I tried to push her outside but didn't manage." Doubravova added: "She started eating all kinds of snacks right away and she wanted to try everything. She drank a little bit of washing-up liquid and cleaning liquid and then I had to wrestle a jar of coffee away from her. I thought she might have turned angry but she was really calm the whole time." Zoo staff managed to tranquilise the apes then move them back to their cage less than an hour after they escaped. They were unhurt during their adventure.

Anyone ever heard of "Build your own Jungle Zoo"? Submitted by: Cybertiger I think it would be good to try and get a hold of the author, I will try and post some of the stuff written in the book. He supports the same kinda animal ownership that I believe in. He believes Zoos are not the only place animals should be keep ,and that the large exotics need space( he wrote the book during the 70's so some of his points about endangered animals have changed) some of his points include: The idea of banning wild animals from private ownership is unlawful, in a country that claims to be free. Zoos alone can not insure that all wild animals will be breed in good numbers. Not all road side zoos are bad and not all zoos are good. Large wild animals don't belong in small zoo enclosures in the city( he thinks zoos should be in the country for the health of the animals , plus a zoo can not give the animals good space or even add bigger areas in the city where space is so limited ) He believed concrete cages where out dated( and of course many zoos have now do away with them) He has a long chapter on how people should go about getting exotics and what they should expect and makes a good point that most people who had lions or apes in the 70's have to be ready to give it up when it grows up big, unless they are willing to move into the country and have the money and time for a full grown large exotic, but he maintains the idea of banning
anything even large exotics is wrong. he believed the laws that where in effect in the 70's where to harsh esp. for the small exotics and makes a good point about how England had many bans on Private ownership. He saw no reason to kill surplus animals when the private sector could buy the animals, both from zoos and in the wild. In fact he made a good point about allowing paying hunters to cull animals instead of using government paid rangers, for wild areas that have surplus, he made many good points and this was in the 70's so problems have been around for a long time.

Working on a new book! Need stories.. I apologize for crossposting this all over the place. I'll make it brief. I'm working on a book and would like outside contributors. I'm looking for your well-written true stories of experiences living and working with animals, preferably wild and exotic. Stories can be funny, touching, sad or whatever. Even an unusual rescue. Looking for 100 to 500 words or so per story. I will be editing grammar and text (for content). Each contributor will also have their name, city and state listed. Please send contributions to me privately for consideration ,please email stories to PALOSZOO@aol.com. This is going to be a fun book! I know you guys have good stories out there! I hope you'll contribute!

Kim Schilling and the Zoo
Author of Ferrets for Dummies
http://www.animalsforawareness.org/
Animals for Awareness
"Protection through Education"
A USDA, 501(C)3 non-profit educational facility dedicated to exotic and wild animals.

SES What is this?
For those of you unfamiliar with the SES (Species Enhancement Strategy), this program was envisioned by Ron Blakely, the former Director of Sedwick County Zoo in Wichata, KS. Ron was one of the founders of the International Society of Zooculturalists. He was also one of the many AZA zoo Directors that saw that there was a problem with the AZA's Species Survival Plans (SSP's) when it ignored the animals held by private and non-AZA breeders. Unfortunately, Ron died before the SES was ever written up and implemented. However, Lynn Culver and myself took on the task of finishing Ron's vision and last October presented the finalized version to the International Society of Zooculturalists at their annual conference. The ISZ at that time accepted the proposal and ok'ed the Geoffroy's Cat SES as the initial program. LIOC's Board of Directors also endorsed the SES program in their December 2001 meeting. An SES is not limited to the private sector. An SES does not differentiate between AZA or privately held animals. It is basically non-political and the best interest of the species is the SES's goal. It also goes beyond being a studbook. Individual SES's will hopefully aid in both insitu and exsitu research and serve as a clearing house of information for people interested in the particular species the SES covers. It is overseen by the International Society of Zooculturalists, but the operation of each individual SES is done by the members who actually own or possess the species. Membership is not limited to just the people who own or possess the species. Everyone with an interest in the particular species can join, but only the possessors of the animals are voting members. It is also important to point out that there is no cost involved with joining. It is totally free
At the current time, the Geoffroy's Cat is the only species with an SES, but the SES program was designed to work with any wild species kept in captivity. An SES could be developed for any species. All that would be required is some people who have a true and sincere interest in the species who are willing to volunteer some time and effort in order to help the species. I anyone is interested, they could contact me for more information. You also can take a look at the Geoffroy's cat SES website:
http://www.voltage.net/~culvers/geoffroysSES/SES1.htm
The site gives the general outline for what is expected from an SES for each individual species and gives more details on the Geoffroy's Cat SES. There is also an online application for the free membership. If needed, I could also e-mail you a copy. I invite any one with an interest in small felids to join and help to develop this Geoffroy's Cat SES and hopefully start others.
If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.
~~~Kevin Chambers, Phoenix Member

SUPPORT THE CAPTIVE EXOTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT:  Submitted by:  Leona
Exotic game ranches, commonly known as canned hunt facilities, have been widely condemned by both the humane and the hunting communities for being inhumane and unethical and a disease threat to native wildlife.
These facilities offer hunters the opportunity to hunt a number of exotic, big game animals, water buffalo, rare antelope, big cats and others with a no kill arrangement. Canned hunt operators breed the animals or obtain them from exotic animal dealers, who acquire the animals from circuses, roadside zoos, and other sources. It is trophy hunting in its purest form, and the animals are provided no opportunity to escape. Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) and Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA) have introduced the Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act, federal legislation to ban interstate and foreign commerce of exotic animals destined for canned hunts.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:
Contact your two U.S. Senators and your U.S. Representative and ask them to cosponsor the Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act, S. 1655 and H.R. 3464. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to your legislators’ offices, and call The HSUS at 202-955-3666 to identify the names of your federal legislators (or look up your legislators’ names and contact information by going to www.vote-smart.org). For more information on canned hunting and the Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act, go to www.hsus.org/ace/12090.

Police Dog Accused of Racial Profiling

Tuesday, June 11, 2002 McKees Rocks, Pa. — Submitted by: ZB A Pennsylvania councilwoman has accused her borough’s lone police dog of racial profiling, leading to calls that the canine be killed. Dolpho, a 5-year-old German shepherd, can sniff out the difference between marijuana, heroin and cocaine. The dog came from Europe two years ago and is trained in drug detection and patrol. But councilwoman Wanda Jones Dixon said Dolpho can also tell the difference between blacks and whites, and should be put to sleep. On Friday, while K-9 officer Schawn Barger wrestled with a drug suspect, he said a quick-release button on his belt was activated, accidentally opening a door to the K-9 wagon. The dog lunged from the vehicle and bit a 9-year-old boy on the leg instead of the suspect, dragging him for about 20 feet, family members said. The boy is black. Councilwoman Dixon told the city council she has received six complaints about Dolpho in the past year. Three involved people involved with drugs, who complained about attacks. Three others were blacks who believe the dog jumped at or attacked them because of their race. "I had received complaints from African-Americans saying they believe the dog only attacks African-Americans," councilwoman Dixon said Monday. "I think the dog makes the distinction." Barger, who has worked with Dolpho for more than two years and takes the dog home with him at night, said the dog has never gone after the wrong person before. He said Dolpho became confused during a tense situation. "The dog saw movement. There was a lot of noise — a lot of screaming," Barger said. "It was basically just complete chaos and the dog, he just could not tell who the bad guy was and who the good people were." The boy was treated for a dog bite and released Friday. He limped into the council meeting Monday with his mother. "This is something that will take him a while to get over," Livingston said. "The officer had no control over that animal. That dog should be put to sleep." Experts differ on whether dogs can discern race.

The owner of the Tom Brenneman School for Canines near Lawrence, Kan., has trained more than 600 dogs for police departments nationwide. He said dogs determine targets by scent alone and see only gray and white. Tom Brenneman said the dogs can be trained to recognize the scent of drugs, explosives and also that dogs can smell fear. "As far as it being black or white or Hispanic, that doesn't have anything to do with it," he said. A national expert on animal behavior at Tuft's University School of Veterinary Medicine said dogs not only can determine race, but can develop prejudices similar to humans. Dr. Nick Dodman said that prejudice can be based on a lack of exposure to different people or because of a bad experience. Dolpho has since been taken off active duty, but the department is standing behind him. Chief Robert Martineau said the dog is good around children and even visits area schools and day care centers. "To say the dog is racial... that's ludicrous. That doesn't make sense," Martineau said. No decision was made on Dolpho's future Monday. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SC FACILITY HEADS UP

Hi All, There is a facility in SC advertising in this month's animal finders guide looking for baby and young cats wanting them to exhibit. In the ad right under it the same person has an ad with non-breeding cougars for trade. This facility is trying to get free animals to breed and sell. If they won't breed or meet their needs they sell or trade them. They got in some free wolves this last weekend and are already calling folks trying to get rid of the ones that don't meet their needs. Heads up folks please check out who you place your animals with. Megan The Leopard Foundation

The elist comes in handy for many purposes, general communication or better yet expand your
knowledge base and increase your resources for networking towards your own personal goals.

Question:

Tanning Hides. I understand that there is now a chemical bath available that allows for one to soft tan with hair in just a few hours. It comes with enough chemical for a deer hide. I have tried to find out where I could purchase this or it's name and yet have gotten any answers. Is this true? Does this really exist? If so I have an old hide in the freezer I would like to tan. Thanks max

Answer: Max's name is also Herald...

Hi Herald, I will try to answer this without boring you...*LOL... There are what we refer to as quick tans but they do not work like they are advertise ... Basically there are two types of tans Static and paint on, the paint on tans are not true tans but instead act as a type of preserve. Static tans need to be pickled first in an acid bath which is used to change the molecular structure of the skin to allow the tan to bond.

Its kind of like the "Chroming" process where there is a negative charge (the hide) and a positive charge (the skin). The static tans are rated on how easily the tan can wash out. Now to answer your question, you won't get a garment quality tan at home. You need a kicking machine and fur drum to make it that soft but I will tell you how to get a nice tan with minimal work and it would be every safe to use at home.

If you tell me how big your hide is later I can give exact amounts for you, I recommend a tan called LutanF. Its used in most tanneries and has been around since WWII. I tan all my African, bear, ect with it.

Now its very simple, depending on the amount needed you will add water top salt (amount will depend on hide size and I will tell you what you need) then add Oxalic acid bath crystals to the water until it hits a pH of 1.5, then add tan and stir, then add a heated oil. let soak for two days, neutralize the bath to 6.0 or higher, let hide hang and after the first day do down and stretch the hide by hand. This will make the hide Fluff. This hide will be tan 100% and though it won't be as soft as a commercial tan it will work well enough. Now here is the link to get the pH, paper, Oxalic acid, Lutan F, and anything else you want. Don't use the directions that come with it instead use what I do and you get better results. <A HREF="http://www.rmi-online.com/">ResearchMannikins - Your Hometown Taxidermy Supply Store</A>

It may seem more expensive to do just one hide but its worth the experience, if you decide not to do it I can point you to some nice tanneries I have dealt with. Any questions please feel free to ask

Charles Gossett

*LOL refers to internet slang, meaning laughing out loud.

'Zoo Babies' Book to be Donated to Local Organizations Summary: PITTSBURGH, Jun 13, 2002 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Submitted by: ZB Customers and employees at the National City Bank branch on Stanwix Street had some rather unusual visitors today -- a porcupine and an alligator. The animals were visiting the bank branch in honor of the unveiling of a new "Zoo Babies" book, funded by National City Bank of Pennsylvania. The full-color book is filled with photos of the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium's baby animals, with the porcupine starring in the cover photo. Among the Zoo residents featured are orangutans, lion cubs and elephants. Ten thousand copies of the book are being produced. The first two thousand will be given out as gifts to attendees of "There's Romance in the Air," the Zoo's black-tie gala to be held on June 15. The remaining books will be donated by National City Bank to area libraries, schools and non-profit organizations. Copies will be available for purchase in the Zoo's gift shop.

⇒ Hi, List, Just a quick bit of reflection since we've never had a "review of the year", or any other such formal, period feedback on the list. Well; 20,000 messages sent is a "lot" of typing... A few questions to think over: What have we really achieved since this started? Has the situation for exotics and exotic ownership become better or worse since then (11/99)? Have we all done as much as we could to improve things (in many different ways...)? Are we better at communicating and supporting now? Have we encouraged people to join in/feel part of the "community"? I do know that so many "real" cat people don't "have the time" to participate on these lists, but it's sometimes difficult to know when to focus one's energies on personal goals, or to help "improve" the bigger picture for the all... (sometimes not even clear in retrospect...). No reply required (in fact, more questions would probably be better :) Best wishes to all, and good to know you're out there :) Thanks also to Jeanne and everyone else who has set up the mechanism behind <Phoenix>, in particular.~~~David.
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. is based in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA and addresses concerns within the USA and internationally. Phoenix Exotics Wildlife Assc. 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.

Welcome! — 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!

Cougar in NEED of Home...

Submitted by: John Burkitt
I've been advised that Katy, a 9 year old female cougar, is in need of a loving home. According to Anna Horton of Enchanted Garden Sanctuary in Tell City, Indiana, she's a sweetie and very gentle. The cat was rescued from a situation where the owner was no longer able to take care of her. In fair condition, may have a flea problem. They do not have the resources at Enchanted Garden to take care of Katy and give the other cats the care and resources they need. If you can help her please contact Anna Horton at (812) 547-3876. Her email follows but I do not guarantee that it's absolutely transcribed correctly: starlite@psci.net. Please respond directly to her.

John Burkitt OR you can contact Pretyziba@aol.com, or you can contact the Phoenix Exotics Wildlife Association for more contact information.

To get a copy of the following article in its entirety please contact Phoenix Exotics Wildlife Association, Inc.

New York Wildlife Registration Bill... Submitted by George Stowers
Greetings: Recently New York State Assembly Bill A04433 (Senate Bill S2558-B) was passed by both houses. The text of the bill is presented below.

The bill would require all owners of many species of wildlife including all species of wild/exotic cat to register them with the local government. This information would then be passed to local emergency personnel. The reason stated for the bill was to protect fire fighters and other emergency personnel from wildlife held in private homes when responding to emergencies. Following the events of 9/11 it is politically VERY difficult to oppose any bill in NY with a stated purpose to help protect emergency personnel. My concerns about this bill is that the real intent may be simply an effort by animal rights extremist to identify the precise location of all private owned wildlife.