Phoenix member Megan belongs to this Bengal Tiger named Lacey.

This beautiful beast is a Lion named Sheba. She belongs to Phoenix member Max.

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. And unlike most tigers, they have beautiful blue eyes, although you can’t tell from this shot because the flash caused the eyes to glow which was then electronically removed.

These beautiful Red-Eyed Tree Frogs belong to Phoenix member Susan.

This Phoenix supporter, Lynn, is a professional animal handler and has appeared on many TV programs. Here he shows off a venomous Rattlesnake.
**LETTER FROM EDITOR**

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**Cat nurses 3 squirrels, 4 kittens**

Submitted by: ZB, By Kara McConnell

Sentinel Reporter

Submitted by: Jungletouch

Cheryl Raudabaugh of Silver Spring Township couldn't believe what she saw when she came across her cat, Calico, in her flower bed. Like any mother cat, "Cally" had chosen the cozy, secluded spot beneath a flowering shrub to feed the four kittens she gave birth to in a garage at the home in first block of Main Street in New Kingston about three weeks ago. Raudabaugh remembered there were three multi-colored kittens and a single white one in Cally's litter so she picked up a tiny white body expecting to see the face of a kitten. Instead, the tiny pink eyes of an albino baby squirrel were looking back at her. Because of the animal's long, not-so-fluffy tail, she immediately thought her cat had been fostering a rat. "I thought, 'What have you done, Cally?!'" she said. Instead, Raudabaugh realized her cat had adopted three baby squirrels -- two gray ones and an albino one -- into her litter. "It's amazing," she said. "I don't even know what to do." The mother cat allowed the squirrels to nurse to lick them as she did her own kittens. Neighbors came across the street to see the cat with the strange litter. "It's amazing she didn't eat the squirrels," said Susan Podlucky, who lives across the street. "You would think that would be her initial instinct instead of taking in the orphans." Raudabaugh doesn't know why or how the oddity began but she began putting clues together immediately. "We found a dead squirrel in our yard about 10 days ago," she said, adding it may have fallen victim to any of the six or seven cats who live outside at their home. She also remembered watching Calico fuss with a hole several feet off the ground in one of the trees in the yard. "I didn't know what she was doing up there." Raudabaugh now thinks Cally was saving the baby squirrels after their mother was killed. She's not sure what to do about the situation. "I'm just going to let her feed them," Raudabaugh said, adding she hopes nature will take its course. She's planning to have Cally spayed. Her husband, Mel, hopes the other cats leave the squirrels alone.

**Deer Shows Up in Iowa Wal-Mart**

Submitted by: ZB

Story Filed: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 10:06 PM ED

MUSCATINE, Iowa (AP) -- Shoppers at an eastern Iowa Super Wal-Mart got more for their buck when a deer showed up in the produce section this week. An adult deer walked through the Muscatine store's automatic doors around 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. It passed the greeter and headed for the vegetables. Wal-Mart spokesman Tom Williams said the deer entered the front of the store near the deli and produce sections. The deer became startled, jumped and slipped on the floor when it landed. Store employees held it down until animal control officers arrived to guide the deer out of the store without incident. "Unfortunately for the deer, it didn't get to eat anything or buy anything," Williams said. "It maybe made an interesting day for some customers." There were no injuries or damages. Authorities said the Super Wal-Mart is located near a wooded area on the outskirts of town. Officials

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Thank you to ZB, she provides the mass amount of news articles regarding exotic animals.

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say development along U.S. Highway 61 in Muscatine has meant more deer sightings, but this was the first time police had been called out for a deer shopping. Copyright © 2002 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved

Landfill Scavenging Eagles Dying Submitted by: ZB Story Filed: Wednesday, May 01, 2002 2:35 PM EDT

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) -- Bald eagles are getting sick and dying in South Carolina after scavenging pets and strays that have been euthanized and disposed of legally in landfills. During the past three years, the South Carolina Center for Birds of Prey has received 10 bald eagles confirmed to have eaten pentobarbital, which is used to euthanize cats and dogs, said Jim Elliott, director of the center. Six others were suspected of having ingested pentobarbital. Of the 16, five died, nine were released after treatment and two are at the center awaiting release. A group of government and private agencies has been working to assess the problem, which is likely not limited to South Carolina. Information is being collected from other states, Elliott said. State regulations require that dead animals be brought to a landfill area where waste is being buried that day and covered with six to 12 inches of clean soil. Elliott said it's not clear if the remains should be buried deeper or if they are not being covered quickly. "We're trying to sort out whether the problem exists from the way the regulations are written or the way they are followed," Elliott said. The agencies alerted landfill operators, animal shelters and veterinarians about the problem, asking them to review their procedures. Eagles, once an endangered species, have been removed from the list of endangered and threatened species. Copyright © 2002 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved.

Poisoned At Sea: Sea creatures dying from toxic shellfish By Laura Mecoy -- Bee Los Angeles Bureau - (Published May 5, 2002)SAN PEDRO Submitted by: Marl4570-- Barely a year old, the bird rescue station here is in "crisis mode" because of a mysterious toxin that's causing endangered California brown pelicans to literally fall out of the sky. Workers at the International Bird Rescue Research Center are sleeping on cots and surviving on granola bars because they're working 17-hour days to save the sudden influx of sick pelicans. "It's just been a nightmare," Jeannie Magis, the center's rehabilitation director, said. "It is crisis mode." Next door, at the Marine Mammal Care Center, the pens are almost full of listless sea lions being treated for the same condition, domoic acid poisoning. Domoic acid is a nerve toxin produced by eating small fish and shellfish that have fed on a toxic species of naturally occurring marine algae. The toxin doesn't affect the fish -- only the creatures that eat the fish and shellfish in large quantities. From Santa Barbara to San Diego, rescue workers say the toxin is causing illness and death among hundreds of marine mammals and dozens of sea birds. "Our facility is just inundated," Jennifer Sullivan, Marine Mammal Care Center operations manager, said. "We are just reeling from trying to treat every one we get in." She said the center has treated about 90 sea lions suffering from domoic acid poisoning since March. Of those, she said, about 75 percent have recovered. Magis said brown pelicans began to exhibit symptoms of the nerve toxin in mid-April. The bird rescue center has treated 40 for it in the last two weeks. Of those, she said, 25 have died or been euthanized. "We are very concerned about how this will affect the species' population," Magis said. David Pereksta, senior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, said he's not worried yet because the pelican population is "doing well enough that it should be resilient to these things. But we are going to keep an eye on it." The state Department of Health Services detected domoic acid in shellfish harvested from waters off the California coast in 1991. Blooms of the toxic algae have caused marine mammal and sea bird deaths in previous years and annually trigger health warnings about humans consuming shellfish and small fish. "These things flare up from time to time, and no one knows why," Joe Cordaro, National Marine Fisheries Service wildlife biologist, said. "They last a couple of months, and then they die down." He said this year is shaping up to be the worst in many. Nearly 100 dolphins have died from domoic acid poisoning and about 200 sea lions have died or been ill enough to require treatment since March, Cordaro said. In comparison, he said 70 dolphins died from domoic acid poisoning in California in 1994, the last major outbreak among the mammals. Cordaro said 150 sea lions died in 1998, the worst outbreak of domoic acid poisoning for that species in California. Scott Newman, University of California, Davis wildlife veterinarian, said he's documented 60 suspected cases of domoic acid poisoning in sea birds. Of those, he said 95 percent were brown pelicans. He said it's hard to know for certain how many of the sick and dead birds suffer from nerve toxin because so little research has been done on the condition in birds. At the bird rescue center, though, Magis pointed out what she considered typical domoic acid poisoning symptoms in an adult pelican. The male bird, regal in his mating plumage, rested listlessly on the floor of a cage sheathed in sheets. He could barely hold up his head and enormous beak, and he trembled all over. Creatures with domoic acid poisoning stop eating and become dehydrated. They also suffer from seizures that can cause brain damage. At the two rescue centers, the treatment is similar: Fluids are pumped into the animals to wash out the domoic acid and antibiotics are used to treat secondary infections. At the Marine Mammal Care Center, volunteers wielding large boards to protect them from the sea lions' bites herd the enormous creatures into special cages.
where they can be immobilized for treatment. The pelicans are easier to handle, but time is crucial for them. If they're not found early, Magis said, the birds suffer too much brain damage to survive. "I have had birds that dropped out of the sky and fell through a window or ran into a tree," she said. In the past week, she said she's begun to see some success. In a large outdoor flight pen, several recovering pelicans flapped from one side to another and jumped into and out of a shallow pool. Pelicans are ready to return to the wild when they have recovered their flight skills and restored their waterproofing, Magis said.

Lion Bites Off Zookeeper's Arm  
From The Associated Press  
Published: May 13, 2002  
Submitted by: ZB  
TAMPA - A 350-pound lion bit the arm off of a 21-year-old zookeeper Sunday at Busch Gardens, park officials said. The woman was escorting her family on a behind-the-scenes tour of the theme park, officials said. The 12-year-old lion named Max attacked the woman through a bar-style fence and was never out of his secure area, said Capt. Bill Wade of the Tampa Fire Rescue.

Wade said the woman's arm was severed at the elbow. The woman, whose name wasn't released, was flown with the severed limb to Tampa General Hospital by helicopter. She is listed in serious condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Iowa Farmer Mauled to Death by Cow  
Story Filed: Monday, May 13, 2002 2:42 PM EDT  
Submitted by: ZB  
VINTON, Iowa (AP) -- A farmer was mauled to death by a cow while trying to rescue the animal's newborn calf from the mud. Bruce Schulte, 50, of rural Norway died Saturday, shortly after calling his mother on his cell phone, Sheriff Kenneth Popenhagen said. Schulte had tried to move the calf out of some mud it was lying in. The cow charged him, kicking and mauling him, the sheriff said. Dr. John Schiltz, state veterinarian, said cows can be very protective of their offspring, but it is unusual for one to turn on a farmer. The sheriff would not say what happened to the cow and calf.

Celebs to Gather At Big Bear Zoo On June 1st  
All-Day Fundraiser Set for Moonridge Animal Park Relocation,  
Submitted by: ZB  
BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif., May 17, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Hollywood celebrities are lending their star power on Saturday, June 1st to help raise $10 million to build a new "home for life" for endangered and non-releasable wildlife residing at Moonridge Animal Park. Located in the Southland's year-round resort community of Big Bear Lake, the 2.5-acre animal park across from Big Bear Mountain Ski Resort is losing its lease. The zoo has mounted a capital campaign to build a new facility and transport its animals to a 25-acre site located across the lake. The zoo, located at 43285 Goldmine Drive, is devoting the entire day to the event, which is open to thepublic at special rates. Source: Business Wire  
Date: 05/17/2002 12:00

Lioness Adopts Fourth Baby Oryx in Kenya  
Story Filed: Friday, May 24, 2002 3:50 AM EST  
NAIROBI, May 24, 2002 (Xinhua via COMTEX) -- The internationally acknowledged oryx-adopting lioness in Kenya's Samburu National Game Reserve adopted a fourth baby oryx on Thursday, the East African Standard said here Friday. The daily quoted eyewitnesses as saying that the new incident took place early Thursday in the game reserve, the fourth time in a row and a fact confirmed by some game rangers and a local hotel manager. However, according to the report, the lioness this time broke its earlier tradition of adopting new born oryxes and went ahead to take in an oryx of about seven days old. The lioness was first noticed protecting and mothering a baby oryx in late December last year in the Samburu game, 300 kilometers northeast of the Kenyan capital of Nairobi. But the little oryx was devoured by another lion two weeks later. In mid-February, the lioness was seen with another oryx. Kenya Wildlife Service personnel, however, separated the two and the oryx was brought to an animal orphanage in Nairobi. The third oryx, which was about three days old, was seen adopted by the same lioness on March 30 when they were staying intimately under a tree. Game wardens didn't separate the third oryx and the lioness and said they would let the nature take its course to see what would really happen in the end. Copyright © 2002 XINHUA NEWS AGENCY. Copyright © 2002, Xinhua News Agency, all rights reserved.

It's a Boy! -- Ringling Bros. Welcomes Fifteenth Asian Elephant Born In Race to Save the Species See Streaming Video of Mom and Baby at www.elephantcenter.com  
Summary: VIENNA, Va., May 23, 2002 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- In a race against the ravages of nature and time, The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey(R) Center for Elephant Conservation (CEC) in Polk County, Florida, is thrilled to announce the birth of a healthy, 270-pound male Asian elephant calf. He is the fifteenth calf to join our herd in our ten-year-old breeding program and the unprecedented fifth birth in just 13 months. The 32-year-old mother, Josky,
delivered the calf at the CEC at 12:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, and he will be named P.T. in honor of the love affair that started between Americans and Asian elephants when P.T. Barnum began touring The Greatest Show On Earth(R). This new baby takes us one step farther from extinction of the species, since fewer than 40,000 Asian elephants are left in the world. (Streaming video and information about P.T. and his mother are available at http://www.elephantcenter.com.) Source: PR Newswire

Date: 05/23/2002 16:35

Ontario Government moves Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act forward for second reading

Story Filed: Monday, May 27, 2002 7:34 PM EST TORONTO, May 27, 2002 (Canada NewsWire via COMTEX) --Submitted by: ZB A bill to recognize recreational hunting and fishing as part of the province's heritage has been presented for second reading at Queen's Park, Natural Resources Minister Jerry Ouellette announced today. The Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act would fulfill the government's commitment to anglers and hunters across the province to introduce legislation that would legally recognize the right to hunt and fish in accordance with the law in Ontario. At the same time, it would ensure that the government can continue to manage fish and wildlife resources in a sound, sustainable manner. "As a lifelong outdoorsman, I am pleased that we are moving ahead on this important legislation," said Ouellette. "This proposed legislation will keep a promise we made to anglers and hunters across Ontario, and is intended to help ensure that future generations also have an opportunity to enjoy hunting and fishing." The government of Premier Ernie Eves has signalled the importance of this bill by moving on it just three weeks into the Legislature's new session. More than 2.4 million people participate annually in recreational hunting and fishing in Ontario. These activities contribute more than $3.5 billion to the provincial economy and support more than 30,000 jobs. If passed by the Legislature, the Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act would also establish the Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission to provide advice to the Minister about a variety of fish and wildlife initiatives and to promote increased public involvement in recreational hunting and fishing and other fish and wildlife activities. The bill received first reading in the Legislature in November 2001, following a 30-day public comment period when the proposed legislation was posted on the province's Environmental Bill of Rights registry. During the comment period, support for the Ontario Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act was overwhelming, with 97 per cent of respondents indicating support.

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Wild Feline Husbandry Course

Please feel free to forward this information to anyone you feel would be interested in this class: Submitted by: Tracy Wilson The LIOC Endangered Species Conservation Federation offers a Wild Feline Husbandry Course. This is an 8 hour course that focuses on responsible captive husbandry of wild felines. The course is suitable for both novices and "old hands" who want to improve their level of knowledge.

Our next scheduled class will be: August 8th, 2002 Wichita, Kansas, Airport Plaza Hotel
Course fee: $75 Registration deadline is July 15th.
(Note: Because this class is being offered in conjunction with the LIOC annual convention, there is a reduced course fee of $50 available if your registration is postmarked by June 3rd. All registrations postmarked later than June 3rd will be at the regular cost of $75. You do not have to attend the LIOC convention in order to get the reduced rate, only have your registration in by June 3rd.)
Registration fees should be sent to: LIOC-ESCF, Inc., PO Box 22085, Phoenix, AZ 85028

This course was professionally developed in accordance with a nationally recognized standard for technical training known as the Systematic Approach to Training (SAT). The course includes an instructor lead, multi-media presentation, a 60 page student text, workshops, and final exam. Students who pass the exam receive a decorative certificate denoting successful completion of the course.

Topics Covered Include:
* Natural History of Wild Felines
* Regulatory Agencies & Permits
* Facility Design
* Handling Equipment
* Diet / Nutrition
* Health Care Basics
* Disposition & Handling
* Behavior Conditioning
* Contingency Planning

Hi Friends, I am putting together a wild feline related links page for my web site, Wild Trax Supply, and wanted to ask those of you who would like your websites included to please forward your links to me privately. Also, if you do not have your own website, but would like to suggest a good website to be included, feel free to send it to me. There will be different categories (all wild feline related), please let me know what yours falls under, and if I do not have the category listed, please give a little description so that I may find the appropriate place for it. Categories will include, but are not limited to:
- Sanctuaries/Refuges
- Animal Organizations/Associations/Clubs
- Wild Feline Breeders, including exotic cat hybrid breeders
- Native Wildlife Rehabilitators
- Educational/Responsible Ownership/Husbandry Info
- Veterinary Links
- Conservation Projects
- News Groups/Mailing Lists/Chat
- Personal Web pages (about wild felines)
- Professional (G&F agencies, USDA, USDI, etc) Equipment/Supplies
- Publications/Magazines

Thanks, Tracy Wilson  

http://www.wildtraxsupply.com

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