Nakobi is an African Lion who belongs to Phoenix member Sean. Here they are on Nakobi’s 2nd birthday. Sean was trying to give Nakobi his birthday cake but he just wanted to be petted.

African Servical, Karahaja, owned by Phoenix member Cathy Freeman-Spohrer “Mirror Mirror on the wall who is the fairest of them all” ME OF COURSE!

Jasmine & Emma Macaques, ‘The Girls’, owned by Phoenix member Diana

This little monster is a Bobcat named Katrina and belongs to Phoenix member Kim.

Victor is a cross between a Hackney Pony and a Miniature Horse. Both his sire and dam are breed champions. He is eligible for Half Hackney registry. He will be a super little driving horse and small riding pony! Victor is almost ten months old here and 37 1/2 inches tall. Submitted by: Phoenix member Jill Booth

Some Phoenix members care for animals that are not so friendly. This Silka Deer was very mean and would try to gouge you with his antlers. Phoenix member Tracy looked after this deer for a friend of hers.

Ariel has finally found someone who will really PLAY with her...the little ones ‘Griff’ her and put her in her place...Maria The American Bulldog will actually wrestle gently with her Submitted by: Phoenix member Jill Booth

Jegillita is a Llama at Lofty Pines Ranch in Lindsey, Ohio. Her cria is three weeks old. This little boy will be coming to live at Doveland when he is a bit older! His sire’s name is Hercules. (goes with Jegillita and Cria) Photo by Jill Booth, Phoenix member

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SHARING STORIES IS IMPORTANT, THE FOLLOWING POST WAS SHARED WITH THE PHOENIX MEMBERS ONLINE BY JEANNE HALL, THE PRESIDENT OF PHOENIX EXOTICS.

Size Does Make a Difference - Take Advantage from Experience that is being Shared! It is a cute story, but since this is a public list, I feel duty bound to include the tragic end to insure the cute part does not encourage a potentially problematic behavior. For those of you who don't know me, I once lived with a few adult cougars in my house. I still have the cougars, they aren't in the house right now. And bobs. They had the house before the cougars and the bobs were in one period, then the cougars as they did not get along.

During this period, I got a baby bob that had been destroying a home, pooping everywhere and would not eat the dry cat food offered. She ate the whole food diet I fed easily and was a sweetie. She came to me named Dixie and I renamed her Dixie-Da. She was maybe 2 pounds and all bob. Around 5-7 weeks old or so. Despite repeated attempts to keep her segregated, she would break into the part of the house where the cougars were, cried unmercifully when she was kept away by herself and eventually broke into the area and strolled up to the nearest cougar. A 4 month old recent placement with one eye and a broken leg. She purred and purred and rubbed all over him. He was about 30-40 pounds! And he worshiped her. Then one day my big boss cougar - Jake - came in touch with her. He is around 200 pounds! He leaned down to see what this bit of fluff was, stretching out his muzzle for a sniff. She hunched up, gave that high pitched bobcat warning and raised her paw to him. He looked, blinked and obeyed her by backing off a bit. This continued for awhile till she felt comfortable enough to approach and give her lilling bobcat greeting and mark him as hers by rubbing all over his legs. At this time the big boy slept in an upper bunk of some bunk beds. This little mite would crawl her way up to him, curl herself between his forepaws and muzzle near his neck. And purr like a buzz saw. The cougar would try to move or readjust. Tiny sharp claws would correct his misbehavior. Da ruled the cougars. Jake would occasionally look to me for assistance when he really wanted to be left alone and I would take her away for a short while, but she would make it back and resume her chosen place. She played and chased and adored the cougars as her "subjects" throughout her life. They obeyed her every whim.

:) J

Now for the sad part Please do not try this at home. While it is a cute story and there were many many wonderful moments, the size difference is too great. Da loved cougars and she ruled them. But this behavior did result in her death when a crippled cougar she grew up with and played with fell on her. There was no foul. He lost balance and she was crushed by an elbow.

Others have had cougars and bobs together but I tell you this sad part to insure that the cute part does not encourage attempts to combine these two kinds of cats.

Phoenix Book We have collected some wonderful material for the book project! It is being combed through and fitted into the book. Where there could be a little expansion of an idea or a little more background or such, the authors will be contacted to fill in the pieces. We still have room for more! For those who have not heard yet, we are putting together a
National Institutes of Health has chosen Caddo Parish and Chimp Haven to locate this important sanctuary for retired research chimpanzees. The United States government has selected Chimp Haven, Inc., an independent, non-profit organization, to build and operate a sanctuary system for all chimpanzees retired from federal biomedical facilities. The announcement follows a rigorous selection process by the National Institutes of Health to determine what organization will best serve the retirement needs of federally owned chimpanzees. Because of their similarities to humans, chimpanzees were once widely used in the space program and in biomedical research. In recent years, there has been a dramatic decrease in the use of chimpanzees; yet, they have remained confined in laboratory facilities because there have been no alternative living spaces. Founded in 1995 by national experts in the care of captive chimpanzees and the behavior of wild chimpanzees, Chimp Haven's hallmark has been its ability to get diverse interests from groups like the pharmaceutical industry, zoo and veterinary profession, and animal welfare organizations, as well as individuals to collaborate on a shared mission: assuring the future well-being of retired chimpanzees. Bolstered by this base of support, the professionals associated with Chimp Haven have spent years planning a chimpanzee retirement sanctuary unlike any in the world. The sanctuary will not only provide a permanent haven for these research veterans, but for chimpanzees no longer used for entertainment or as pets. Their new home will be cost effective and allow the chimpanzees to live in large social groups in an environment similar to their native African habitat. The sanctuary will be located on 200 forested acres donated by the citizens of Caddo Parish, near Shreveport, Louisiana. "This facility is the culmination of a vision that began 20 years ago for many of us," explained Dr. Linda Brent, President of Chimp Haven. "Five years ago, we decided it was time to make a serious commitment; so, we began fund raising and construction and operational planning. We built an infrastructure to demonstrate to the National Institutes of Health that we are ready and worthy of caring for the chimpanzees who deserve to live out their lives in an appropriate natural setting." Dr. Larry Hawk, President and CEO of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, applauded the government's decision. "After these chimpanzees have endured years in medical research laboratories, society owes them a tremendous debt. It is time for these retired chimpanzees to have a life that provides them the freedom to live the way nature intended. While we certainly can't send them to Africa, Chimp Haven will create a comparable environment that allows them to live in social groups and roam acres of lushly forested land." The construction process is incremental. The first facility, designed to hold 200 chimpanzees, will cost $14 million to build administrative and support space, utilities, infrastructure, an education center, and facilities for quarantine and chimpanzee indoor and outdoor housing. Ultimately, the Caddo Parish site is slated to hold 300 chimpanzees. As part of this private public partnership, Chimp Haven must raise $6 million to meet the government's matching funds requirement-10% of construction costs and 25% for chimpanzee care and maintenance. Additionally, Chimp Haven will create an endowment to assure the long-term financial health of its sanctuary system as well as fund an ongoing educational program. The facility, located in Caddo Parish's Eddie B. Jones Nature Park, will include several housing facilities to accommodate various needs of the incoming chimpanzees. Many will want to stay indoors until they can acclimate to their new spacious outdoor habitats-some as large as 10 acres. All the animals will have the freedom to choose how they spend their days. Natural groundcover, trees for climbing, and edible vegetation will provide a stimulating and responsive environment necessary for chimpanzee rehabilitation and a long-awaited opportunity to live in large social groups as chimpanzees should. Unlike a zoo, the sanctuary will not be open to the public on a regular basis. However, Chimp Haven will provide educational opportunities for students of all ages to learn about chimpanzee behavior and related conservation issues. News of Chimp Haven's selection was welcomed on Capitol Hill, especially by Louisiana Congressman Jim McCrery, one of the CHIMP Act's first co-sponsors, and Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu, who has led efforts in the Senate. McCrery expressed his pleasure in knowing that the retired research chimpanzees will finally be given a life they deserve in his home state. "I am pleased the National Institutes of Health has chosen Caddo Parish and Chimp Haven to locate this important sanctuary for retired chimpanzees. This will provide a cost-effective program for the humane treatment of chimpanzees that have been used by our government for beneficial research. In fact, this program will cost less to operate than the current practice of continuing to house the chimps on site at research facilities. Over time, the Chimp Haven facility will be a cost-saver for the federal government, representing a win for both the chimpanzees and the taxpayers," said Congressman McCrery. "The experts at Chimp Haven have told me that the climate and ecology are perfect for the chimpanzees," said Landrieu, "but what makes this partnership even more special is the enthusiasm and selflessness of the people of Caddo Parish."
They opened their arms to Chimp Haven long before funding for the facility was in place. Today's announcement by the federal government confirms their faith in Chimp Haven as the organization best equipped and committed to making the lives of retired chimpanzees as rich as they can be."

**UNITED WE STAND** I used to be annoyed when shopping for meat and people/shoppers/cashiers would joke about my big BBQ party when they saw 100 pounds of chicks in my cart. Right now I just carry Phoenix business cards and I just give them one and this way they have my answer to all the meat and at the same time I am advertising Phoenix and spreading our message. Every Phoenix paying member can get Phoenix business cards. I also support businesses that are on my side. I wanted a small pool for my property and one pool place in town used to have a pet tiger, so I am getting my pool from them.:) ZB :)

The *Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance* (SAOVA) is helping in this fight. We have formed political coalitions across the United States working toward the election of individuals who believe, as you and I do, that the humane enjoyment of animals is our right. SAOVA urges you to become involved, investigate the voting record of your local representatives and let them know your feelings on this matter. And if they ignore your concerns then VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE. The website is www.saova.org SUBMITTED TO THE PHOENIX LIST BY WILDLIFE WONDERS.

**PETA'S NEW CAMPAIGN FEATURES Elvis** PETA campaign offends fat activists Jennifer Harper THE WASHINGTON TIMES Published 10/2/2002 Submitted by: Ray Uh-oh: The fat activists are out to squash the animal activists over Elvis. It is a culture war of, well, generous proportions. For their new "Viva Las Veggies" campaign, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has sent a tubby Elvis Presley impersonator on a national tour to promote vegetarianism. Overweight Americans, they say, "shake, rattle and roll" because they love their steaks and chops just as much as the late singer did. PETA's faux Elvis makes his public appearances astride a toilet, most recently outside San Antonio's Alamo on Monday afternoon. Meat eaters, he tells his audience, are "four times as likely to be obese as vegetarians. The Rubenesque are not amused. It's sizeism, they say - and bad health advice."

"And would we be lying if we said Elvis died fat and constipated, sitting on the toilet?" Miss Newkirk asked. She is also used a bunch of svelte models in our campaigns, I'd hear from all the feminists about it," the PETA spokeswoman said. "We can't talk about beer, sex, fat. You'd think we were under Taliban rule. "Meanwhile, the International Size Acceptance Association is taking PETA to task for promoting the idea that vegetarianism is a viable dieting method. "ISAA must summarily condemn PETA's insistent antagonism based on faulty information. Vegetarianism does not mean weight loss," the group said in a written statement, calling the campaign "ill-informed and malevolent."

In recent months, the group also attacked PETA for another ad campaign featuring a photo of a fat belly and the motto, "Don't Pay for Two Seats: Go Vegetarian," created after Southwest Airlines decided to double-charge its rotund passengers earlier this year. The ISAA is calling for a nationwide boycott of PETA by "the size-acceptance community" to help stop "fat hatred." The community itself is ready to roll. "Funny, I was a fat vegetarian for 10 years," one visitor wrote at www.bigfatblog.com, an online community of those who are comfortable with their size. Indeed, the testimony of vegetarians who weighed in at 210, 230 and even 486 pounds chronicle the experience of the beefy but meatless. "The PETA people are just kidding themselves. They claim they're against fat, not fat people. Well, you can't separate those two," said fat activist Miss DePatie, a certified fitness instructor who has produced her own exercise video for big women. "It's called the 'Fat Chick' video," she said with emphasis. "Because I am the fat chick."

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**Baby Attacked By Family's Pet Raccoon** Mon Sep 30, 4:55 PM ET - WDIV ClickOnDetroit.com Submitted by: Jungletouch A 3-month-old girl is recovering in a Grand Rapids hospital after her family's pet raccoon attacked the baby while she slept in her crib. The parents of the girl said that the raccoon was kept in a cage in their back yard and usually did not wander into the house, but Saturday night the baby was found by her father in her crib bleeding, according to a report from NBC affiliate WOOD-TV. The girl's father then spotted the raccoon in the kitchen where he discovered blood on the animal's face. The family home is in Ravena. The infant is listed in serious condition at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, where she is recovering from massive facial injuries. Doctors said the girl will survive, but she will have

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Phoenix Exotics E-List Contained 572 posts in October. We are limited in the print medium to select only a few items. You can join the e-list at http://phoenixxotics.org/ then click on the link for E-groups email list.
to undergo major reconstructive surgery. The raccoon was euthanized and its remains are being sent to a lab to be tested, the television station reported.

Property Rights Group Hit the Road. Submitted by: ZBB

BY Scott Sonner Associated Press Writer Friday, October 4, 2002; 5:26 AM RENO, Nev. — Western ranchers and farmers who have clashed with the government over fish protection are leading a new call to arms, heading to Florida with a giant shovel and bucket in tow. The cross-country convoy by the Klamath Bucket Brigade of Klamath Falls, Ore., and the Jarbidge Shovel Brigade of Elko, Nev., is meant to rally support for the cause the groups share with Florida farmers: property rights. All three groups say the government is trampling their rights in order to protect endangered species. "We want to spread the message about how property rights are being assaulted all across the U.S. — how the Endangered Species Act is being used by environmentalists and government groups to run people off their land," Bill Ransom, a third-generation rancher and logger from Klamath Falls, said during a stop Tuesday in Reno. The groups left Oregon on Saturday for the 3,000-mile, 22-day drive to Homestead, Fla., towing the 13-foot silver bucket and 30-foot green-and-yellow shovel behind. The two brigades hope to raise money for Florida farmers who oppose raising water levels that they say will flood their fields to help an endangered sparrow in the Everglades — an effort environmentalists have worked for years to support. Oregon's Klamath Basin farmers have been in conflict with the federal government since it cut off irrigation water to benefit salmon and other fish 14 months ago. Last summer, farmers desperate for water confronted federal marshals, pried open irrigation gates and formed a bucket brigade to dump water into irrigation ditches. "When you put a fly or a small animal above a human life and human good, there is something wrong with that," Ransom said. A new U.S. Bureau of Reclamation strategy redirected water from salmon to farmers at the upper end of the river. But environmentalists and tribal groups blamed the policy for the deaths of at least 12,000 adult salmon. Officials said last week that they would redirect more water to the salmon without curtailing water deliveries to farmers nearing the end of their season. In Nevada, just south of the Idaho border, the Shovel Brigade has been battling the Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for five years over the agencies' refusal to rebuild a washed-out road along a stream that is home to the threatened bull trout. The group's symbolic shovel illustrates their determination to rebuild the road with hand tools if necessary. Meanwhile, farmers in Florida's Miami-Dade County have organized a "Sawgrass Rebellion" against the planned Everglades flooding, named for the preferred nesting ground of the endangered Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow. They say the flooding is unnecessary to save the sparrow and would destroy their private farms of citrus fruit, avocados, mangoes, winter tomatoes and other crops. But environmentalists say opponents of the Everglades project are part of a small minority, many of them extremists. They said the government intends to buy out any farms that would be flooded. "We've pulled together a strong coalition of agricultural interests, water supply interests, conservation interests and national park interests to get this Everglades restoration plan through Congress and get it kick started," said Mark Kraus, deputy director of the National Audubon Society's Florida office. "We really have a very mainstream project here with broad support. ... The Sawgrass Rebellion is one of those groups that aren't willing to work within the compromise system we are using to get the Everglades restored." A core group of about a dozen people from the two brigades are making the entire journey to Florida with other activists joining and dropping off along the route that will pass through Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, before ending with a Florida rally Oct. 19. "The miners, loggers, farmers and ranchers are making a united front," said Rocky Dippel of Mesquite, Nev., who said he's been at odds with the government since his mining claims were pulled in Alaska 20 years ago.

Captive Wildlife Safety Act (Introduced in Senate)

COMPANION BILL TO HR5226 WATCH AND WRITE LETTERS TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES!!

Submitte by: ZB

S 3038 IS 107th CONGRESS
2d Session
S 3038 To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
October 3, 2002

Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. DEFINITION OF PROHIBITED WILDLIFE SPECIES.

Section 2 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371) is amended--

(1) by redesignating subsections (g) through (j) as subsections (h) through (k), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (f) the following:

'(k) PROHIBITED WILDLIFE SPECIES- The term 'prohibited wildlife species' means any live lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar.'.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITED ACTS.

(a) IN GENERAL- Section 3 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3372) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)-- (A) in paragraph (2)--
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 Assoc. 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. 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!"