This Lion named Sheba loves Phoenix member Max.

On the left is an Ewok, an alien species from Star Wars. On the right is an Angora Rabbit named Hairball. Separated at birth, these two are inseparable.

Phoenix member Tracy had her underwater camera with her while swimming off Florida. This curious Dolphin came right up to her and the two swam around together for a while. She says it was quite an experience!

This Dog named Charlie and Cougar cub named Ayla are hogging the bed again. They belong to Phoenix member Leann.

This 2 year old African Auger Buzzard is named Peeper and is owned by Phoenix member Dave. Peeper is a working bird 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 behaviors.

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.

Phoenix member John van Stry with his Cougar named Sheena.

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

Canadian Lynx Sasha playing in the snow. She is owned by Phoenix Email list member Kim.

This Serval and Ringtail Lemur are the best of friends. They were raised at the same time by Phoenix member Gail and are inseparable.

This Java Macaque named Emma is owned by Phoenix member Dianna.
**LETTER FROM EDITOR** Welcome!

This newsletter is a derivative of articles or posts from the E-list through member participation. Any and all articles included in this newsletter were either taken from Phoenix Exotics Wildlife Assoc., Inc. email E-list or were submitted by members with their permission. Please feel free to submit any article you wish to have included in our newsletter.

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Animal Rights Foundation of Florida Protests at Gunther Gebel-Williams Funeral - Crossposted by: Polly Eight members of the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida showed up to protest at the funeral of renowned circus performer Gunther Gebel-Williams. The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported that the group was led by Heather Lischin of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and carried signs with slogans such as "Gunther, take your whips and bullhorn with you, RIP." Lischin wore black and said, "We're out here mourning for the animals who've died at the hands of Gunther and Ringling Bros." A friend of Gebel-Williams wrote a letter to the Herald-Tribune saying, "If you have a problem with animals performing in a circus ring, protest outside the arena, not at the funeral of a man who was not only a performer, but a husband, father, and grandfather as well. Shame on them for not having the decency and common courtesy to let his friends and family celebrate his life and grieve his death without having to endure their negative presence as we left." Asking common decency from animal rights activists seems to be asking for a lot these days. On the brighter side, perhaps ARFF can now get together with the only other person I have ever heard stoop low enough to protest at a funeral -- Fred Phelps of God Hates Fags infamy. Lischin's sure managed to get her group in with some mighty fine company there. Source: Animal-rights supporters picket. By Thomas Becnel, Sarasota Herald-Tribune, July 24, 2001.

USDA licensing of anyone selling a dog or cat - Posted by ZB - I don't know if this would affect anyone with exotics at all. This could affect everyone who ever sells a dog or cat for any reason. Any ideas as how to combat it? recently I received an email about a possibility that airlines may stop carrying live poultry as contracted by the US mail which would affect me as we raise meat and egg hens. One company has an action site http://www.mcmurrayhatchery.com/action.asp in which you fill in name address and email and they fill in your appropriate senators and representatives address and forward it. This allows fast response by all affected. perhaps something similar could be set up?

US Court Judge Rules In USDA/DDAL Case - August 3, 2001 U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 30, 2001 handed down a decision invalidating the U.S. Department of Agriculture's longstanding regulation exempting retail sellers of dogs from federal regulation. The decision came in a lawsuit filed by the Doris Day Animal League (DDAL) and several other plaintiffs against the Department challenging the Department's interpretation of the federal Animal Welfare Act. The judge also refused to consider *amicus curiae* briefs in support of the Department of Agriculture's position filed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and others. The judge's ruling, if not overturned, will require a huge expansion in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's licensing and inspection activities, and deal a devastating blow to non-commercial hobby and show dog breeders. The ruling could potentially require every person who sells a dog or cat for any reason to obtain a federal license and submit to federal regulations. The AKC pointed out in its brief that this could expand federal licensing under the Animal Welfare Act from the current level of about 10,000 entities to several hundred thousands entities. The AKC
estimated that based on AKC registration data alone, nearly 300,000 persons could be required to be licensed. More importantly, the AKC argued, it was clearly not the intent of Congress in enacting the Animal Welfare Act to regulate non-commercial hobby and show breeders, and that to make the sport of purebred dogs into a federally regulated activity would undermine the very nature of the sport. Government attorneys are studying the opinion, and will decide over the next few weeks whether to appeal it. The AKC will strongly urge an appeal. One factor that is likely to weigh strongly in a decision to appeal is that the wording of the opinion is so sweeping that, if left standing, it could significantly limit the government's latitude for exercising discretion in all federal regulatory matters. The AKC is also evaluating other avenues for mitigating the adverse impact of the ruling on hobby and show breeders and is discussing the impact of the ruling with members of Congress.

Live Alligator Shipped; UPS Probes

Story Filed: Friday, August 03, 2001 10:40 PM EDT ATLANTA (AP) -- The United Parcel Service is investigating how it shipped a live 5-foot alligator overnight to New York City. Workers who checked out a leaking box on a company truck Thursday found the alligator, its snout and feet bound with duct tape. "He was not very happy," UPS spokesman Norman Black said Friday. New York animal control officials seized the 40-pound alligator, which was not injured. Atlanta-based UPS prohibits the shipment of live animals. Black declined to say where the animal originated or how the package was labeled. "Somebody lied to us about the contents of the package," he said. Copyright © 2001 Associated Press Information Services, all rights reserved.

'Stop Torturing Animals for Pet Food Research!' Demand Animal Advocates Summary: SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Aug 06, 2001 (ASCRIBE NEWS via COMTEX) -- Disturbed by recent allegations of cruel and invasive nutrition research funded, conducted by, or under the direction of, The Iams Company (Iams), the Animal Protection Institute (API) challenged the Association of American Feed Control Officials, Inc. (AAFCO), to adopt new pet food industry guidelines against the practice this week. API is also requesting that the Center for Veterinary Medicine, a division of the federal Food and Drug Administration, adopt the proposal.

Is there any difference in behaviour between white tiger's and normal coloored tigers ? ~Dr. Miodrag Micic

Not seen in my experience, The genetics determining coat and eye color do not influence much more than color, being the "white gene" being recessive and the color, dominate. Behavioral trait differences would be irrelevant to color differences, and left up to lineage, given the temperament of the individual animals producing offspring, but yet this could be an X factor. overall individual personalities/behavioral traits may be further defined from nurturing by parent, surrogate parent, or socialization during neonatal care and extending well into young adulthood or beyond.~ Bill Olson

Stranded Whale Blown Up on S.African Beach

A stranded humpback whale was blown up on a South African beach after failed attempts to pull it back out to sea, conservation officials said Tuesday.

Care Sheets - It would be great to have care sheets on exotics (goats, cats, ferrets, monkeys, etc...) on Phoenix website. Please send them to general@phoenixexotics.org or president@phoenixexotics.org with all the disclaimers, that the sheet is your opinion, etc...:) Also, we need more book reviews for the site, so please, send them to the same address. thanks ZB :) Good idea ZB. There has been discussion on such things before - But, for those of you who were not involved with previous discussions - there is a risk in posting these sorts of care sheets. If they are on the website, literally anyone can have access. Sounds good till you consider that some folks could use the care sheets you are posting instead of consulting a veterinarian. :( So, please keep that in mind when writing up care sheets - and include enough discussion of what sort of animal you are talking about. For example - use of KMR in infants can cause _____ ----Please define KMR somewhere - what you are referring to as infants - 1 day old to ? and does this piece of info apply just to your experience with servals or have you hand raised servals, caracals, tigers, lynx and baby bears? There is room on the site for this sort of information - but it would have to be posted without being endorsed by Phoenix - just the opinions of the list members - etc etc There is also a spot on the e-list itself where this could be posted, making it accessible to members only. Is there a preference? If we posted this sort of information, which would you rather contribute to - information for list members only on the e-site or full public access on the website?

Care sheets are rolling in!! :) If you have info on caging - such as has recently been showing up on the Phoenix Email list, feel free to also send that in. Send in a format that can be cut and pasted for a websheet or just a
Raccoons - It's been so quiet with everyone gone to convention that I thought I'd take the time to tell you guys about my raccoons.

Digit came to us this spring. My first rehab call of the year was from animal control. They had removed a mama and 4 baby raccoons from a chimney and didn't want to destroy them. My first thoughts upon seeing them were "oh no, this coon has distemper, why did I agree to take them" Mama coon seemed way too calm. She was not at all upset by our presence or being in a cage.

Besides this she had no other distemper signs so I decided to see what happened. Usually distemper takes them down pretty quickly so I knew I'd probably know in a couple of days. The babies were tiny, eyes not even open yet. They were so small that they could squirm through the bars in the cage. They'd wander off blindly and I'd go out and hand them back to mom when they'd cry. She was so sweet, she didn't get upset by me touching them. She'd just reach through the bars gently and take them back with her hands and then look at me as if to say "thanks" She ate ravenously and never hissed or growled when I opened the crate to give food and water. She was a beautiful healthy happy coon. I'm almost sure she had lived closely with humans at one point. I never tried to pet her, but I'd almost bet that I could have.

One day, I went out to put a crying baby back, as per our routine. When I tried to hand her back to mom, she pushed her back at me instead of taking her the way she always did. I slid the little one back through the bars. As I was walking away, mama coon began trilling very loudly and she pushed the baby back through the bars. This time, when I picked the baby up, I noticed that her front paw as tiny as it was, did not look right. I took her inside in better light to check it out. As soon as I got a good look, I knew what happened. The animal control guy had them in a crate with a wire bottom. Half of her front paw had been smashed off and was beginning to get infected. Thus began my love for a little female coon with a smashed foot. Eyes not even open yet, she looked like a little rat, but oh was she sweet. I began bottle feeding her and tending to her foot. She cried when she was not being held, so of course, I held her. Then I did what a rehabber should never do, I gave her a name, I began calling her Digit (You remember Diane Fossey's big silverback gorilla) and her little eyes opened and I was now mom. I had always had raccoon pets as a kid and after I grew up I wondered why we'd never died of some strange strongyle or virus. But Digit made me remember what it was like to be a kid and have Rocky, the raccoon always at my side. Oh sure everyone says raccoons get mean as they get older, and alot do, but Rocky was a part of my childhood for 7 years and he never showed one "real" sign of aggression to us. He would play tricks on people he knew were afraid of him though. My mom's friend Donna hated him. He knew it, he would hunch his back up and snarl and back her into a corner every time. Then he'd look at us and go about his business, laughing to himself. He had games for everyone who he knew didn't like him. When Diane would sit at the table, he would sneak up under the table jump up and bite her on the nipple and then dart 15 feet away from her stand on his hind legs and bob his head up and down, again as if laughing. My grandmother lived next door and hated him more than anyone, he would dart in her back door, open a bottom kitchen drawer, get in behind it and pulled it back closed. Thus began their battle of opening and closing the drawer until my grandmother screamed at the top of her lungs for me to "come get my gosh damn varmint" These are the only 3 people he ever bothered and he bothered them religiously. He lived in our house for 7 years and never destroyed anything. He roamed the neighborhood with us. After Rocky was stolen, we watched it happen. Apparently someone had scoped Rocky and I, because they lured him into their car with bananas, we had a banana together every afternoon, and drove away. I was heartbroken. I couldn't get outside fast enough. Apparently Rocky was just as upset because that night my mom got a call, begging us to come and get our raccoon. The people who stole him were frantic and apologized profusely. They got Rocky into the car no problem, but they sure as hell couldn't get him out. He spent several hours destroying the inside of their car before they called us. When we got there, I called Rocky and he ran right to me and gave me his famous coon hug. I was a smartsass little kid and told those people what I thought about anyone who would steal someone else's love. Boy, were they sorry. Digit brought back all these childhood memories. I hadn't really thought about Rocky in years. Now I still occassionally have a good cry over him. So Digit brought a special gift back into my life. She made me think about alot of critters that touched my early life and made me who I am and I love her for it. She will stay with us forever. She's getting bigger now and she still thinks I'm mom. We still have 2 orphans from a different litter who just won't wild up enough to release so Digit lives with them, but she prefers my company over anything including food. She's content to just be hugged for hours. When they come out of their cage to play, the other two play and Digit gets her daily love. She crawls up on my chest and hugs my neck the same as Rocky did so many years ago. Anyone who thinks that raccoons are just
pests and disgusting varmints have never had the pleasure of knowing one and I'll hold that belief until I die, so I'll stop rambling now. ~Leann

50 KILOS OF HALLUCINOGENIC KETAMINE SEIZED ON MIAMI BEACH - Story Filed: Friday, August 10, 2001 12:51 PM EST Miami, Aug 10, 2001 (EFE via COMTEX) -- U.S. federal authorities seized a shipment of 50 kilos (110 pounds) of ketamine or "Special K," a hallucinogenic drug used by veterinarians, in what may be the largest seizure of the drug in the country. Agents discovered the drug during a raid on an apartment on Miami Beach, where two people were arrested and $30,000 in cash seized, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) confirmed Friday. The raid, which resulted in the arrests of Marcelo Colon and Robert Zavodny, was the result of a two-month undercover operation, the DEA said. Ketamine, a liquid substance that turns into white powdery substance when heated, is used as an anesthetic in animal surgeries. According to authorities, the drug, which is banned for use in humans, causes extreme hallucinations, "even more than LSD." EFE mw/am/mrm http://www.efe.es Copyright (c) 2001. Agencia EFE S.A.

Excitement As Cheetahs Arrive in Grahamstown - Story Filed: Friday, August 10, 2001 11:20 AM EST Grahamstown, Aug 09, 2001 (East Cape News/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX)-- There was excitement at the airstrip on the outskirts of Grahamstown yesterday as four wild male cheetahs destined for the luxurious 16 000ha Kwandwe Private Game Reserve arrived yesterday (subs: Thurs). Children who came to catch a glimpse of the big cats stood nervously giggling just inches away from the tranquilized animals while adults gazed in awe at the magnificent creatures after they were transferred from the private jet onto mattresses on the back of two Kwandwe bakkies. The cheetahs, worth a total of R40 000, were transported from Phinda in Natal and spent six hours under a mild tranquilizer which kept them in a light sleep. Private wildlife vet Douw Groblar said the cheetahs had to be continually "topped up" during the 2.5 hour flight from Natal. The pilot said it was rather unnerving hearing an occasional low growl emanate from the cabin as the cats surfaced from their sleep. ECN Thurs 9 August 2001 Copyright East Cape News. Distributed by All Africa Global Media(AllAfrica.com) KEYWORD: South Africa Copyright © 2001, Africa News Service, all rights reserved.

Shark attacks New York man in Bahamas - The Associated Press MIAMI (August 7, 2001 11:34 a.m. EDT) - A New York man who was celebrating his wedding anniversary in the Bahamas had part of his left leg amputated after he was attacked by a shark. Krishna Thompson, a 36-year-old Wall Street banker, was in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami on Monday morning, spokeswoman Victoria Zambrano said. "He was just swimming off the beach when something, a shark, grabbed his leg and started pulling him down," Ave Maria Thompson, Thompson's wife, told The Miami Herald for Monday editions. "He kept punching and punching. He has cuts on his hands because of that." The Thompsons had been celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary during a vacation to Freeport, Grand Bahama. On Saturday, Krishna Thompson went alone into the water. After struggling with the shark, Ave Maria Thompson said her husband managed to free himself and swim to shore using only his right leg because the other was mangled. Onlookers helped him to shore, where he collapsed. He wrote his room number into the sand before he passed out. Hotel officials then called Ave Maria Thompson. "He knew that was the only way they were going to find me in time," his wife said. "He is so brave. To fight off a shark and then think to do that." Thompson first was taken to a Bahamian hospital, where he went into cardiac arrest and had to receive blood transfusions. He was transferred Saturday to Jackson's Ryder Trauma Center in Miami, where surgeons amputated his leg, just above the knee. Ave Maria Thompson said that though her husband seems alert, doctors told her there was a possibility of brain damage and other complications because of the loss of blood.

LIOC Convention -

Hi Everyone, I just got in from the LIOC convention in Portland Oregon where I was involved in the extremely foreign activity of speaking to human beings face to face. It was great to put a face to a name, or more correctly - an e-mail address. I have also known a number of the attendees in person for quite some time, and it was wonderful to spend a bit of time with these folks. In addition, I took the opportunity to attend the LIOC Husbandry course. I loved the test. There were a couple of almost trick questions and I missed one - but I still thought it a great test. Some of our local LIOC branch members were also able to attend and take the course. Those who were relatively new to exotic ownership raved about the course. I particularly liked the section on contingency planning. In addition to attending the general membership meeting, as one of the LIOC branch Pres's I was also honored with being allowed to attend the LIOC board meetings as an observer. Both of these activities were very pleasant and informative. While it was great fun meeting folks and sharing and brainstorming and
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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.

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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!

Jeanne Hall

The delicious luxury of e-mail with all it's rewrites, spell checks and draft functions is very nice. It is good to be home and get back to work.

While I have been a member of LIOC for many years and known some members for years thru the newsletters and such, this was my first attendance at an LIOC convention where I could meet folks in person. I have met other list members in person when attending primate meetings and other functions. I hope one day to meet even more folks I know only by e-mail addresses on the list!

:) Jeanne Hall