This 19 month old Cougar is named Sampson and is owned by Phoenix member Dave. Sampson 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 behaviors.

This Java Macaque named Emma is owned by Phoenix member Dianna.

This is an Elk that is owned and was raised by Phoenix supporter Lynn.

Choobee is a Serval that hangs out with the Lions and Tigers and Bears at Lions, Tigers and Bears, Inc. Phoenix member Alene captured this great shot.

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 Star Tortoise is Phoenix member Susan's pet.

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.

This is a Cougar named CJ holding his stuffed bear when he was just a cub. CJ has grown to weigh over 200 pounds. CJ played with the stuffed bear he was 15 months old. Then one day CJ just bit his head right off and buried the body. CJ belongs to Phoenix member Sherry.

This Black Bear is named ShyBoy, he is 9 months old here. Phoenix member Tracy was speaking at an educational exhibit when this picture was taken. She leashed trained this boy in one day with the help of

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.
LETTER FROM EDITOR  Welcome!
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Thank you to ZB, she provides the mass amount of news articles regarding exotic animals.

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Journey to Heart of Borneo to Track Elephants with WWF's Interactive Online Expedition Submitted by:
ZB.Summary: WASHINGTON, Nov 1, 2001 (U.S. Newswire via COMTEX) -- Take part in an online expedition with World Wildlife Fund to the dark forests of the Heart of Borneo. Join the survey teams as they travel into the thick rainforests of Borneo using the latest technology to track elephants and rhinos. Follow the scientists in the field from the WWF Web site at www.worldwildlife.org/expeditions as this international effort sheds light on the habitat needs of these endangered animals and builds a body of knowledge that will help save these species and the places they need to survive.

SOMETIMES PHOENIX MEMBERS LOOK TO THE GROUP TO GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. THIS MAY BEGIN A DISCUSSION ON A SUBJECT....... 

A GOOD EXAMPLE BELOW:
Mammal Tree Squirrel Disease Is anyone aware of any tree squirrel disease making the rounds at this time? If so, could you tell me the symptoms any other helpful information you could pass on? ~Linda Gleisser, jlgleisser@a... WRAS, Noah, Licensed Rehabber State & Federal 6 years Cleveland, Ohio

I see many cases of suspected roundworm problems in squirrels this time of year. Symptoms are loss of equilibrium, glazed eyes and constant spinning and seizures in the late stages. All the typical signs of a neurological issue. Doug H.

LIIOC FELINE HUSBANDRY COURSE  Due to a large response to the feline husbandry course in December, we have extended the deadline to Nov 17. If you missed the first deadline, and want to attend this class, You have another opportunity to register. Don't delay, this is your last chance for this date and location! LIIOC Endangered Species Conservation Federation is proud to announce our next 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.

Information about the Wild Feline Husbandry course:
Date: December 1-2, 2001
Location: Geyserville, CA
Registration is $75 per student, registration deadline EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 17, 2001
Hosted By: Loreon Vigne, an exotic feline expert, at her California retreat center, ISIS Oasis. Loreon will be offering a special addition to the course on Sunday Morning, Dec 2. She will offer a hands-on training and handling experience session with ocelots and servals. Also, if time permits, we will try to do an extra demonstration with ocelots on Behavior Conditioning and Operative Training. These are both special additions that are not normally available with our course, so don't miss out on this wonderful and rare opportunity at no extra charge!
Details about how to register and more info about this course is at this website: http://webpage.pace.edu/dash/catclass
Or call Loreon Vigne at 1-800-679-7387 to register or ask any questions.

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

Accommodations:
Rooms are available on the ISIS Oasis premises. Students will get a group rate on lodging. This is a private retreat, bed and breakfast type facility, with a rustic feel. Private rooms are $80 per night, or 2 people to a room for $40 each. They also offer dorm type rooms available for $30 a night per person.
All meals will be available on site at $30 a day.

Please see the website for all detailed information: http://webpage.pace.edu/dash/catclass

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Woman Cited For Feeding Birds At Her Home Smith Warned In Past

Submitted by: ZB JEANNETTE, Pa. -- Helen Smith thinks the city of Jeannette's rules about feeding birds are, well, for the birds. Smith, 86, was cited by the city's code enforcement officer for feeding the birds at the home, where she has lived since she was a girl. "These people that live around me don't want me to give the birds any water or food, even though it's my property," said Smith. "I think it's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard." But this is no joke: Smith could be fined as much as $1,000 for the alleged offense. The citation filed against her said Smith violated a city code by "attracting birds, rodents (and) causing unsanitary conditions." This is not the first time. The citation said Smith has been warned in the past. The city's mayor, Carl Matt, said that besides putting out feed to attract birds, Smith's daughter is putting out bones and peanuts which attract oter animals. "The neighbors are tired of it," he said. "I guess everything in the world's coming over there." Copyright 2001 by The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.

Swedish Zoo To Kill Bear Cubs Because of Lack of Space

Submitted by: ZB. Animal activists have expressed outrage over a Swedish zoo's announcement that it will kill three bear cubs because there's no room for them. Björne, Bolli and Bompa are to be killed because neither the Lycksele zoo nor any other wildlife park in Scandinavia can accommodate them. Furthermore, the cubs belong to an inbred strain that breeders want to stop as they attempt to mix the gene pool. "There's no space for them," said Irene Sjoe gren, head of the zoo in Lycksele, 375 miles north of Stockholm. "They have to be removed." Animal rights activists criticized the decision, saying the zoo was treating the cubs like a commodity. "Cubs attract visitors. And when the season is over, there's no room and the excess is killed," said Chatarina Kraang, spokeswoman for Animal Rights Sweden. "If you produce cubs each year, you need to see that they are placed somewhere." Kraang said she would search for space in wildlife refuges around the world to find a sanctuar for the cubs, but officials are not open to the idea of sending the cubs abroad. "The best bear facilities are in the Nordic countries," said Hans-Ove Larsson, who oversees the breeding of bears in Swedish zoos. "Bear facilities in eastern Europe, which might be able to take them, are not adequate." Larsson said releasing the cubs into the wild also was not an option because it would take years of training to teach the bears how to hunt and survive on their own. Sweden's bears, once threatened with extinction, now number a thousand wild bears, and hunters kill about 50 a year to keep the population from growing too quickly, Larsson said. Story filed: 19:40 Thursday 8th November 2001

Animal Group Urges Vets to Watch for Bioattack

HERSHEY, Pa. (Reuters) - The U.S. Animal Health Association on Tuesday urged its members to keep a watchful eye on sick birds, livestock and household pets as the critters could be the first victims of a deliberate biological attack. At the group's annual conference, Bob Hillman, president of the U.S. Animal Health Association said all
animal health officials must be “extraordinarily vigilant in identifying diseased animals” given the recent events. The Bush administration last week warned of more attacks against the United States. It was the second government alert since the Sept. 11 airliner attacks on New York and Washington that killed about 4,800 people. The top germ agents U.S biowarfare experts claim as the most likely to be used in an attack can already be found in U.S. livestock and wild animals. Anthrax, naturally occurring in livestock in a handful of states, has killed hundreds of cattle in Texas, Minnesota and most recently California. Plague is endemic in prairie dogs in New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Arizona. State and local veterinarians were being asked to immediately alert health authorities and the FBI should anthrax, plague, botulism or tularemia be detected “outside the realm of possibility.” “Like the West Nile virus, the first signs of an outbreak could be found in animals and household pets,” said Bruce Akey, a Virginia veterinarian. West Nile virus, which can cause serious inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, was first found two years ago killing birds in New York City. The outbreak, considered to have naturally occurred, has since killed at least 10 people in the United States, spreading north to Rhode Island, south to Florida and west to Missouri. Akey said in his survey of 31 U.S. states, nearly all of the state government animal laboratories were capable of detecting anthrax, plague, botulism or tularemia in animals. Copyright © 2001 Reuters Limited. All rights reserved. Republication or redistribution of Reuters content, including by framing or similar means, is expressly prohibited without the prior written consent of Reuters. Reuters and the dotted and sphere logos are house marks of Reuters Limited. Reuters is a registered trade mark in more than 25 countries worldwide.

Nat'l Student Animal Rights Conference - Liberation Now! CALLING ALL STUDENT ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS!!! Submitted by: Polly Ward Finally, a conference especially for you- dedicated to bringing together students and youth in the struggle for animal rights! On the weekend of February 15th-17th, 2002, hundreds of animal rights activists from schools across the US will gather at American University in Washington, D.C. for Liberation Now! coordinated by the Student Animal Rights Alliance (SARA). Together, we will network, share skills, and tackle the intricacies of campaigning for animal rights. Now is a vital time in our lives to be active! At Liberation Now! you'll have a chance to be trained by experienced activists, network with your peers, and have meaningful discussion with other animal rights organizers. Workshops include Campaign Planning, Creative Action Planning, Intro to Grassroots Organizing, The Commonality of Oppression, and Globalization & Animal Rights. The full line-up of workshops and speakers will be announced at www.LiberationNow.com. On our website, you will also be able to register, view the conference schedule, organize car pools, find housing, and much more! Registration for Liberation Now! is only $10 before January 14th, and $20 thereafter. This fee pays for the whole conference, with snacks provided, and will be partly used to supplement travel grants. Limited funds are available for travel assistance, and you can apply online at the conference website by clicking on “Travel Grants.” Inexpensive housing is closeb and accessible by public transportation. Don't miss this unique opportunity, the first of its kind, organized by students and for students. Let's take advantage of this vital time in our lives and not wait another moment to organize! Every movement is fueled by its youth, and animals need our voices now! Join us to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Visit www.LiberationNow.com NOW! Student Animal Rights Alliance Other Sponsors of Liberation Now!:
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Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act of 2001 Submitted by: ZB (Introduced in the Senate) S 1655 IS 107th CONGRESS 1st Session S. 1655 To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals. IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES November 8, 2001 Mr. BIDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ------ A BILL To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals. 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 Exotic Animal Protection Act of 2001'. SEC. 2. TRANSPORT OR POSSESSION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS FOR PURPOSES OF KILLING OR INJURING THEM. (a) IN GENERAL- Chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: 'Sec. 48. Exotic animals `(a) PROHIBITION- Whoever, in or substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly transfers, transports, or possesses a confined exotic animal, for the purposes of allowing the killing or injuring of that animal for entertainment or for the collection of a trophy, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both. `(b) DEFINITIONS- In this section-- `(1) the term `confined exotic animal' means a mammal of a species not historically indigenous to the United States, that has been held in captivity for the shorter of-- `(A) the greater part of the life of the animal; or `(B) a period of 1 year; whether or not the defendant knew the length of the captivity; and `(2) the term `captivity' does not include any period during which an animal-- `(A) lives as it would in the wild, surviving primarily by foraging for naturally occurring food, roaming at will over an open area of not less than 1,000 acres; and `(B) has the opportunity to avoid hunters.'. (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT- The analysisfor chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: '48. Exotic animals.'.

Experts Discourage Pet Owls Submitted by: ZBHollywood Unleashed Nov. 16 — Parents eager to please children wanting owls like Harry Potter's pet Hedwig should think twice before buying them for Christmas presents. Bird experts fear the flurry of excitement over "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," a film about a boy wizard that hits British and American cinema screens on Friday after months of hype, will drive demand for pet owls through the roof. "In one sense the timing of this film is unfortunate," said Ray Lowden, of the Kielder Bird of Prey Center in Northumberland, northern England. "An owl will top many a child's wish list this season, and already we're being left with the unwanted ones." Jenny Wray, owner of an agency that keeps track of more than 20,000 birds of prey, said she had received many calls from people seeking breeders who sell snowy owls, rare Arctic birds portrayed in the film. "We've got children ringing up and asking for snowy owls," she said. "They're not particularly bright, not sociable. They're being bought for their looks." Angela Roberts, head keeper at Screech Owl Sanctuary in Cornwall, said children often asked if the shelter had "a Hedwig." Because snowy owls do not breed prolifically, they usually cost between $215 and $285 each. But prices will go up as demand soars, Wray said. "I guarantee that in about four to six months, I'll be finding homes for snowy owls," she said. Owls of all species require much attention. Many owl owners were annoyed by film trailers showing Harry carrying Hedwig in a parrot cage that was too small. Owls must live in cages the size of small rooms and fly regularly outside. Vincent Jones, director of the Barn Owl Center in Gloucestershire, said owls had to eat small mammals. "They must eat fur and bone, or they'll die," he said. Yet owls offer little in return as pets and can be dangerous for children to handle. Snowy owls can grow to 2 feet in height and have strong talons. "The only reason an owl flies back to a human is because it's hungry, not because of affection," Wray said. "It's cupboard love.

Ancient Chinese Folk Remedy May Hold Key to Non-Toxic Cancer Treatment Story Filed: Monday, November 26, 2001 10:49 PM EST SEATTLE, Nov 26, 2001 (ASCRIBE NEWS via COMTEX) Submitted by ZB.– Two bioengineering researchers at the University of Washington have discovered a promising potential treatment for cancer among the ancient arts of Chinese folk medicine. Research Professor Henry Lai and assistant research Professor Narendra Singh have exploited the chemical properties of a wormwood derivative to target breast cancer cells, with surprisingly effective results. A study in the latest issue of the journal Life Sciences describes how the derivative killed virtually all human breast cancer cells exposed to it within 16 hours. "Not only does it appear to be effective, but it's very selective," Lai said. "It's highly toxic to the cancer cells, but has a marginal impact on normal breast cells." The compound, artemisinin, isn't new. It apparently was extracted from the plant Artemesia annua L., commonly known as wormwood, thousands of years ago by the Chinese, who used it to combat malaria. However, the treatment was lost over time. Artemisinin was rediscovered during an archaeological dig in the 1970s that unearthed recipes for ancient medical remedies, and has become widely used in modern Asia and Africa to fight the mosquito-borne disease. The compound helps control malaria because it reacts with the high iron concentrations found in the malaria parasite. When artemisinin comes into contact with iron, a chemical reaction ensues, spawning charged atoms that chemists call "free radicals." The free radicals attack cell membranes, breaking them apart and killing the single-cell parasite. About seven years ago, Lai began to hypothesize that the process might work with cancer, too. "Cancer cells need a lot of iron to replicate DNA when they divide," Lai explained. "As a result, cancer cells have much higher iron concentrations than normal cells. When we begin to understand how artemisinin worked, I started wondering if we could use that knowledge to target cancer cells." Lai devised a potential method and began to look for funding, obtaining a grant from the Breast Cancer Fund in San Francisco. Meanwhile, the UW patented his idea. The thrust of the idea, according to Lai and Singh, was to pump up the cancer cells with maximum iron concentrations, then introduce artemisinin to selectively kill the cancer. To accommodate a rate of iron intake greater than normal cells, cancer cell surfaces feature greater concentrations of transferrin receptors - cellular pathways that allow iron into a cell. Breast cancer cells are no exception. They have five to 15 times more transferrin receptors on their surface than normal breast cells. In the current study, the researchers subjected sets of breast cancer cells and normal breast cells to doses of holotransferrin (which binds with transferrin receptors to transport iron into cells), dihydroartemisinin (a more water-soluble form of artemisinin) and a combination of...
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"...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.

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