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Robin and Lee Meet with the Pet Physic, read post on Page 3.
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Our Episodes on The Pet Psychic Show—Submitted by Robin Taylor, Sat Mar 1, 2003

Re: The Pet Psychic Episode Aired Tonight—Thread by Robin Taylor, Tue July 8, 2003
Tiara was frazzled a tad just prior to Sonya coming out. Sonya entered the studio and Tiara laid down, she stretched out and was enjoying her chat. I could not believe how relaxed she got, she was wild & fussy right before Sonya came out. It's amazing to watch Sonya's ability up close and personal. They edited a lot out, Doc's comments about education were not really said and a lot of dialogue in between was spliced. The message was still clear, her life was spared. Killing is easy, saving is always the challenge. Parts they cut out, Sonya was crying and upset because Tiara was telling her, how she watched her sibling die first. Apparently Tiara watched her sibling be killed first, then she was bashed too. She was saved by someone who had walked in. They brought her to us to be humanely euthanized, but we chose to save her instead.

Legislative Updates—Submitted by Sara Schimke, Tue Apr 29, 2003 This is a briefing to let all know where the banning bills are at currently with additional notes.
ACTIVE—Federal Bill HR1006—Title: Captive Wildlife Safety Act, A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. (It would prohibit interstate travel of big cats for pet purposes.) Last Action: 3/6/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans—3/6/2003: Executive Comment Requested from Interior. (This is the first year of a two year session. The session will not be over until 2004.
ACTIVE—Federal Bill S.269 Summary: Identical bill as above. Last Action: 1/30/2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
ACTIVE—Washington HB1151—Summary: Regulating the keeping of dangerous wild animals. Last Action: In the Senate — Apr 27 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading. (Currently they are in recess until reconvening May 12th which will then be open for a special 30 day session.
STAGNANT—Oregon HB3065—Summary: Relating to exotic animals; appropriating money; declaring an emergency. Last Action: 03/17 (H) Referred to Judiciary with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
WITHDRAWN—Minnesota SF0769—Short Description: Dangerous animals possession and ownership restrictions—Last Action: 04/28/2003 Withdrawn from Agriculture, General Legislation and Veterans Affairs—04/28/2003 Returned to author
DEAD—Arkansas Bill Status: HB2857 Sponsor: Jackson

Exotic Birds invade America—Submitted by Jared Henrich Sat Apr 19, 2003 Today I discovered there are wild parrots in America! I was so excited to find thousands of them. All over the south Quaker Parakeets have made large colonies. The LA and Orange County areas have over 10,000 parrots. Mostly parrots are green survive (Quakers, conures, etc.). Large flocks of rose crowned parakeets in San Francisco. In the LA area reports of parrots from budgies and cockatiels all the way to cockatoos and macaws have been made. They think a pet store in the 50's with many birds caught on fire and the manager set them free to save them. In Florida, a town has hundreds of cockatiels. In Arizona, hundreds of lovebirds. In California, tons of just about any parrot. For any more info, www.parrotproject.org

OH: Servals escape—Wild Cats Escape From Owners' Home—Submitted By Ray (Rune.Raion) Apr 12, 2003 Pataskala Police are hunting for two exotic escapees. Two African servals are on the loose in the central Ohio community after scratching through the screen on their owners' bedroom window. The wild cats look like miniature cheetahs
and grow to about two feet tall and 45 pounds. James and Evelyn Shaw reported the animals missing late Thursday night. The Shaws say the animals are friendly and probably frightened. But police say they're keeping an eye out just to be sure. Don Winstel, an educator at the Columbus Zoo, says any wild animal is unpredictable. He says servals aren't big enough to threaten human life, but they could give a nasty bite or scratch to anyone trying to pick them up. Ohio law doesn't regulate what kinds of animals’ people may keep as pets. © Associated Press 2003

World's oldest chimp–Cheeta–Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Sat Apr 12, 2005 Cheeta Named World's Oldest Chimpanzee. Cheeta lives in a desert resort town like a lot of old movie stars, painting, playing the piano and watching his old movies. But as one of Palm Springs' only retired chimpanzees, he stands out. The last actor to have played the lead chimpanzee role in the Tarzan movies of the 1930s and '40s, Cheeta is 71 now – the oldest chimp in the world, according to the Guinness Book of Records. "He's just part of the family," said Dan Westfall, who saved Cheeta's life when he adopted him from Tony Gentry, an animal trainer who worked in Hollywood. Gentry, Westfall's uncle, originally left instructions in his will to have Cheeta euthanized after his death because he worried that the 142-pound chimp would wind up in a research lab. His nephew talked him out of that by promising he'd always take care of Cheeta. Westfall and Abe Karajerjian care for Cheeta and other animals, including orangutans and monkeys, at a house they have nicknamed Casa de Cheeta. Cheeta spends his time playing with preschool toys, thumbing through magazines including National Geographic and playing the piano. In addition to his old movies, he likes watching Animal Planet and cartoons on television. Cheeta's handlers hope to sell some of his paintings – which they describe as "Ape-Stract" – to raise money for a sanctuary for homeless primates. © Associated Press

Brand New Oasis Web Site Launched–Submitted by Robin Taylor Thu Apr 10, 2003 I wanted to let everyone know there is a brand new web site out there for Oasis as well as a whole host of other quality animal products formulated by Dr. Pusillo. The world is a better place with people like him in it. Please take a look at his newly launched web site www.apperon.com, and don't forget to sign up for his email newsletter - veritas.

CA–Camel Appointed Sheriff's Deputy–Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Mon Apr 7, 2003 A six-year-old camel has been appointed as a Sheriff's deputy in California. Bert got his sheriff's ID card after a swearing-in ceremony during a festival in San Dimas, 30 miles east of Los Angeles. He's a member of the Sheriff's Posse in the city and visits area schools as part of a presentation on California history. Nancy Fite, a member of the Sheriff's Posse and Bert's handler said: "He's very intelligent." Bert joins other members of the sheriff's four-footed force that also includes dogs and horses. Bert was joined at the swearing in by two other reservists, Muffin and Brougan, a pair of bull mastiffs. Like Bert, the two dogs are not crime fighters, but public relations representatives. © Associated Press

ALASKA: Visitors may have to pay to look at state wildlife–Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Tue Apr 15, 2003 Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; Wildlife viewing bill lurches forward By Associated Press-JUNEAU-A bill to charge tourists $15 for a wildlife viewing pass failed to win a ringing endorsement but cleared its first House committee Friday. Only two of eight members of the House Resources Committee recommended the House pass the bill. The committee narrowly defeated an amendment would have pushed the bill's effective date from next summer to next year. Gov. Frank Murkowski introduced the pass as a way to raise $7 million annually in new revenue. The pass would be a required purchase for nonresidents who take an organized tour or ride the Alaska Railroad or marine highway. Visitors who buy hunting or fishing licenses would not have to buy a pass. The administration projects about a third of the 1.5 million annual visitors to Alaska will pay the one-time fee. Public comment about the proposal has been mostly negative. Tour
operators say the fee will cast Alaska in a poor light and especially hurt operators of cheaper tours. Rep. Beth Kerttula, D-Juneau, proposed an amendment Friday to change the date the fee takes effect from July 1 to Jan. 1. Kerttula said instituting the fee in July would force tour operators who have already sold tours for this summer to pay the fees themselves. Rep. Carl Gatto, R-Palmer, said the earlier effective date would lead to many tour operators simply refusing to collect the fee. Other Republicans said tour operators would be able to make the adjustment, allowing the state to make money this year. Lawmakers rejected Kerttula's amendment 4-4. Committee members voted 6-2 to move the bill to the Finance Committee, with Kerttula and Guttenberg opposed. Only Heinze and Rep. Bev Masek, R-Willow, voted to move the bill with a recommendation that it pass. A Senate version of the wildlife pass bill has yet to have a committee hearing. © Associated Press

Hungry bears go on rampage at Katmai Lodge-Submitted by Gary (Jungletouch) Sat Apr 26, 2003

Hungry bears go on rampage at Katmai Lodge destroy 53 doors. Winter caretaker afraid to take on sleep-deprived bruins in the dark. By DAN JOLING of the The Associated Press. If there's a shortage of doors in Anchorage, blame the brown bears of Bristol Bay. At least five marauding bears destroyed 53 doors this winter at Katmai Lodge, a luxury fishing resort on the Alagnak River. Lodge employees this week were buying up replacement doors as fast as they could find them in Alaska's largest city. Tony Sarp (Owner) blames the rampage on Alaska's unusual weather. The bears probably were confused by temperatures that allowed flowers to bloom well after snow was supposed to be on the ground. "There was no winter," he said. "They didn't know it was November and December. They thought it was still September, I'm sure." The bears' first target was a pantry filled with dry goods. The animals destroyed flour, salt, sugar, spices, cake mix and canned goods, the surplus from last season. The bears continued their binge in the kitchen even though it had no food. "They just literally ate the floor," Sarp said. "It must have had some grease on it, I guess." They destroyed incinerators, deck railings, four windows and a popcorn machine. They tore apart four freezers. As for the lodge's smokehouse, "It's gone," Sarp said. "Most of these buildings have a steel door on them," he said. "They went right through them." He estimated total damage at $50,000. A winter caretaker's cabin is at the other end of the line of buildings, perhaps 300 yards from the dining building. The caretaker identified the perpetrators: a sow with two older cubs, probably 2 1/2 years old, and a pair of boars. The bears were smart -- they did their breaking and entering at night, and the caretaker wanted nothing to do with encountering multiple bears alone in the dark. "He was scared to go out at night," Sarp said. The Department of Fish and Game recommended killing one bear and said the rest would then leave, Sarp said. "We elected not to do that," he said. "I just don't want to go around killing bears."

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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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