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

Nakobi is an African Lion who belongs to Phoenix member Sean. Here they are on Nakobi's 2nd birthday. Sean was trying to give Nakibi his birthday cake but he just wanted to be petted.
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HR1006 and S269—Submitted by Polly Britton Thu, 31 Jul 2003 Big Cat Protection Act Passes Important Hurdle in the U.S. Senate. On Wednesday (7/30), the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed S. 269, legislation to ban interstate commerce in tiger, lions, and other big cats for the exotic "pet" trade. This action follows approval of the companion bill, H.R. 1006, by the House Resources Committee on 7/15. The bills are now ready to be voted on by the full Senate and House. Credit for this week's good news in the push to stop the suffering of exotic pets goes primarily to Senators James Jeffords (D-VT) and John Ensign (R-NV), who introduced the legislation, and to Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK), who moved the legislation through his committee. Says Senator Ensign, "I look forward to seeing this bill signed into law, for the health and safety of exotic animals like tigers, leopards, and lions, and for the people who try to keep them as pets. Preventing the interstate transportation of such animals will, hopefully, end the practice once and for all."

Re: HR1006 and S269—Thread by Sara Schimke Thur 31 Jul 2003 Yep, here it comes, folks! HR1006 was taking action previously and I'm guessing that's why S.269 was at a stand still since January (until NOW). I suspect that the AR groups are REALLY pushing this issue for it to get this much governmental attention. Don't you think there are more important issues going on in our country? war? economy? Please everyone, do what you can. Every person here is a constituent of a U.S. Senator and Representative (Congressman). "Constituent" means a voting party (or able to vote) for their position. Legislators ESPECIALLY want to hear from their constituents. Look 'em up, and give them a call. PLEASE!

AZA testimony HR1006—Submitted by SiouxB, Fri, 01 Aug 2003 Testimony of Eric Miller, DVM, Director of Animal Health and Conservation, Saint Louis Zoological Park & Board Member of American Zoo and Aquarium Association before the subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans Committee on Resources, U.S. House of Representatives. AZA expresses its support for HR 1006. The bill is a logical starting point for addressing the public safety threats posed by the private ownership of certain wild and dangerous animals as pets, as well as the important animal welfare issues associated with the personal ownership of these animals. HR 1006 represents a much-needed step towards stemming the tide of the growing exotic animal pet trade. This legislation takes aim at the dramatic increase in the number of unregulated and untrained individuals who are maintaining large wild felids as personal pets. According to most estimates, there are between 5,000 to 10,000 tigers in private hands as pets in the United States—more than there are in their native habitats throughout Asia. Specifically, HR 1006 would amend the Lacey Act to prohibit the interstate and foreign commerce of dangerous exotic for use as pets. This legislation would not ban the private ownership of these species. The legislation specifically exempts zoos, circuses, accredited sanctuaries, incorporated humane societies and others that are currently regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act. The inconsistent enforcement of current regulations and increasing demand has fostered a dangerous underground industry in exotic pets. Unregulated breeding also raises the risk of genetic birth defects including skeletal and metabolic problems, crossed eyes, and inflated mortalities. Private ownership of large felids also creates significant public consequences. These animals are extremely dangerous in the hands of private owners as pets, and their presence in communities endangers neighboring children, domestic pets and others. The AZA firmly believes that large wild felids cannot be properly maintained by individuals without the necessary resources or knowledge to care for them. The wild cats identified in HR 1006 have very specific physical, behavioral, husbandry, health and nutritional needs, which would rarely be met by someone who possesses these animals for use as a pet. These powerful, unpredictable animals should only be
maintained by qualified experts from accredited zoological institutions or other professionally-operated, regulated facilities. There is also emerging consensus on the part of animal welfare, public safety and professional organizations and the Federal government concerning the need for concerted action to address the issue of large carnivores that are kept as pets. Finally, the US Department of Agriculture has launched an information campaign to educate the general public about the inherent personal risks and animal care/welfare issues associated with wild cats as pets. The agency has released a position statement which states that only qualified, trained professionals should keep wild and exotic cats because the average person lacks the specialized equipment and expertise to provide properly for the containment, medical care, husbandry and nutrition of these animals. The statement concludes by illustrating a tragic cycle that has become all too common: "Large wild and exotic animals obtained as pets are usually acquired as appealing cubs, but when the animals are fully grown, owners become dismayed at the high cost and difficulty of providing for their upkeep. This unfortunate cycle must end and HR 1006 is the logical first step in this complex process.

**MN: Exotic farm owner charged**—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Fri Aug 22, 2003 “Owner of Exotic Animal Farm Charged with Animal Cruelty” A Buffalo Lake man is charged with animal cruelty after inspectors visited his exotic animal farm and found several sick dogs living in filthy cages and feeding on rotting cow carcasses. Tigers, bears and several lions also were found living in unsanitary conditions at Greg Green's farm. The 42-year-old Green is charged with eight counts of animal cruelty because he didn't provide enough food, water and shelter for 29 dogs, three bears and more than a dozen tigers and lions. All the charges are misdemeanors. Minnesota Zoo lion expert Ron Tilson says the conditions the animals lived in were inadequate, creating the chance that the animals might escape. Green's first court appearance was scheduled for September Eighth. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press

**SD: Bone from American Lion found**—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Sun Aug 24, 2003 “Bone from American lion unearthed at Mammoth site” Associated Press RAPID CITY, S.D. - Almost 40 different species of animals have been uncovered in nearly 30 years of digging at the Mammoth Site at Hot Springs. But this summer, crews unearthed a rare find - a bone from an American lion. Paleontologist Larry Agenbroad, who directs the site, said he first thought the strange bone belonged to a giant short-faced bear, a creature that roamed North America for thousands of years. But when he couldn't make it fit that profile, he instead turned his attention to the American lion, another extinct species. The find is the first evidence of American lions ever uncovered in South Dakota. The American lion was much larger than its modern African cousin. Males averaged 500 pounds. The animals ranged from Alaska to Peru. Bones from the American lion - Panthera leo - have been found in 40 North American locations, including Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Nebraska. The bone found at the Mammoth Site is a large humerus, or upper front limb bone, that probably belonged to a male lion. Agenbroad believe the rest of the skeleton, including the skull, is buried nearby. Volunteers and paleontologists have been digging at the Mammoth Site since 1974 when a crew doing work for a housing project turned up tusks and bones. To date the remains of 53 mammoths have been unearthed. Scientists believe as many as 100 mammoths may be at the site. They died when they became trapped in the bottom of a sinkhole 26,000 years ago. Besides the lion bone, volunteers this summer found tiny teeth from a yet-to-be identified species of bat.
S.A.: Thieves raid zoo-Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Sat Aug 9, 2003 “More than 40 animals stolen from Venezuelan zoo” CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) Thieves have stolen 42 animals, many of them endangered river turtles, from a zoo in Venezuela's capital, a newspaper reported Friday. The thieves broke through the park's metal gates in the middle of the night and made off with several species of turtles, some parrots, tortoises, ducks, one sheep and a peacock, El Pinar Zoological Park veterinarian Antmar Henriquez told El Nacional newspaper. Office equipment and gift shop items were also stolen. The robbery happened last week, but the newspaper didn't say what day. Zoo officials did not immediately return calls seeking additional comment. Many of the stolen beasts were Arrau turtles, South America's largest fresh water turtle. The Arraus reach 130 pounds in weight and are Venezuela's most endangered species. Every year since 1992, Venezuelan conservationists have raised thousands of Arrau hatchlings in captivity and released them into the Orinoco River to try to guarantee their survival. There are only 1,000 adult females left in Venezuela, compared to at least 300,000 adults two centuries ago. Henriquez did not say exactly how many of the turtles were stolen. Venezuela's federal police were investigating the incident, Henriquez said. The zoo has warned other Venezuelan animal research institutions to be on alert for people trying to sell the stolen animals, he added. Henriquez said he believed the creatures were stolen to be sold, not eaten. "We think that if the crooks had wanted to eat, they would have stolen domestic animals. I think the wild animals were stolen to be sold illegally," he said. The missing animals are estimated to be worth 80 million bolivars (US$50,000), said Martha Penyy de Pena, president of the Caracas Children's Foundation, a member institution of El Pinar Zoo. Police patrol the park at night but it does not have private guards, El Nacional reported. Copyright 2003 The Associated Press

PA: Stolen Superbuck found?--Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Wed Aug 6, 2003 “Buck stolen 4 years ago may be back home”--ASSOCIATED PRESS--KNOX The owners of a monster buck with some 50 to 60 tips on its antlers and worth perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars believe they have the animal back after it was stolen nearly four years ago. While a representative of a deer farm where the buck believed to be Goliath was found a week ago isn't conceding that the animal is the same one, Goliath's owner, Rodney Miller, says he's sure it's his buck. Four members of the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association who were familiar with Goliath came across a massive deer while on a scouting trip last week. They took a photo and contacted Miller, he said. "I knew from the face of the animal in the picture that it was my deer without even looking at the antlers," Miller said Tuesday at his Wild Bunch Ranch deer farm in Clarion County, about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh. Of course, with a tangle of points, the antlers are hard to miss. When Goliath was taken in October 1999, the animal was about two years old, weighed 260 pounds and had 28 points, each representing the number of tips on an antler. Most hunters would be thrilled with a 12-pointer. Russell Thornberry, editor in chief of Buckmasters Whitetail magazine, said the largest whitetail on record was a 48-pointer taken in the wild. Miller bought the young Goliath when he was just a few days old about six years ago, hoping the animal would develop a large rack so they could breed him. "We bottle fed him from then on up," Miller said. The deer was found at the White Oak Whitetail Deer Farm in Reynoldsville, Jefferson County. Miller sued Jeffrey Spence, owner of the farm, and obtained a temporary injunction that gave him possession of the deer last Wednesday until it can be determined whether the animal is Goliath. Goliath has a tattoo on his ear and a microchip in his tail. Ronald Elliot, Miller's attorney, said arrangements were being made to read the microchip. The suit said Spence was expected to sell the massive deer last week because his farm was losing its state permit to breed and sell deer. The suit does not accuse Spence or his farm of stealing the deer. Calls to Spence were referred to attorney Troy Harper. Because the issue is in litigation, Harper wouldn't say how or when
Spence got the deer. Miller declined to put a value on Goliath, but he'd been offering a $100,000 reward. Those who found the giant deer refused the award, he said. Some big bucks have fetched up to a half million dollars. "Technically we have nothing yet. We have to breed," Miller said. "If he wrecks his rack, he's lost a lot of value." Miller breeds deer to be sold to other deer farms and ultimately to game farms. Miller said he was relieved to have Goliath back and admits that he'd given up hope that it would ever be recovered after police, the game commission and the FBI had failed to find it. "We had to take our losses and move on," he said.

The integrity of ugly—Submitted by Gary (Jungletouch) Fri Aug 29, 2003 I haven’t sent this to a list in a long while. "THE INTEGRITY OF UGLY". Everyone in the apartment complex I lived in knew who Ugly was. Ugly was the resident tomcat. Ugly loved three things in this world: fighting, eating garbage, and, shall we say, love. The combination of these things combined with a life spent outside had their effect on Ugly. To start with, he had only one eye and where the other should have been was a hole. He was also missing his ear on the same side, his left foot appeared to have been badly broken at one time, and had healed at an unnatural angle, making him look like he was always turning the corner. Ugly would have been a dark gray tabby, striped type, except for the sores covering his head, neck, and even his shoulders Every time someone saw Ugly there was the same reaction. "That's one UGLY cat!" All the children were warned not to touch him, the adults threw rocks at him, hosed him down, and squirted him when he tried to come in their homes, or shut his paws in the door when he would not leave. Ugly always had the same reaction. If you turned the hose on him, he would stand there, getting soaked until you gave up and quit. If you threw things at him, he would curl his lanky body around your feet in forgiveness. Whenever he spied children, he would come running, meowing frantically and bump his head against their hands, begging for their love. If you ever picked him up he would immediately begin suckling on your shirt, earrings, whatever he could find. One day Ugly shared his love with the neighbor's dogs. They did not respond kindly and Ugly was badly mauled. I tried to rush to his aid. By the time I got to where he was laying, it was apparent Ugly's sad life was almost at an end. As I picked him up and tried to carry him home, I could hear him wheezing and gasping, and could feel him struggling. It must be hurting him terribly, I thought. Then I felt a familiar tugging, sucking sensation on my ear. Ugly, in so much pain, suffering and obviously dying, was trying to suckle my ear. I pulled him closer to me, and he bumped the palm of my hand with his head, then he turned his one golden eye towards me, and I could hear the distinct sound of purring. Even in the greatest pain, that ugly battled scarred cat was asking only for a little affection, perhaps some compassion. At that moment I thought Ugly was the most beautiful, loving creature I had ever seen. Never once did he try to bite or scratch me, try to get away from me, or struggle in any way. Ugly just looked up at me completely trusting in me to relieve his pain. Ugly died in my arms before I could get inside, but I sat and held him for a long time afterwards, thinking about how one scarred, deformed little stray could so alter my opinion about what it means to have true pureness of spirit, to love so totally and truly. Ugly taught me more about giving and compassion than a thousand books, lectures, or talk show specials ever could, and for that I will always be thankful. He had been scarred on the outside, but I was scarred on the inside, and it was time for me to move on and learn to love truly and deeply. To give my total to those I cared for. Many people want to be richer, more successful, well liked, beautiful, but for me... I will always try to be Ugly. Author Unknown
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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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