This beautiful beast is a Lion named Sheba. She belongs to Phoenix member Max.
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MY NAME IS JEANNE HALL, I AM THE PRESIDENT OF PHOENIX EXOTIC AND WOULD LIKE TO BRIEF YOU ON WHAT TO EXPECT IN OUR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS. THE NEWSLETTER IS AN AVENUE TO REACH OUR MEMBERS ARE NOT ON OUR E-LIST PROVIDED BY YAHOO GROUPS.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 EXOTIC ACCESSIBLE, INCLUDING IN OUR NEWSLETTER INFORMATION FROM OUR E-LIST FOR MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY NOT ONLINE. ENJOY!

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Letter From Editor - Sara Comstock

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We are currently looking for stories for the upcoming new book, “Big Cats”. Please send your stories and pictures to Jeanne Hall - jeanneh@tds.net or Sara Comstock at SaraServal@Comcast.Net.
Culver mention in AP story-Wed Nov 19, 2003 By ELIZABETH WOLFE, Associated Press Writer,
WASHINGTON (AP) - The House on Wednesday passed legislation intended to help control the exotic
animal trade by banning interstate sale and transport of lions, tigers and other big cats. The Senate
passed a similar bill last month and the two sides must work out some minor differences before a final
version can be sent to President Bush. Designed to curtail irresponsible ownership of big cats, which can
be purchased over the Internet for a few hundred dollars, the bipartisan bill passed the House 419-0 but
only after a contentious ride that at one point had sponsors convinced it would not move at all. The near
fatal tiger mauling of magician Roy Horn in early October gave the Senate bill momentum. But it had
the opposite effect in the House, where a key Republican, House Resources Committee Chairman
Richard Pombo of California, stalled the bill because he objected to the way animal rights activists used
the incident as lobbying leverage, said a spokeswoman. The bill exempts licensed zoos, sanctuaries,
circuses and animal trainers, including Horn. It is instead aimed at pet owners such as Antoine Yates,
who last month was attacked by the tiger he raised in his New York City apartment. "These animals are
big, they cost a lot to feed, and they are one degree away from their wild instincts at any moment," said
bill co-sponsor Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. Some animal advocates used Horn's accident to illustrate
that even professional handlers cannot always control large predators. "Absolutely it demonstrated that
even in the best of circumstances these animals are unpredictable and dangerous," said Wayne Pacelle,
senior vice president of the Humane Society of the United States. As Horn's injuries slipped from the
headlines, bill sponsor and fellow California Republican George McKeon kept pushing the issue and
Pombo allowed the measure to move forward, said spokeswoman Nicol Andrews. The Fish and Wildlife
Service, the agency that would enforce the ban, opposes the measure, saying it falls outside the purview
of their conservation duties. Some big cat owners insist regulations should come locally. “If you've got a
tiger chained in the backyard and children are playing around it, you don't need the federal government.
The sheriff needs to charge that person,” said Mena, Ark., resident Lynn Culver, legal affairs director for
the Feline Conservation Federation and the owner of some 50 cats, including nine cougars and 12
bobcats. Regulations monitoring the multibillion-dollar exotic animal industry vary from state to state
and even county to county. The Humane Society of the United States says there are currently 10,000 to
15,000 pet tigers, lions and other big cats around the country, and that the 5,000 to 7,000 privately
owned tigers probably exceed the total number in the wild. The House bill is H.R. 1006. The Senate bill
is S. 269. Copyright @ 2003 Associated Press

Phoenix Exotic E-List Membership.-Submitted by Cathy Freeman-Thu Nov 20, 2003 Since many have
been working very hard writing letters to the House and many other issues concerning exotics, I thought
I would pass along some good news! In reviewing our E-List Membership, we are currently reaching the
600 mark of E-list members! This is impressive and says a lot about Phoenix Exotics, what it represents
and the members involved. Cathy Freeman-Spohrer, Secretary, Phoenix Exotic.

smell a deal... “Three Tiger- And Lion-Shooters Get Probation” By MIKE ROBINSON-Associated Press Writer-CHICAGO (AP) Three members of a ring that illegally shot tigers and leopards for trophy hunters and a gourmet food shop were each placed on probation Friday as a reward for becoming government witnesses and helping federal fish and wildlife agents put an end to the slaughter. All three were ordered by U.S. District Judge Blanche M. Manning to serve the first six months of their probation on house arrest while wearing electronic monitoring devices. "We aren't saying that these charges aren't serious because they are, but their acceptance of responsibility puts them in a different light," she said.

One of the ring's alleged leaders, William Kapp, 37, was sentenced by Manning last week to a maximum three years and four months in prison after being convicted by a jury of violating the Endangered Species Act and a related federal law. He claimed the tigers and leopards he killed were not pure-blooded animals but hybrids and thus not protected by the endangered species act. Prosecutors said the ring bought the big cats from exotic animal dealers who purchased them surplus from circuses and other dealers. The three men sentenced Friday all pleaded guilty to federal felonies related to endangered species violations. Steven Galecki, 34, admitted that he sold exotic cats he had owned and taken care of for years, knowing that they would be slaughtered by ring members. Ring members skinned most of the animals once they were killed, stuffed them for trophy collectors and sold the meat to a specialty food shop for $3 a pound for sale to gourmet cooks. Galecki was placed on probation for four years and ordered to perform 500 hours of community service. Kevin W. Ramsey, 33, of Mason, Wis., who admitted shooting one of the tigers, was placed on probation for four years, fined $2,000 and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service. He was the first ring member "who actively told the truth about what was going on," Bonamici said. Dr. Robert Martinez, 53, a Palos Hills physician who admitted shooting a leopard and a tiger because he was enthusiastic about big-gaming hunting and wanted trophies, was placed on probation for three years, fined $5,000 and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service. He told Manning what happened "was horrendous from beginning to end" and said he was voluntarily contributing $10,000 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Save the Tiger Fund. The case arose from the Fish and Wildlife Service's 41/2-year Operation Snowplow investigation which resulted in charges against 15 individuals nationwide, eight of them in Illinois. Four of those eight have now been sentenced. Copyright © 2003 Associated Press


Animal advocates again try to halt New Jersey bear hunt” (AP) NEWARK, N.J. -- Animal advocates have asked national park officials to intervene before a bear hunt takes place in New Jersey next month. The request was made Friday in a letter to the superintendent of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The letter followed a federal judge's ruling that a pheasant hunt cannot take place at the Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts until the park service has studied its impact on the park's environment. Animal advocates say New Jersey's bear hunt rases many of the same legal issues. The Fund for Animals, an advocacy group involved in the Massachusetts case, helped draft the letter to Delaware Water Gap officials. "They have to take a hard look as to what this means in terms of environmental impact," Michael A. Markarian, the group's president, told The New York Times. "It's even more problematic because it's something that has not happened in more than 30 years," he said. "There are imperiled species like eagles on the land and there's insufficient data on bear populations." The bear hunt was scheduled for Dec. 8, and about 6,700 hunters have applied for licenses to participate. "To delay the hunt, I think, you're asking for trouble from a public safety standpoint," said Larry Lehmann, president of the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen. "Something has to be done." Copyright © 2003, The Associated Press
PA: Wallaby died while in PA's custody-Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Tue Nov 25, 2003 WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) “Court Clears Exotic Animal Dealer”- A Chester County court has cleared an exotic animal dealer of all charges of unlicensed possession and sale of wild and exotic animals. The Pennsylvania Game Commission seized 13 animals from Sandra Reynolds' West Grove farm in March. Reynolds, who has been breeding, collecting and selling exotic animals for a decade, said the state refused to issue permits so she could care for the rare foxes, lemurs, servals, kinkajous, genets and a wallaby. The wallaby died while in state custody, and Reynolds and other supporters protested that neither the commission nor the state facility could properly care for the seized animals. On Oct. 20, Reynolds was charged with 33 summary counts of violating state law. She argued at a Nov. 17 hearing that she is licensed as an exotic breeder by the U.S. Department of Agriculture but had been refused state permits, and her animals are not even listed as "exotic" under state law. She was found innocent of all counts. Reynolds said Monday she plans to petition the court shortly for return of her animals. "My main concern at this point is that my animals are returned, and returned safely," Reynolds said. "That's been my concern since day one." Commission spokeswoman Jerry Feaser declined comment on the case and said the return of Reynolds' animals was under consideration. Copyright © 2003, The Associated Press

IL: USDA seizes elephant-Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Wed Nov 26, 2003 “Confiscated elephant in sanctuary” By Associated Press-CHICAGO- Federal agriculture officials have moved an Asian elephant to a Tennessee sanctuary after seizing the animal from a suburban Chicago circus-training farm because of fears for its health. The 57-year-old elephant named Delhi arrived Sunday at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn. Carol Buckley, the sanctuary's executive director, said it had severe foot infections. U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesman Jim Rogers said the elephant was confiscated from a Hawthorn Corp. after it was determined the animal's "health and well-being were at serious risk from lack of veterinary treatment and inadequate veterinary care." "For a confiscation, an animal generally has to be in a condition of unrelieved suffering or imminent danger of death," Rogers said. Hawthorn Corp. owner John Cuneo said Monday that he and his wife, Herta, have spent $50,000 on veterinary care for Delhi during the last 20 months. Cuneo said there was no justification for taking the elephant, which he has owned for 35 years. "They cannot say this animal was not well-cared for," Cuneo said. In March, the Agriculture Department is set to argue before an administrative law judge that Hawthorn's license to exhibit animals should be revoked, based on 47 alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Those violations include not cutting elephants' toenails properly and infections found on Delhi's feet. Another elephant on the farm was so thin that its hips and spine were protruding, and one was abused during training, authorities said. Cuneo denies the allegations and says he will fight them. On Monday, the Cuneos released an assessment from San Diego veterinarian J.E. Oosterhuis, who checked Delhi on Oct. 31. The assessment described problems with Delhi's feet that had not improved. It said Hawthorn's staff "should be commended for their care of Delhi" but also cited Oosterhuis' disappointment with a lack of progress. Copyright © 2003, The Associated Press
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