Cougar named Jake owned by Phoenix member Jeanne.

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Welcome

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!

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.”

“Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc. is based in the United States of America and addresses concerns within the USA and internationally. Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Assoc. became incorporated in the state of Washington as a non-profit corporation.”

“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.”

Phoenix Exotics E-List Contained 1107 posts in November. We are limited in the print medium to select only a few items. You can join the e-list at http://phoenixexotics.org/ then click on the link for E-groups email list. Please note: There was an abundance of posts this month concerning the upcoming legislature in our Senate and House Of Representatives. Please visit the archive section of the Yahoo Elist for many more articles, posts and replies.

Letter From Editor - Sara Comstock

Welcome!

This newsletter is a derivative of the articles and posts from the Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc. E-List. (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Phoenix_Exotics/) Many thanks to the members for their contributions. Any published submissions have been granted prior permission for publication. Should you feel your views have not been properly represented, please email, General@PhoenixExotics.Org or President@PhoenixExotics.Org, or you may write a letter to the address below. Please be descriptive as to which article and please reference "Volume Number" and "Issue Number", located on the front of the newsletter.

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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.
S269 will hurt felines needing placement and sanctuaries—Submitted by Lynn Culver Sun Nov 2, 2003 Clearly, they plan to issue permits to qualifying "sanctuaries" and they have no idea how many cats are placed outside of TAOS and ASA by the feline network community. The mother load. This bill is about sanctuaries, not about pets and don't anyone think otherwise. Pet buyers will still be able to buy in-state and work with brokers. But when an adult cat needs immediate placement, and facilities are waiting for "permits" and approval to help, animals will suffer. And what are the "sanctuary" qualifications going to be? And who is going to see that they are complied with? Who is going to inspect a non-commercial outfit? Certainly not the USDA. The whole definition of sanctuary in the Senate version prevents and forbids any commercial activity, making them ineligible for a USDA license. We all know they have USDA Class C licenses - therefore they are not a "sanctuary" but an exhibitor with free animals. And true completely non-commercial "accredited sanctuaries" will not qualify for USDA licensing, so who is going to see them? This bill is a mess, it is a platform for TAOS and ASA and every decent sanctuary out there needs to get on the phone immediately and voice their opposition before this misleading piece of crap gets passed. Animals needing immediate placement will be negatively impacted by this bill. From the GAO: Based on information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), CBO estimates that implementing S. 269 would cost about $4 million annually, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. That amount includes $3.5 million for additional staff to conduct the kinds of inspections and investigations that the bill would require and up to $500,000 for administrative costs to issue permits to individuals and institutions that would be exempted from the proposed prohibition. S. 269 would exempt several groups from the prohibition including: exhibitors or facilities that are licensed or registered and inspected by a federal agency, certain brokers or dealers licensed and inspected by the federal government, certain persons licensed by the state, and other groups such as animal shelters, humane societies, and sanctuaries that qualify under the bill's criteria. According to APHIS and representatives of wildlife sanctuary associations, the bill would not cause significant new activity in the demand for licenses or accreditations.

Re: [Phoenix Exotics] S269 will hurt felines needing placement and sanctuaries—Thread by Ray (Rune.Raion) Sun Nov 2, 2003 These issues are too complex to explain to legislators. Their eyes glaze over and they tune out. We are dealing with people who have the attention spans of gnats. If you can't get it over in one bumper sticker slogan it is beyond their yen. Worse, you have to get through their staff of screeners. This simplistic bent is a problem. They don't understand the damage they do to rights and it can't be explained to them because they won't listen. Welcome to governance of the simplistic and superficial.

MN: Settlement in Como case—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Fri Nov 14, 2003 “Animal park settles lawsuit over tiger attack on 7-year-old girl” ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) An out-of-court settlement has been reached in a lawsuit against a Racine animal park stemming from a tiger attack on a Rochester girl two years ago. William Celebrreeze, Minneapolis attorney for defendants Kenneth and Nancy Kraft, doing business as BEARCAT Hollow, notified Olmsted District Judge Robert Birnbaum Wednesday that a settlement has been reached and a formal petition would be filed soon. No other details were available. The case was set to go to trial next week. The personal injury lawsuit was filed in April 2002 on behalf of Emily Hartman by her parents, Thomas and Mary Hartman. It sought damages exceeding $50,000. Emily Hartman was 7 years old in July 2001 when she was attacked by a Siberian tiger named Como at the animal park south of Rochester. The tiger later was killed and tested for rabies, which it did not have. Emily was treated at Saint Mary’s Hospital for injuries. The complaint said she suffered "painful, severe, permanent and disfiguring injuries;" incurred an undisclosed amount of medical
expenses and will incur future medical and hospital expenses for the treatment of the injuries. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press

**MT: Cougars on the railroad**-Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Sun Nov 2, 2003 “Hot water trick frees mountain lion cubs” HELENA, Mont. (AP)A railroad inspector and a game warden used the age-old trick of a little hot water to free three mountain lion kittens stuck to a railroad track. Pat O'Rourke was inspecting the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe main line near Butte on Friday when he saw three kittens frozen to the tracks. One was on its back and one was stuck by its tail. The third had a paw on a railroad spike and its belly on the track. The young mountain lions apparently had crossed Silver Bow Creek in the 10-degree air before walking onto the steel rails and getting stuck. "I tried to approach them with a shovel and give them a little prod," O'Rourke said. "I couldn't figure out... I thought they were just born." When O'Rourke realized they were frozen to the tracks, he tried pouring coffee from his thermos on one kitten's paw. That didn't work either. "They kept licking their paws, and the more they licked, the more stuck they got," O'Rourke said. "It seemed like every time they moved one thing, something else got stuck." The sound of the screaming kittens roused their mother, who was on a nearby ridge. The roar of the angry female mountain lion spooked O'Rourke back into his truck. O'Rourke called for help and Marty Vook, a state game warden, responded. He brought the hot water. O'Rourke said the kittens left patches of hair on the steel tracks. "They weren't real healthy when they left," he said. "But the warden said that was their best chance." Copyright 2003 The Associated Press

**MD: Baltimore Zoo Announces Cuts**-Submitted Ray (Rune.Raion) Fri Nov 7, 2003-“Baltimore Zoo cuts jobs, animals”-(AP)-BALTIMORE-The budget is so tight at the Baltimore Zoo that 20 jobs are being eliminated and 400 animals, including Dolly and Anna the elephants, are getting their walking papers. The animals, also including cranes, flamingos, ducks, reptiles and amphibians, will be offered to other zoos, officials said Tuesday. The loss of Dolly and Anna will be the most visible sign of the zoo's struggle to stay afloat after a $700,000 reduction in state aid, compounded by a sagging economy and a year of terrible weather. Lending out the elephants is expected to save more than $100,000, including the salaries of four zookeepers who work almost exclusively on their care, officials told The Baltimore Sun. The cuts are expected to save more than $1 million. The 20 job cuts represent a staff reduction of 11.7 percent that will bring employment down to about 150 people. "If we didn't make the cuts, we would go out of business in the first quarter of 2004," said Billie Grieb, president of the zoo. "We couldn't ignore that and just hope. We wouldn't do this unless we had to." Zoo officials hope the two female elephants can be bred and then return to Baltimore, with their young, in a few years. It might take six months or longer to find homes for the elephants, both in their late 20s, zoo officials said. They must be kept in temperatures that are at least 50 degrees. Grieb recognizes the potential marketing loss in giving up the high-profile elephants. "Of course we're concerned, and we're going to miss them ourselves," she said. "But they're all the way at the end of our campus, and a lot of people never get there. With our new polar bear exhibit and the other things we're doing, we think it's a better use of our resources." On the Net www.baltimorezoo.org Copyright 2003 The Associated Press
NJ: Tiger Lady's cats to go on Tuesday - Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Fri Nov 7, 2003 “Tiger preserve owner says Colorado sanctuary will take animals” (AP) TRENTO, N.J.--State officials still plan to move two dozen Bengal tigers from an Ocean County compound to a Texas animal sanctuary next week, despite their owner's last-ditch effort to block the move. Joan Byron-Marasek and her husband, Jan, have waged a lengthy legal battle with the state to keep the animals at their Tigers Only Preservation Society site in Jackson. However, Superior Court Judge Eugene D. Serpentelli ruled in May that they had forfeited their ownership rights by failing to obtain the required permits to either keep them at the compound or move them to another location. The tigers are due to be moved Tuesday from the Ocean County compound to the Wild Animal Orphanage near San Antonio, but Byron-Marasek said Thursday that a Colorado animal sanctuary has agreed to provide the tigers with a temporary home. State officials, though, said they were moving ahead with their plans. "Right now, we have a court order," Martin J. McHugh, director of the state's Division of Fish and Wildlife, told the Asbury Park Press for Friday's editions. "She had plenty of time to bring this up. This is just a stall tactic." The state has sought the move since early 1999, when wildlife officials shot and killed a 430-pound Bengal tiger found roaming loose in a neighborhood near the couple's preserve. While the state never proved the animal was Byron-Marasek's, but DNA tests linked the tiger to fur that had been found outside the 12-acre preserve's perimeter fencing. During an interview Thursday on WKXW-FM (New Jersey 101.5), Byron-Marasek said the tigers could be shipped to the Big Cats of Serenity Springs site near Colorado Springs, Colo. She said the site's owners would not take ownership of the tigers, allowing her to eventually move them on her own. Byron-Marasek said she discussed the proposal Wednesday with Ron Heksch, the deputy state attorney general handling the case for the DEP. However, she was told that state wildlife officials were not inclined to accept her suggestion. Copyright © 2003, The Associated Press.

OH: Sam Mazzola in the news - Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Sun Nov 9, 2003 “Police Chief Concerned About Exotic Animals In Mall”—“Shoppers Have Pictures Taken With Lions, Tigers, Bears” ELYRIA, Ohio (AP) Shopping during the holiday season can be a jungle. Visitors to a mall in this northeast Ohio city can spend some time with wild animals. At Sam Mazzola's Wildlife Adventures, those with an adventurous spirit can prove it by having a photo taken with a lion, tiger or bear. Mazzola's display is in a former Gap store at Westfield Shopping town Midway. He says it's legal, safe, educational and good for the animals, because he's rescuing them. "I think it's great," said Charlene Thorp, of Elyria. "Everybody can't get to the zoo, and the zoo is a lot of walking around." But a few shoppers, merchants and even the police chief aren't so sure. "Oh God, the smell," said Gladys Torres, of Lorain, standing in front of the attraction and covering her nose with her pink sweatshirt. "They're wonderful, but I don't want to take a picture with my kids. They're wild animals." "Mommy, Mommy, please," Torres' son, Jerel Rodriguez, begged. The animals are trained, Mazzola explained to Torres. "I don't think it matters if they're trained," Torres said, bringing up the white tiger that mauled magician Roy Horn last month in Las Vegas. Mall manager Mark Bressler said the business is a safe way to bring entertainment to shoppers. Mazzola said he has insurance to cover any mishap. The Lorain County Animal Protective League has looked into complaints. "The animals are well taken care of," Lorain County APL Executive Director David McClelland said. "I'm not in a position to make any comment whether it's safe for human beings." Mazzola also operates World Animal Studios, in Columbia Township, about 15 miles west of Cleveland and east of the mall. "It appears the animals are secure in their cages," said Elyria police Chief Michael Medders. "I don't see any violations, but I do think there is a safety issue, especially with the photos. As a parent, I would be very cautious about any contact with any exotic animal”. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press
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