White Tigers, like this one belonging to a Phoenix E-mail list member, is not a separate species of tiger. They just happen to have white fur in the places where most tigers have orange fur. And unlike most tigers, they have beautiful blue eyes. This stunning color pattern is very rare in tigers.

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.
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!

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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.”

“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 953 posts in October. 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.
Phoenix Exotics Press Release—Submitted by Cathy Freeman-Spohrer, Secretary, Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Wed Oct 8, 2003. “Phoenix Exotics’ is a group of private owners from across America which encompasses individuals, sanctuaries and breeders. We work hard to protect and maintain the rights of private ownership through responsible behavior. Phoenix has been featured in numerous media outlets, including National Geographic Explorer's "Big Cat Crisis" on MSNBC. Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association Inc. would like to offer our deepest sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery to Roy Horn, the famous performer from the long time Siegfried & Roy show in Las Vegas, NV. Roy was injured by one of his beloved tigers while on stage doing a live performance on his birthday, Friday, Oct 3rd, 2003. Roy has been performing in Las Vegas for well over 30 years. After 30,000 shows this is the first incident he has had with the large cats, demonstrating that with careful and responsible handling, keeping these magnificent animals in captivity really is low risk. We would like to not forget the positive side of Roy's greatness and his dedication and superb handling of these magnificent creatures on a daily basis. We honor his talent and we support the cats he shared his life with and his right to be able to do so. While the tragedy brings this issue to light and focus, Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association Inc. would like to take this opportunity to compare this type of animal being kept in private hands to other "acceptable" pets being housed and kept. More people get injured each year by "acceptable" pets than by these big cats. We ask the public to keep things in perspective and consider the very low calculated risk associated with keeping these animals privately. Also, we would like to point out that the slight risk associated with having close contact with them is a risk to the owner, NOT to the general public at large. Please note that people exhibiting these animals, such as Siegfried & Roy, are professionals. As professionals, they do activities with these animals pet owners do not do. One could make the similarity to a professional car driver, having a higher risk of injury than the average driver on the highway. Accidents are still possible and yes risk is a part of life. We would always strive to minimize the risk of injury but life will never be 100% risk free. Phoenix has its Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. area each February, feel free to look us up online, www.phoenixexotics.org

NY: Seized animals going to Nassau County—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Sun Oct 5, 2003 “Tiger, Alligator Removed From Apartment”-NEW YORK (AP) Police and animal control officers removed a nearly 600-pound tiger and a 5-foot alligator from a Manhattan apartment Saturday after a caller tipped off officials, animal control officials said. "He's huge," said Wes Artope, director of operations for the New York City Center for Animal Care and Control, referring to the tiger, an orange and white Siberian-Bengal mix. Police had not identified the animals' owner or disclosed his whereabouts as of Saturday night. Artope said the man kept the animals in his apartment in a housing project in Harlem. An anonymous caller tipped off officials Friday evening, and a team of animal control officers, police and Bronx Zoo employees were dispatched to the fifth-floor apartment, he said. Authorities used a camera positioned from an outside window to monitor the tiger's movements before shooting the animals with tranquilizer darts. "I was shocked, there was no question about it," Police Commissioner Ray Kelly told reporters. "Clearly, it was a major challenge." The animals were safely removed and taken to a shelter in East Harlem. Artope said they would be transferred to an animal sanctuary in Nassau County and then Ohio. Copyright © 2003 Associated Press.
From HSUS website-Captive Wildlife Safety Act-Submitted by BigCats10 Fri Oct 31, 2003 “U.S. SENATE PASSES LEGISLATION RESTRICTING TRADE IN EXOTIC BIG CATS” “Bill Cracks Down on Pet Trade for Tigers, Lions, and Other Big Cats” - WASHINGTON The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the nation’s largest animal protection organization, is applauding the U.S. Senate for passing legislation that cracks down on the burgeoning pet trade in exotic big cats. The Senate passed the legislation by unanimous consent today. An estimated 10,000 to 15,000 exotic cats, such as lions and tigers, are kept as pets in the United States. Senators James Jeffords (I-VT) and John Ensign (R-NV) introduced the legislation in January as S. 269, the Captive Wildlife Safety Act. Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), the chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, moved the legislation through the Committee and to the Senate for final approval. The bill bars interstate and foreign commerce of dangerous exotic animals, including lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars and cougars, for the pet trade.

OR: Servals Filling Shelters-Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Thu Oct 2, 2003 Humane Society transfers exotic cat to haven-PORTLAND--“An exotic cat has a new home, thanks to the Oregon Humane Society.” The African serval cat was rescued last Wednesday from the Portland International Airport. The small, spotted cat belonged to a family that couldn't take the animal on their foreign flight. Today, the Humane Society took the serval named D'Artagnan to the Wild Cat Haven in Sherwood. There, D'Artagnan will join ten other servals. He'll be placed on quarantine and visited by the resident veterinarian on arrival. The Oregon Humane Society say wild cat sanctuaries are filling up as more people purchase exotic felines for pets. The organization also commented many domestic cats also need homes. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press

NE: Omaha Cougar 2-Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Fri Oct 3, 2003 “Mountain Lion Visits Omaha Office Building” OMAHA, Neb. (AP) Robin Reynoso had an unusual visitor stop by her office this week: a mountain lion. Reynoso, a computer firm's customer service manager, peered out her window Wednesday to spy the hairy beast, just blocks from one of Omaha's busiest intersections. "He ran by my window and pawed it, and then he turned around and attacked it," Reynoso said. She said she didn't realize it was a mountain lion until one of her co-workers screamed out what it was. "I'm glad it didn't break through the glass," she said. "It was cool. Not too many people get to see them that close." The window, about 2 feet from her desk, now has claw scratches marking a rare visit to eastern Nebraska by the mountain lion. The male animal weighed about 80 pounds and probably was born last year, said Lee Simmons, director of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. "This was a wild cat and it wasn't anything that somebody had as a pet," said Simmons, who added the animal, was extremely aggressive. The animal later was captured at a park deep inside city limits after being shot by a zoo official with a tranquilizer dart. The animal was in good condition. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press

CA: Fire Rescues-submitted Ray (Rune.Raion) Tue Oct 28, 2003. “Rescuers save livestock from fires, shelter animal evacuees” by DANICA KIRKA, Associated Press. LOS ANGELES - Smoke billowed around Capt. David Havard and his animal rescue team as they swept into a San Diego canyon on a mission to evacuate six horses threatened by a wildfire. Terrified animals paced in their corral nervously. The team turned its trailers back toward the road, so they could scramble if needed. "You're playing against time and the elements," he said, recounting the rescue in a phone interview. "You're thinking, I don't want to get caught." Throughout Southern California, animal rescue teams like Havard's have risked their lives on the perimeters of the fire lines to corral horses, scoop up stray dogs and capture cats. Hundreds of rescuers – often volunteers - gather at staging areas near the blazes for quick dispatch. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press
NV: Roy, of 'Siegfried and Roy', Attacked By Tiger-submitted by Z Brubruff Sat Oct 4, 2003 “Roy is listed in critical condition” LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) -- A tiger attacked magician Roy Horn of the duo "Siegfried & Roy" at his throat during a Friday night performance at The Mirage hotel-casino, authorities said. Horn was taken to University Medical Center, where he was listed in critical condition, said hospital spokeswoman Cheryl Persinger. Firefighters were called to the hotel-casino about 8:45 p.m. and found Horn had been attacked, said Clark County Fire spokesman Bob Leinbach. The illusionists, who put on one of the most well-known and expensive Las Vegas shows with their signature white tigers and lions, signed a lifetime contract with the Mirage in 2001. Fishbachler, 64, and 59-year-old Horn have performed together in Las Vegas for more than 30 years. They opened at the Mirage hotel-casino in February 1990. Copyright © 2003 Associated Press

Re: [Phoenix Exotics] Roy, of 'Siegfried and Roy', Attacked by Tiger -Thread by Tim Soffel Sat Oct 4, 2003 Folks, This is about the worst possible news we can have right now. Those inclined to do so, need to pray Roy lives. Whether or not Roy can ever work again is immaterial, I can see loud voices calling for total bans on big cats. At least, this might be the end of big cat shows in Vegas. However, if I know Roy, he would have it no other way. Working with the animals has been his life’s passion, and I'm sure this will not kill his passion. Keep in mind these magicians have been performing with these animals for 30 years. They have pushed the limit of what can be done with these animals in a live performance. At the same time, either of these men could have been equally injured or killed by the complex stage mechanics used in their shows. And, in fact, I believe both of them have been injured during a performance more than once. Hopefully, Roy will call for cool heads to prevail if he makes it through this. I know he truly loves these animals and wants to see the best for them, and for big cats all over the world. Enjoy your cats while you have them. It might not be for much longer.

GA: Animal Activists target kids-Submitted Ray (Rune.Raion) Sat Oct 18, 2003 “Event At Savannah School One Stop Of National Campaign” (AP) Chances are having McNuggets for dinner left some Gadsden Elementary students weepy. Two animal activists urged children to "kick the bucket" by handing out chicken trading cards to students as they left the school Wednesday. One activist dressed as a chicken and toted a sign reading: "Chickens are friends, not food." "It's nice," Andre Grant, 8, said, as he gripped his new chicken card that warned about the ill health effects from eating buckets of bird parts. He quickly added there was no way he would give up his beloved barbecue chicken. The event was not associated with the school, but instead was the only Savannah stop in a nationwide campaign by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The campaign goal: Curb America's chicken diet. The chicken cards given to children featured cartoon characters, like Tubby Tammy, to illustrate what PETA believes to be "unpleasant side-effects of eating chicken such as food poisoning and obesity." "Children have a natural empathy for animals," PETA campaign coordinator, Ravi Chand, said. School officials had little empathy for the PETA activists. Teachers and staff tried to direct about 600 children away from the activists and sometimes even took the cards away from them. A campus police officer was on hand in case feathers started flying. School officials could not stop the protest because the activists stood on the sidewalk, not school property. Assistant Principal Sylathea Prescott Hutchins said many school parents will be upset to learn of the campaign. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press
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