HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This 5 year old white peacock is fittingly named ‘Snowball’ and belongs to lucky Phoenix member, Karline Kelder. Snowball lives with two other peacocks and hopes to have a white pea hen mate soon!
Welcome from President - Jeanne Hall

My name is Jeanne Hall, I am the President of Phoenix Exotic and would like to brief you on what to expect in our monthly newsletters. The newsletter is for our members who do not have convenient access to our website. We want to reach out and make Phoenix Exotic accessible, including in our newsletter information from our e-list for members who 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 Association is 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 many posts in December. 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: Please visit the archive section of the Yahoo E-list for many more articles, posts and replies.

Letter From Editor - Rhonda Kiker

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I would like to join and support the Phoenix Wildlife Association. I understand that dues are for membership only and non-refundable.

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Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics
Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Fri Dec 10, 2004

The exotic community can never say they have not been given a chance to voice their opinions and concerns face to face with those that have a large voice when it comes to laws and regulations for the exotic owners. February 25 & 26, 2005 will be everyone’s chance to meet yet another Guest Speaker who has come into the media headlines and contacted by PETA. Dr. Robert Gibbens will be a Guest Speaker at the Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting being held in Bonnie Springs, Nevada. This can be a time to voice your concerns to Dr.Gibbens, along with discussion on possible working solutions and what can be seen happening to the responsible private owner. The Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting will be a time to come face to face with pro's and con's, express all the concerns and problems that exist for the responsible private owner, to see the good and the bad that is happening in the exotic community and be heard by some that may oppose the private owner. Don’t forget the infamous entertainment that awaits with the Phoenix Entertainment Package, The Fercos Brothers and BowWow Productions. The best will be those that bring their exotics to this event. What fun it will be interacting with the exotic creatures we all love! Give Bonnie Springs a call and reserve your rooms, 1-702-875-4191 or check online at www.bonniesprings.com.

Entertainment Package: Price for this complete Phoenix Exotic Event and Entertainment Package: $80.00 per person (advance reservation required)

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KY F&G drafting Regulations
Submitted by (Bigcats10) Wed Dec 15, 2004

Just an update on the current status concerning KY F&G and pending bans and regulations. This will be amended come February, after the commissioners meeting as they are adding further exemptions. The final draft will have to be approved by the Administrative Regulation Review Committee and the Committee of jurisdiction before it becomes effective. The public will have (30) days to respond! Send you comments to Ellen Benzing at Ellen.Benzing@K... (mailto:Ellen.Benzing@K...)
Vicki

Happy Holidays ...
Submitted by (leecdvm) Sat Dec 25, 2004

I’ve separated out my Christmas Wish this year. To the owners, clean more cages, provide better food and supplements, spend a lot more time with your animals, and tell them that you love them twice as much as you did last year. To the animals, we’re just not perfect like you so could you just give us crazy humans another chance to get things right? Overall, Merry Christmas folks.
Doc

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FL: Vanilla Ice reunited with pet goat, wallaroo
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Nov 20, 2004

(AP) - PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. - Call them the newest odd couple - Bucky Buckaroo the wallaroo and Pancho the goat. The two animals - pets of rapper Vanilla Ice - were reunited with their owner Friday after their well-publicized escape more than a week ago. They had embarked on a sojourn in the streets and woods of St. Lucie County, apparently after Pancho nudged an unlocked door with his head and they walked out of a relative's backyard. The entertainer, whose real name is Robert Van Winkle, went to animal control offices Friday to see his pets. The animals were captured Nov. 13 after the 60-pound wallaroo - a cross between a wallaby and a kangaroo - scratched a woman's car. Van Winkle called animal control officials Wednesday to claim the animals, but could not see them until Friday because he was in California on business. The animals spent their time at the animal control offices garnering attention from well-wishers and the media. "I'm pretty shocked at all the attention," Van Winkle said, holding up newspaper clippings. "They get more attention here than they do at home." The pets will be staying with exotic animal breeder Mike Poggi, who has a permit to keep such animals. Van Winkle's permit to keep Bucky expired, but he paid a $220 fine and the pets were released. He said he expects his permit to be reinstated after he pays another fine to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Van Winkle, 36, bought the wallaroo from a Florida breeder after his Arctic Canadian lynx died three years ago, he has said in interviews. Van Winkle was cited twice in 1998 for keeping the lynx in his backyard. Van Winkle, whose only hit as a rapper was "Ice Ice, Baby" in 1990, has appeared on the WB's "Surreal Life" reality show, which featured celebrities whose fame had faded. Ice may be happy to have his pets back, but animal control officers were sad to see Bucky and Pancho leave. "We've really had a good time," animal control supervisor Melissa Behres said. "It was a thrill for us."

Merry Christmas to All
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Tue Dec 21, 2004

This is a song/story my husband wanted me to pass on to you all about our rescue serval, Chaos. Both say Merry Christmas to All Cathy Freeman-Spohrer

Chaos the serval was a jolly, happy cat. With two squinty eyes and a little black nose, And his tongue down to chin! (Hmmmmmm!) He is always full of spunk. Thumpity, Thump, Thump Thumpity, Thump, Thump, Look at Chaos go! Thumpity, Thump, Thump Thumpity, Thump, Thump, Over the chairs and toys. Chasing all the other cats around Then fleeing with hisses all around. There must have been some Magic in that chicken drum This day! Cause when he eats it, Chicken flies all around! Look at Chaos go! Over the chairs and toys HISSL,HISSL,HISSL Thumpity, Thump, Thump Thumpity, Thump, Thump Look at Chaos flee to his room!!
BREAKING NEWS, THIS JUST IN....

CA: Police Capture Stuffed Lion
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Nov 26, 2004

SAN DIEGO -- This lion didn't roar. Police responding to a call about a lion hiding in some bushes in Tierrasanta Thursday managed to capture their prey -- a large, orange and black, stuffed toy animal, a San Diego Police Department watch commander said. Police went to the 11000 block of Tierrasanta Boulevard, above Mission Trails Regional Park, after a passerby noticed what seemed to be a large lion in nearby bushes and called police at about 10:30 a.m., San Diego police Sgt. Rey Armstrong said. A search of the area yielded the stuffed lion. "He's in custody," the sergeant said.

Response:
Submitted by John Burkitt Tue Nov 30, 2004

Does anyone know how many CCs of woollite it takes to dart a large stuffed lion? John B.

Response:
Submitted by (Lee Corbridge, DVM Tue Nov 30, 2004

Hi John. Hmm ... my resources are missing that one. Maybe I need a new formula? Better idea, do a course and travel worldwide and call it The Wild Animal Stuffy Capture and Restraint Course. I'll be more than glad to help teach others how to capture Wild and Endangered Stuffy's using MasterCard or Visa, and darting techniques using proper dosages of Woollite. Any takers?

Response:
Submitted by John Burkitt Wed Dec 1, 2004

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE STUFFED LION IN NORTH AMERICA

An Essay by I. M. Polyfil and Stitch N. Tyme

Stuffed lions (Panthera impostor) are very dimunitive, passive members of the cat family, most of which originated in China, according to the genetic tag on their backsides. They apparently dispersed by two means to the North American Continent, by air and by sea. Another subspecies of Stuffed Lion, P. i. steifii, or the Steiff Lion, originated from Germany. These specimens are highly valuable when found, and represent less than one-half of one percent of populations in the western hemisphere. Stuffed lions occupy three major kinds of habitats: toy stores, automobile rear windows, and bedrooms. They vary widely in appearance, and somewhat inexplicably, those specimens originally found as cubs never mature. One of the more widely recognized types is the Lion King Stuffed Lion - P. i. disneyi - some specimens of which exhibit remarkable behaviors such as purring and magnetic nose kissing. Another widely recognized type is the Cairo Lion, P. i. cairoensis, which is tiny even for a Stuffed Lion, but exhibits a unique behavior described as "hypoallergenic." Which is nothing to sneeze at. // THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THIS COPYRIGHTED ARTICLE CAN BE READ IN 'ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PHYLOGENETIC RESEARCH' BY PAID SUBSCRIBERS. REFERENCE ARTICLE 2B-R-0-2B //
Response:
Submitted by Tim Stoffel Thu Dec 2, 2004
John, next, I would like the see the study they did on the rampant practice of the overfeeding of plush lions in North America. Seems the vast majority of them are stuffed all the time. For the lions, Tim Stoffel

Response:
Submitted by Tim Stoffel Fri Dec 3, 2004
Question: If one is trying to catch a plush lion in a trap, what do you use as bait? For the lions? Tim Stoffel

Response:
Submitted by John Burkitt Fri Dec 3, 2004
Answer: The Velveteen Rabbit. John B.

Response:
Submitted by (Dvcheetah) Sat Dec 4, 2004
Hi Everyone, Tim states that Felis impostor (latin spelling) originates in China. This species, however, is a fairly recent transplant to China, having originated in both Taiwan and Korea. An upswing in the economy in both Taiwan and Korea forced a relocation of the beast to China. My granddaughter was attacked by one of these ferocious animals the other day in a supermarket. We controlled her, however, before she beat the stuffing out of the thing. Cheers, David

Response:
Submitted by Tim Stoffel Sun Dec 5, 2004
If anyone does find themselves under attack from one of these ferocious beasts (That suddenly jump off the shelves (with a little help) when children are present, saying 'buy me, buy me'!), rest assured that they have lots of 'soft spots'. I actually have a plush lion that is so large that I can use it like a blanket. Despite it's not trivial weight, it is so comfortable that after a few minutes you forget you are sleeping under it. The cats like it as well, as they discovered they can sleep on top of it, and be able to stay in place when I do ‘annoying’ things like roll on my side. For the lions, Tim Stoffel

Response:
Submitted by (TellFelids) Sun Dec 5, 2004
Well I must say that Tesha, my caracal got even with one of those lions recently as she first tried to de-fur it, then beheaded it and proceeded to de-stuff the hell out of it. There was no saving this poor soul! Maybe the police department should hire Tesha to do the "stuffed" lion patrol!!!!!!!!

Even us stuffies have Extinction to fear……
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