We bet you can’t spot Phoenix member Cathy Spohrer’s beautiful serval in this picture. Kithissa is a 2 year old adult female. We can see who the Goddess of this house is!
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 upcoming newsletters. The newsletter is an avenue to reach our members who do not have convenient access to our website. We are reaching out to 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, 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.”

Phx Exotics E-List contained 1,179 posts in February. 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 Elist for many more articles, posts and replies.

Letter From Editor - Rhonda Kiker

WELCOME!

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WA (Okanogan County): Big cat owner files claim to keep county from banning
Submitted by David Witts Thu Feb 12, 2004

“Big cat owner files claim to keep county from banning exotic pets” (AP) A Tonasket woman who has tangled with Okanogan County officials over her Siberian tiger and African lion has filed a claim, seeking to overturn a new law banning dangerous exotic animals. Stacey Storm filed a $150,000 claim against the county Monday, alleging the ban amounts to a governmental "taking" of property without just compensation. The new law makes it a misdemeanor for people to possess dangerous exotic animals in the dog, cat, bear, monkey, alligator and snake families after March 10. It's punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a $1,000 fine. In her claim, which eventually could become a lawsuit, Storm also alleges the county violated her constitutional right to due process and to possess personal property. "We feel we're on pretty secure legal ground," County Commissioner Craig Vejraska said. Storm has other options, such as obtaining a U.S. Department of Agriculture license to keep her large feline pets, the commissioner said. But Storm said the USDA has refused her a license and prevented a sale several years ago when she closed her exotic animal zoo. Information from: The Wenatchee World. Copyright © 2004 The Associated Press

WA 6114 Digest
Submitted by Jeanne Hall Wed Feb 4, 2004

I found a short version - a digest - of the bill in Washington State Senate. SB 6114-S - DIGEST, (+ (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) +), Prohibits terrorist acts against animal and natural resource facilities. Establishes penalties for violations of the act. Creates the registry of animal and ecological terrorists. A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to an act that violates this act shall be registered with the attorney general on a form prescribed by the attorney general. The registry shall contain the name, a current residence address, a recent photograph, and signature of the offender. The offender is required to provide written notice to the attorney general regarding any change in name or residence address within thirty days of making the change. The attorney general shall create a website containing the information set forth in this provision for each person who is convicted or pleads guilty to a violation of this act. Information regarding an offender shall remain on the website for not less than three years at which time the registrant may apply to the attorney general for removal after a hearing on the application for removal :) J

6114 letter to sponsors
Submitted by Jeanne Hall Wed Feb 4, 2004

I just sent this to the sponsors of the 6114 bill. A number of them are Senators in and around Lewis county and Deccio was on the committee that amended 1151 (ban bill) to call for a study only last year. :) J
Subject: Thank you for 6114
Hi (name of Senator)!
Just a quick note to say thank you.
Whether this bill passes or not, I want to thank you for sponsoring this bill. Many of us suffer at the hands of these domestic terrorists. Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association supports legal responsible private ownership, which includes the groups of owners listed and we also support pet ownership, whether dogs, cats, spiders or tigers. These domestic terrorists also attack our members who simply own pets. Those pets have been harmed, poisoned, killed, released and harassed in manners similar to what is done to commercial operations. Although pets have been excluded from this bill, the mere fact that something is being done is wonderful!
Thank you for taking this step to say NO.
Jeanne Hall
President
Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association
AU: "No Charges for 'Croc Hunter' Steve Irwin and a reptilian friend"
Submitted by Rhonda (SouthZoo) Wed, Jan 21, 2004

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)"Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin will not be charged with any offense for holding his 1-month-old son while feeding a crocodile, a public display that shocked viewers around the world, authorities said Thursday. Police did not charge Irwin, TV host of the "Crocodile Hunter" wildlife program, after he carried baby Bob into a crocodile pen before a crowd of onlookers earlier this month and tucked him under one arm while handing the four-meter (13-foot) croc a piece of meat with the other, but Queensland's state families department said they would investigate. After interviewing Irwin, the Office of Workplace Health and Safety said there was not enough evidence to suggest that Irwin and his Australia Zoo reptile park had violated any safety regulations. Under workplace safety laws, unauthorized people cannot enter a crocodile enclosure that is part of a public display. There was no evidence Irwin did not have control of the child, said Gordon Nutall, the state's industrial relations minister. Inquiries established that measures were in place to manage the situation within the enclosure, he said. Irwin has steadfastly defended himself against criticism that he endangered his child, and rejected comparisons between himself and pop star Michael Jackson, who sparked worldwide condemnation when he dangled his baby out of a hotel window in Berlin in November 2002. "It's all about perceived danger; I was in complete control," Irwin said at the time of his stunt. "People say, 'Well, what if you had fallen?' But for that to take place, a meteorite would have had to come out of the sky and hit Australia." Copyright 2004 The Associated Press

A little history for newcomers – Shambala
Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Tue Jan 27, 2004

Note from Editor: This post was quite lengthy, but still found to be very valuable knowledge. The article has been clipped for viewing in the news letter – to read entire post, please visit the Phoenix Yahoo Site, Archived Message 32096.

From time to time you will see mention made of Tippi Hedren, Carol Asvestas, and the "Shambala Bill". The bill just signed into law, the "Captive Wild Animal Protection Act", is a watered-down version of the first "Shambala Bill" and is just the cornerstone of a larger effort. To explain what this effort is and where it is headed I refer you to the original "Shambala Bill". Note it is a total and uncompromising ELIMINATION of all exotic animals in the U.S. - with NO exceptions aside from AZA zoos, clique sanctuaries, and research labs. NO exhibitors, breeders, or performers. NOT just pets. Note also it bans many domestics including camels, llamas, alpacas, and ostriches. The final version included more species and was sponsored by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) in the house. These goals have not changed. The people involved, including ASA and TAOS, still openly maintain they are working toward the identical ultimate goal. The bill was resubmitted each year, in a less ambitious form each time, until it was renamed and passed in 2003.

FL: Macaw worth $10,000 stolen
Submitted by Sara Comstock Mon Feb 2, 2004

FL: Macaw worth $10,000 stolen in Deerfield Beach,(AP) DEERFIELD BEACH -- Thieves broke into an exotic bird shop and stole three animals, including a rare macaw worth $10,000, officials said. The Golden Cockatoo Exotic Bird Boutique in Deerfield Beach was burgled sometime between the close of business there Friday and its opening Saturday. One of the stolen birds was a 3-year-old double yellow head Amazon that shop owner Rick Horvitz said he was boarding for a woman who was out of town for her mother's funeral. He posted a $1,000 reward for that bird "because of the situation," he said. His shop was also burgled in 1999. In that case, no one ever came forward with tips leading to the return of four rare show birds despite an offer of a $10,000, no-questions-asked reward. Broward sheriff's detectives are continuing to investigate the incident. Copyright © 2004 The Associated Press
Organization announcement
Submitted by Jeanne Hall Mon Feb 16, 2004
List members who have been on Phoenix for awhile may have noticed a little change we have made recently here in the Phoenix organization itself. Vicki is posting about legislative networking and asking folks to contact her privately, Sara is signing as Newsletter Editor, Cathy Spohrer is announcing the annual meeting, Barry is announcing the Accreditation Project, and quite a few other little changes along this line. These changes are coming about because we have outgrown the usual organizational pattern that has everyone more or less working on everything. Often called the "hey you" form of organization because the work gets done by whoever is available, regardless of who holds what position. We have gotten big enough and have enough folks working that it has become necessary to divide up the organization into areas of responsibility and assign those areas to specific individuals. The entire organizational pattern will be laid out and available for view at the Annual General Meeting in Vegas, then it will be on the website for everyone to check out. This change will allow for increased efficiency and production. Of course, we still have the familiar President, Vice President and so forth as required for the Corporation laws, but we also have a working organizational pattern. We are using existing formats used in other management practices and adapting them to our own specific needs. Titles, Division names, which function belongs in which Division and who does it are still being nailed down but will be completed by the meeting. A quick overview. We have chosen to use a system that breaks the organization into six Divisions: Human Resources, Marketing, Finance, Operations, Quality Assurance and Public Relations. These 6 are further divided into departments and all functions slotted into one of these areas. These 6 are broken into two sections. Human Resources and Marketing in one and everything else in the other. One Officer is over each of the two sections. That is the basic format. Any job or function has a spot on this set up. Makes it easy to see who does what and when. Any job that needs to be done can quickly be assigned to the right area. There is a spot for everyone and every function on this chart. This elist has a spot on the chart too. All of us, as list members, are on this organizational chart in the elist section right this very minute! Some of us have other positions too, and the chart can expand to include just about anything you would like to take on as a function. How come this is being done now? Well, one day I had this wonderful problem. Suddenly we had too many people doing too many things and two people were assigned to functions that were very similar and then another fellow volunteered to do a very needed PR function and then we ran into a question of who approves this flyer....and well, it was time! This is a fun change! I promise everyone will get used to it very easily!
:)Jeanne Pres etc

We need a local Representative Network System
Hi Folks, Phoenix will be initiating a project and we need your help. We all know that States are being targeted to impose ban laws and steep regulation. There are many on list that have worked hard, both on and off list, combating anti-ownership legislation and it keeps coming our way. What we need to do is organize a local and state representative network in order to be proactive where new legislation or regulation presents itself. The ideal set up would be to have division leaders that would cover say (5) states this would depend on how many people signed on to the project) and within that division have volunteers to monitor state and local legislation, write letters, attend hearings, report info to the list, meet with local and state representatives etc. Some of us have more time than others, but any participation is welcomed and appreciated. Rhonda is preparing an example packet (letters prepared by other members in past bills and testimonies given at hearings)to be handed out at the Phoenix Meeting and used as a guide in opposing unnecessary regulation. If any of you are interested in signing on to this project, you can e-mail me privately, (Bigcats10@aol.com). We will also have a table and sign up at the Phoenix Meeting. Hope to see you there,
Vicki
Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting
Submitted by Cathy Freeman-Spohrer Mon Feb 9, 2004
As everyone knows, the Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association's Annual Meeting is coming
up in a very short time! February, 28 & 29, 2004. The event is being held at the Plaza
Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. I just could not contain myself any longer knowing what great
guest speakers. Phoenix will be having! So I had to let you all know who will be at
the Phoenix Meeting to speak on "Solutions". All people at the meeting may not agree
with each other, but the key to this Annual Meeting is that all have been willing to
come together and discuss the past, present and future of Exotics. Possibly some
solutions can come about, maybe not; but remember, all have come together to make an
attempt at "Solutions"! Here's the speaking agenda! See you there Cathy Freeman-
Spohrer, Secretary, Phoenix Exotics

Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc
Annual Meeting: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Turf Club Convention Room
Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.
Meeting Agenda: "SOLUTIONS"

Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting Guest Speakers

*MC, Webmaster of Phoenix Exotics
  Chris Brown

*Lee Corbridge, DVM
  "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

*Dr. Gary Pusillo, Apperon Inc.
  "Optimal Genetic Expression...Naturally"

*Tim Stoffel, Broadcast Engineer,
  "Philosophy of Safety"

*Kat Mills
  "Solutions; It starts at Home"

*Sue Cranston, Executive Director/Co-Founder, Indigo Mountain Nature Center
  "Sanctuaries, The Needs for the Future"

*Barry Needleman, Animal Science Major, Computer Consultant
  "Peer Certification Program Overview"

*Brian Werner, Tiger Conservationist
  "Between the Stripes"

*Jonathon Kraft, Founder,"Keepers of the Wild" Sanctuary
  "The Business of Sanctuary"

*Vernon Weir, American Sanctuary Association

*Robert Gibbens, DVM USDA, Director of Western Region Animal Care

*MC, Chris Brown will adjourn meeting at this time
Highlighted In This Issue:

- Local Representative Network System
- No Charges for 'Croc Hunter
- WA 6114
- Organization Announcement

TO: