This is Tigger a Bengal Tiger owned by Phoenix member Christine. He is 7 years old here.

Cougar named Bently owned by Phoenix member Kim.
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CA: Mountain lion attacks bikers in Orange County, body found - Submitted SaraServal Fri Jan 9, 2004

“Mountain lion attacks bikers in Orange County, body found (AP) LAKE FOREST – A mountain lion attacked two bicyclists Thursday, injuring at least one in Cleveland National Forest where the body of a man who may have been mauled by the same animal was found, KABC-TV reported. Diego Lopez told the television station that he saw the mountain lion attacking one of the women, who reportedly had injuries to her face and neck. "There was a woman holding the victim by the legs, and the cat was latched onto the victim's face," Lopez told KABC-TV. "I picked up a rock and threw it at the cat and the rock hit the cat right on the side of the head and the cat took off straight ahead and let go of the woman." The woman was flown by helicopter to a hospital. Her condition was not immediately known. Telephone calls seeking comment from the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Fire Authority were not immediately returned. The station showed a large turnout of emergency vehicles at the scene. The body of an unidentified man was found near where the attack occurred in southern Orange County, KABC-TV reported. Authorities told the news station that they believed the mountain lion was responsible for both incidents. Authorities searched for the mountain lion late Thursday that they believed was still in the area, KABC-TV said. Firefighters were not allowed in the area unless they were escorted by an armed sheriff's deputy because of the potential danger, the station reported. Copyright 2004 @ The Associated Press.

PA: Missing S.C. Dog Found in Central Pa - Submitted by SaraServal Fri Jan 9, 2004

"Missing S.C. Dog Found in Central Pa." - (AP) WAYNESBORO, Pa. - A dog that went missing in South Carolina was returned to its owners after being found 450 miles away in central Pennsylvania. Bullet, a 7-year-old mixed American bulldog and pit bull, had been missing for three days when he was seen wandering through Waynesboro, just north of the Maryland border. The Antietam Humane Society called the veterinarian listed on the dog's rabies tag, who then notified George and Robin Newman of Gaston, S.C. Robin Newman said Bullet probably got spooked by a neighbor's fireworks and headed for a nearby highway. She thinks someone traveling north probably picked him up and took him along for a ride. Once they found Bullet, the Newmans had to figure out how to get him home. A friend finally offered to make the 16-hour drive, and brought the dog back on Thursday night. "He headed straight for the house and into his bed, and he didn't move until (Friday) morning," Newman said. "He was worn out and, I think, a bit traumatized by the whole thing." Copyright © 2004 The Associated Press.

NC: Spurred By Fatal Tiger Attack, Commissioners Move To Ban Exotics - Submitted by SaraServal, Fri Jan 9, 2004

LEXINGTON, N.C. -- The Davidson County Board of Commissioners has reinstated a moratorium on exotic animals and given a committee 90 days to wrap up revisions to a new animal control ordinance that has been in the works for 14 months. Prompted by the Dec. 14 Wilkes County tiger attack that killed a 10-year-old boy less than three weeks after they allowed a previous ban to expire, the commissioners deliberated more over the wording of the new ban than whether to enact it. "I'll be the first to say that I was wrong," Vice Chairman Sam Watford said Thursday. "It was a mistake not to extend it." Watford had sought a discussion of the moratorium Dec. 18, when the commissioners met in special session to consider industrial revenue bonds. The board decided not to add the item to the agenda that night due to the specific nature of the session. Commissioner Don Truell said he had hoped when they allowed the moratorium to lapse Nov. 25 that it would spur the committee to speed the conclusion of its work. The ban had been extended three times in a year. Priscilla Hege, who has led the animal ordinance review committee since November 2002, said the committee could finish the revisions to the ordinance within 90 days. The next meeting of the animal ordinance committee is scheduled Wednesday. Copyright 2004 by The Associated Press.
NJ: “Man Bitten After Putting Snake in Pocket”-Submitted by SaraServal Mon Jan 12, 2004 (AP) GREENWICH, N.J. A man who police say stole two snakes from a pet store was bitten by one of the reptiles as he drove home from the Franklin Township store. The tiger python snakes were not poisonous, and the 20-year-old man, whom police declined to identify, did not seek medical treatment for the bite to his groin area. Police said the man took the snakes last week, slipping them into canvas bags he had rigged in his pants pockets. As the man headed home, one of the snakes wriggled out of the bag, wrapped itself around his leg and bit him. Police recovered the snakes from the man's home. Officers went there because the man had bought an iguana from the store the same day the snakes were stolen. The man was charged with receiving stolen property. Theft charges were also expected to be filed. Copyright © 2004 The Associated Press

Vietnam: Bird Flu May Be Linked to Deaths-Submitted by SaraServal Mon Jan 12, 2004 "Vietnam Bird Flu May Be Linked to Deaths" - By Margie Mason, (AP) HANOI, Vietnam - A bird flu outbreak that has sickened nearly 600,000 chickens in Vietnam is suspected of being linked to the deaths of 10 children and an adult in Hanoi, the World Health Organization said Monday. Viruses in both the chickens and the people appear to be similar — but further testing is being done. "There is a possible link," said Peter Horby, a WHO epidemiologist in Hanoi. "In the past, chickens have infected people in outbreaks in Hong Kong in 1997 and again in 2003." Horby said he's expected to meet with the Ministry of Health on Tuesday to further discuss the possible connection, but he's optimistic it can be contained. "Whatever they've got, there doesn't seem to be widespread transmission," he said. "It's encouraging that's it's not spreading." In addition to the 11 deaths, three others are sick with the virus. All the cases are in Hanoi. Horby said all the victims are believed to have come into contact with poultry before falling ill. Vietnamese scientists are working to determine whether the disease can jump to humans as it did in 1997 in Hong Kong when six people died from the H5N1-97 strain, said Dau Ngoc Hao, deputy director of the Veterinary Department in Hanoi. Most of the sick chickens have surfaced in the southern Mekong Delta provinces of Long An and Tien Giang where officials continued a cull. Last week, 81,000 chickens also were buried at a Thai-owned chicken farm in northern Ha Tay province, some 25 miles west of Hanoi. Almost 600,000 chickens have fallen ill countrywide. The virus, which is mutating quickly, has also begun spreading to other poultry such as ducks and geese, said Hao. He said there were no reports of humans sickened by a similar virus in the southern provinces. Samples of the bird flu have been sent to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but results were not expected until next week. About 1.1 million chickens and ducks were culled last month in South Korea to contain a bird flu that broke out there, and officials in Japan on Monday said 6,000 chickens had died there and thousands of others would be slaughtered. Copyright © 2004 The Associated Press

CO: Exotic cat handler pleads guilty to animal abuse, receives probation-Submitted by SaraServal Mon Jan 12, 2004 Jennifer Steiskal (AP) Almost two years after he's charged with animal abuse, a Colorado man says he's guilty. Ken Alvarez pleaded guilty yesterday to two counts of improperly housing potentially dangerous animals, namely 28 exotic cats you may have seen at the Sturgis Rally in 2001. Three months after the rally, the cats were seized near Keystone. Alvarez was originally charged with 56 misdemeanor counts of inhumane treatment, but most were dropped with the plea agreement. Alvarez was ordered to pay five thousand dollars restitution and sentenced to two years of suspended jail time. Alvarez has also served jail time for federal charges and remains on federal probation. Copyright© 2004 The Associated Press
SD: Cougar fear spreads - Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Mon Jan 12, 2004 - "I guess after years of activists pumping up irrational fear of caged cats we should have expected this." "South Dakota officials check out purported mountain lion sightings" (AP) The Game, Fish and Parks Department has been checking out reports of mountain lions in northeastern South Dakota. One report, from a landowner north of Leola, turned out to be false, said Joe Galbraith, a conservation officer who oversees Edmunds and McPherson counties. Galbraith is still looking into an Elm Lake resident's report of a big cat in the area. "Nothing's been confirmed," said Galbraith. Wildlife officials say it's rare for mountain lions to attack humans. Last week, however, a mountain lion killed a bicyclist in Southern California. Authorities think it's the same animal that mauled another cyclist later that day. Before that, California had 13 mountain lion attacks in the past 114 years. "And only five of those resulted in deaths," said Steve Griffin, a GF&P wildlife biologist who studies the cats. The state began studying mountain lions in 1997. California has an estimated 4,000 and 6,000 adult mountain lions, compared to about 150 in the Black Hills and maybe 15-25 on the prairie, the GF&P says. Galbraith said sightings are rare. "People are pretty interested (in mountain lions) around here," he said. The most recent confirmed sighting in northeastern South Dakota was in the mid-1980s in the Selby area. Officials captured it and released it in the Black Hills. Those winding up in the eastern part of the state usually are males pushed out of the Black Hills during territorial disputes. People should report mountain lion sightings to their local GF&P office right away, Griffin said. Also, he said people need to use extreme caution if they encounter a mountain lion. "A cat on the prairie is in a less than desirable habitat and can become a problem" because they might have trouble finding food, he said. "When they're hungry, they'll attack whatever's available. They're one of the top predators and they will attack humans." People should not run away because the cat's instincts will take over and it will automatically give chase. People should back away slowly and never turn their backs, he said. The big cats like rugged terrain, Griffin said, adding that northeast South Dakota's prairies aren't suited to their hunting style of jumping down onto prey from a rocky perch or tree. "There are reasons why a cat might not stay in northeast South Dakota. The cat might realize there's just nothing out here for him," Griffin said. Copyright © 2004 The Associated Press

PA: Game commission sued to force it TO regulate EXEMPT species - Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Thu Jan 15, 2004 "Inspired by serval case?" "Game Commission sued over regulation of boar hunts" (AP) The Fund for Animals has sued to challenge a decision by state Game Commission officials that boars in a pay-to-hunt facility in northern Pennsylvania are not subject to the agency's regulation. The suit claims that some of the animals available to be hunted at the Tioga Boar Hunting Preserve in Tioga County including Russian and European boars are protected mammals that may not be hunted because state regulations do not permit it. The 200,000-member national anti-hunting group wants Commonwealth Court to issue a cease-and-desist order against the 1,500-acre preserve, said attorney Gordon A. Einhorn. The business' price list includes $495 for boar, $495 and up for Corsican ram, and $2,000 and up for buffalo. Some of their animals, Einhorn said, "cannot be hunted without specific authorization, and there is no authorization under state law." The Game Commission lacks jurisdiction over swine, said spokesman Jerry Feaser. Tioga Boar Hunting Preserve holds the required animal propagation permits for deer and elk, he said, and has latitude about hunting other species on its private property. "Let's put it to you this way, for comparison. If I'm a farmer and I have some dairy cows, and I decide for some reason to allow some people to come in and shoot them, there's nothing the Game Commission can do," Feaser said. Mike Gee, a guide at the preserve, said the plaintiffs "have got too much to think about." "We just hope that people around the state and the Game Commission and all our lawmakers have enough sense to not let this happen," Gee said. Copyright © 2004 The Associated Press
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