This is a 7 week old baby Kinkajou owned by Phoenix member Samantha of Samantha's Amazing Animals.

When he grows up he will be around two and a half feet long. He has a prehensile tail that allows him to swing through trees like a monkey. But he isn't related to monkeys at all. He is actually related to raccoons.

Kinkajous are very gentle creatures. In the wild they love to eat honey. Some people even call them "Honey Bears". They also eat fruit, small birds and their eggs, small mammals, and even bugs.

They are fairly common in the forests of South America. They can live to around 20 years old.
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 588 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 E-list for many more articles, posts and replies.

Letter From Editor - Rhonda Kiker

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 that 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. If you wish to see any of our past copies of the newsletters, you may go to website, http://www.PhoenixExotics.org/

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2004 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting DVD and/or VHS

I would like to announce that the long awaited DVD master copy has arrived of the 2004 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting that was held at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting is available in DVD or VHS format. This has turned out terrific and is 4 1/2 hours long! The DVD and VHS case is beautifully done with the Phoenix Exotic Logo, the theme of the meeting is "SOLUTIONS" and where the meeting was held, nicely done!! A "Wanna get this" for sure!! For all those that want to order a DVD (2 discs) or VHS (2 tapes for better quality) we have tried to keep the cost to a minimal and as close to cost as possible. We are only sending in orders of 10 or more at a time in order to help keep the cost down.

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Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics
Kinkajou!
By: Penny Stoven

Scientifically known as *Potus flavus* and other names including nightwalkers or honey bears. There are approximately 14 different subspecies. The average lifespan is 20-25 years but they have been known to have lived up to 40 years. Maturity for males is 18 months while females reach maturity at 30 months. Breeding is year round for captive kinkajous while in the wild it is usually in the fall with births usually beginning in April. Gestation is usually 98 to 120 days with one cub but they have also been known to give birth to two but is somewhat rare. Females are in cycle approximately every 3 months. The courting session is usually started by the male sniffing and nipping at the females throat and lower jaw. Hand rearing is usually done with bottle feeding a mixture of puppy Esbilac and yogurt with at least 4 feedings per day. Aquariums are often used when they are this age to help regulate their temperature. Stimulation for bowel movement before and after feedings is necessary. Introduction of other foods is done at about 4-6 weeks of age and weaning is usually completed at 3-4 months. In the wild the mother will nurse between 3-5 months. They are nocturnal (great pets for you night owls) and arboreal (tree-dwellers) with poor vision so they depend on their sense of smell and touch. Kinkajous communicate with each other by scent-marking around their areas and routes. Scent glands are located on both sides of the face at the bare areas, at the corner of the mouth, on the throat, and on the abdomen. Although they have no noticeable odor to humans. They also have a wide range of signal calls, from soft chirping to barks and shrill screams [usually at feeding time or in defense of their food]. The size varies depending on subspecies average size is 16-25 inches body size and with a tail length of 15-20 inches, which is prehensile. They can also turn their hind feet backwards, which aids them into a head first decent. Average weight being about 3-8 pounds. Their tongue can be up to 6 inches which aids them in nectar extraction in the wild which is a main food source along with various fruits. But they are also known to eat insects, eggs and frogs. While Kinkajous are classified as *carnivores* (meat-eaters), they are primarily *frugivorous* (fruit-eaters). This places them in the role as a carnivorous pollinator. Captive diets usually consist of monkey biscuits, a variety of fruits (especially tropical fruits) such as bananas, papayas, mangoes, melons, kiwis, grapes, pineapple, pomegranates, cherimoya, figs, etc. Also supplements of meat, egg, vegetables and yogurt. Some treats are Fig Newtons, honey, and Fruit Loops cereal. Milk products other than small amounts of yogurt are not recommended because kinks are lactose intolerant. Avocados, strawberries, chocolate, and caffeine are to be avoided as well. Caging requirements by the state of California is 40sq.ft with the height of 7ft.. Many elsewhere go by a minimum of 4x8x6 cage but as always the more space given the better. Recommended wire size is 1 inch x 1 inch. Flooring in most cases is concrete. I personally recommend the heavy rubber stall mats as used in most dairies and stables. Branches, ledges and cotton ropes should be provided. Parrot toys work nicely as well. A hanging pouch or hammock also works nicely as a sleep area but should also include a nesting box. When using a minimum sized cage, it is highly recommended that time be allowed outside the cage for enrichment. A heating source when weather is below 60F is necessary and a heating lamp over the nesting box usually works nicely. Average body temperature is 100-101.5. Vaccinations include canine distemper and feline leukopenia. Kinkajous are not usually litter trained but they will normally go in one area so linoleum pieces are usually used in these areas for easy clean up. Secured feed bowls [parrot type feeders] are highly recommended so they don’t dump their food but heavy ceramic dishes can be used as well. A water bottle should be included with a water dish so they have clean water available. They are well known for dirtying their water so the water bottle will ensure that clean water is available. In conclusion you will find kinkajous docile, gentle, inquisitive and are considered by many as a loving pet. But
beware at feeding time they are very protective of their food. Kinkajous in the wild are dwindling because of the loss of much of it's habitat of the rain forest as well as to fur hunting. Hopefully with captive breeding programs, this beautiful animal will not be lost and we will be able to appreciate this little "Honeybear".

What’s up?
Submitted by Bob Nevin Thu Jul 22, 04

I can read these news reports about a boy getting his arms ripped off and a man eaten Alive in Italy. Just do a Google search and type in “Pet Lion” or “Pet Tiger” and whammo, it gives you all these news accounts on mailings etc. I have had enough of that. It makes us look bad. It seems every time there is an accident more laws get imposed on us. Enough is enough. Sucks that only bad things get reported and not the good ones then more restrictions are thrown on us. I hope and pray that as responsible owners we can shower the good reports here and make them known all over the WWW. That's how we can turn the tide and defeat the powerful PETA et al type lobbying. If I want to own a lion and get certified to handle and take care of it from a specialty training and educational institution, have adequate facilities and permits, give it lots of, respect, love, and attention, then its my right to own one. PERIOD. and believe me, I'd make damn sure that only good reports come out and not bad ones. So where are the positive reports about owning a lion, tiger or other large predators? Please see this link so you know what I'm talking about. Its the best site I've seen with so much positive stuff. Its really fantastic! http://www.qadesh.com/index.html. Thank you Bill Frazier for being responsible owner and for taking the fear out of being around a special large cat. Through your work many people feel more at ease. Outstanding work! Thank you.

FL: Tarzan's tiger killed
Submitted by (rune.raion) Tue Jul 13, 2004

By JILL BARTON, ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
LOXAHATCHEE, Fla. -- A tiger that escaped from the home of a movie actor who once played Tarzan was shot and killed Tuesday after it lunged at a state wildlife officer who was trying to capture it. At least two officers approached the tiger, and one was going to try to shoot it with a tranquilizer gun. But the tiger lunged at one officer, who had to shoot in self defense, said Jorge Pino, a spokesman with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "Needless to say, the owner is very distraught. We're distraught," Pino said. "Our concern was to recover this tiger alive and well." A dozen wildlife trackers and sheriff's deputies had searched more than 24 hours for the tiger, which escaped Monday. They had kept watch Tuesday around a five-acre perimeter, hoping to catch sight of a 600-pound tiger named Bobo who escaped from a nearby home. But Bobo eluded authorities and his owner, Steve Sipek, who developed a soft spot for jungle beasts after playing Tarzan in B-movies decades ago. Besides the 6-year-old Bobo, Sipek has another tiger, a panther, a cougar and lions on his five-acre compound.

RE: [Phoenix_Exotics] BoBo is Dead
Submitted by John Burkitt Tue Jul 13, 2004

This is posted as a eulogy for Bobo. As such, please do not reply.

The Gentle Kingdom
By Heaven's waters sweet and clean
A herd of wildebeests is seen
Relieving thirst, and by their side
The members of a lion pride.
A cub and calf engage in play
As side by side their elders lay
And angels kneel with mercy mild
To touch the calf and lion child.

(Rest in Peace, Bobo)
-- John Burkitt
A Thank You to Phoenix Exotic Members
Submitted by Cathy Spohrer Fri Jul 16, 2004

Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association has come to a point where its purpose and beliefs are becoming well known. In fact, it is apparently being considered a very "loud voice" throughout the country. Phoenix Exotics currently has over 700 members covering the whole United States, Canada and Europe. This speaks for itself; for without all of you members, Phoenix would not be heard as loudly as it is in the fight for legal, responsible private ownership. Phoenix Exotics wants to thank each and every member for their contribution to exotic animal education, the rights of legal, responsible private ownership and so much more. A huge thank you to all of you for making Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association what it has become today! My sincere gratitude to all members of Phoenix.

Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics

Did you know this about animal bites?
Submitted by Don Jester Wed Jul 7, 2004

Center for Disease Control in WA. state
If your pet is an animal other than a dog, cat or ferret, it will need to be sacrificed for testing. Because the incubation period for rabies in animals other than dogs, cats or ferrets is not known, we cannot safely confine the animal and be able to recommend treatment in a timely fashion to the victim. Treatment for rabies in a victim is only effective if given before symptoms show up. Once symptoms occur, it is too late for the victim and the result is death.

Arlene

Organizational Staff update
Submitted by Jeanne Hall Thu Jul 15, 2004

Hi! We announced our new organizing chart or org board in February at the Annual General Meeting. Since then, the board has been out of date almost constantly due to growth! Growth is a good thing, but keeping up with it on the website is not easy. We have done some refining to make the organizational structure easier to understand. First, we moved the Corporate boards to their own section at the top of the board. So, you will not see titles such as President, VP and Secretary in the working part of the chart. Those are corporate titles and positions. The positions on the chart are job titles. We are using a chart with 6 divisions.

Current heads of these divisions are as follows:

Executive Director - Jeanne Hall - in charge of all 6 divisions and their managers

Establishment Executive Secretary - Vicki Windland - in charge of first two divisions, tends to creation and establishment as well as marketing

Organizational Executive Secretary - Cathy Freeman Spohrer - in charge of finance, organizational operations and quality assurance

Publics Executive Secretary - to be announced - in charge of public contact and tending to those needs

These postings were done some time ago so many of you are already aware of these title changes. Although belated, Welcome to your new posts Vicki and Cathy!! :)

Jeanne Hall

P.S. If any member would like to help with Phoenix ongoing projects or learn about how to become more involved, please feel free to contact the president of Phoenix or myself and if you are ready to start now, our Establishment Exec Sec, Vicki, can be contacted directly! Always lots to work on and have fun doing it!!
Peer Review and certification system update
Submitted by Barry Wed Jul 14, 14 2004

Greetings Everyone, I'd like to take this opportunity to give you an update on what's going on with the peer certification and review system. Right now we are working toward the official release of the peer review checklist system on August 29. For those of you unfamiliar with the checklist system, it's a way to review ones knowledge of exotic animal care. By completing the comprehensive listings on legal issues, enclosures and husbandry, it can help you review many issues about exotic ownership you may not be aware of. If one already raises exotics, the checklists can help strengthen your husbandry practices by highlighting areas you may not have considered. Later this fall, we will be offering peer review photo inspections. With this peer certification system, applicants will fill out a detailed questionnaire and submit a series of photos documenting their operation. The application and photos will be reviewed by the Phoenix exotics Peer review committee. As we work toward getting this system operational, I will post more information. I am very pleased we are closing in on our goal of finally having a viable peer review and certification system for exotic animal owners. I'm sure once we have this completely up and running, we will both improve the overall care of our animals and show the general public what we already know; that we are safe, responsible exotic animal owners. Finally I would like to thank the members of the preview committee for their help in making this system a reality.

Barry Needleman, Chairman
Phoenix Peer Review Committee

MN: Kraft case: Some charges dropped
Submitted by (rune.raion) Tue Jul 27, 2004

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) _ A federal judge has thrown out one of two charges filed against Racine animal park owner Ken Kraft. The U-S attorney's office says the judge dismissed one count of conspiracy against Kraft; his wife, Nancy, and Robert Baudy of Center Hill, Florida. Nancy Kraft is no longer a defendant in the case. All three were charged last October in U-S District Court for violated the law by purchasing a rare tiger, transporting it across state lines, and then falsifying it's records. Ken Kraft and Baudy each still face one other charge. Copyright 2004 by AP

July 4th and pets
Submitted by Penny Stoven Fri Jul 2, 2004

Hello All. With the 4th of July Celebrations about to start I thought this would be a good time to offer a reminder about fireworks and pets. Watch for signs of stress. Some general signs are shaking, boisterous behavior, hiding, attempts of escape, lack of appetite, diarrhea, and loss of bladder control. Precautions … Check all enclosures and make sure they are properly secured. Keep pets indoors when possible. Keep the television or radio playing to drown the sounds of fireworks. Extra bedding material can also provide comfort. Keep identification on collared animals. Make sure you have a current photo in case your pet gets lost. If your pet is overly sensitive you may discuss this with your veterinarian your pet may need tranquilizers. Do not bring pets out at this time but if necessary a carrier will provide more security and be more settling to pets. I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday! Penny
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