Who is this royal looking caracal, you ask? Well, it is none other than Sue Arnold’s King Tut of Arnold’s Exotics. He is one of the males used in their breeding program and loves to have his picture taken, as we can tell. Sue says that his favorite thing in life—besides his “women” is having his belly rubbed!
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.”

Phoenix Exotics E-List contained 976 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!

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Name(s)_________________________ Phone ______________________ Dues __________ x $10 __________
Mailing Address ________________________________ Total enclosed: __________
E-Mail Address ________________________________

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

Signature_________________________ Second Signature ________________________

Please enclose check or money order.

Mail to Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, PO Box 1132 Chehalis, WA 98532
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.

To order:

DVD's: $19.95 + $4.95 for shipping and handling
VHS: $25.95 + $4.95 shipping and handling

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Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics
D.E. THE NEW FAD IN ANIMAL HEALTHCARE
Submitted by Penny Stoven Sat May 15, 2004

The new fad ...Diatomaceous Earth as a de-wormer. Read this before you decide to try DE. Diatomaceous earth, a substance taken from the soil, is being promoted as a natural de-wormer. It is the silicon skeletons of ancient plankton that settled to the sea floor. It is an approved food additive as an anti-caking agent or as an inert carrier not to exceed 2 percent of the diet. As a de-wormer, it would be considered an unapproved new animal drug, and has not been proven to be either safe or effective for this purpose. There was a recent study that found DE was not effective as a de-wormer. This study, completed at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, concluded that diatomaceous earth had no effect whatsoever on fecal egg counts or packed cell volume in sheep. Because of its sharp abrasive structure, DE works well on external parasites and stored grain insects, but in the stomach fluids, it loses much of its abrasive ability. Also, many internal parasites migrate out of the digestive track to other organs, such as heart and liver, and the DE can't touch them there DE has also been shown to chemically tie up nutrients in the stomach, perhaps key dietary nutrients. DE is irritating for both animals and people to breathe. Examples of Marketing DE...It is a non-toxic, safe substance made up from crushed fossils of freshwater organisms and marine life. Crushed to a fine powder and observed through a microscope, the particles resemble bits of broken glass. Deadly to any insect and completely harmless to animals, fish, fowl or food. Most insects have a waxy outer shell covering their bodies, DE scratches through this shell causing the insect to dehydrate leading to eventual death. How is it they make claims that it is completely harmless? If inhaled this can do damage to the lungs...this is a known fact! Do you want to consume diatoms [broken glass?] which do not decay? What happens when a quantity gets built up into the lungs or intestinal tract? Diatomaceous Earth mode of action for insect and parasite control is strictly mechanical. The microscopically sharp edges contact the insect or parasite, and pierce their protective coating, so they soon dehydrate and die. The larvae is affected in the same way. This makes Diatomaceous Earth an excellent and totally natural control, with no indicating of mechanical or chemical damage to the animal tissue. It can be used as a dust for fleas, lice and other external pests by rubbing into the coat of the animal. When dusting an animal the problem of inhaling or making contact with the eyes is an added risk factor they don't discuss. Both internal and external parasite and insect pest control will result in improvement in health, appearance and behavior, as well as assimilation of feed, which means improved weight gain and lowered feed cost. They lay claims here where there is no scientific data to back them up. If it kills internal parasites what prohibits it from causing damage to the intestines of an animal. I was under the assumption DE has to be dry to kill parasites. Now it can be wet? They can't seem to make up their minds. Diatoms are a unicellular organism not subject to decay so what happens when these diatoms are accumulated in the body of your pet? Their bodies are characterized by a silica shell. You do need to be cautious with your use of DE. Inhaling it can cause lung problems. (It's a fine dust.) It's OK to eat, but don't breathe it. Use a mask when applying DE. (I think the FDA has now approved it for large-scale eating. I really love this one. I think the FDA has approved it for large scale eating. Its okay to eat just don't breathe!!!) Diatomaceous Earth - Experimental Feeding of Codex Food-grade Diatomaceous Earth to Zoo Animals Richard Smith, Hallwood Inc., Animal Food Specialties, Grand Rapids, Michigan A mixture of feed incorporating 2% diatomaceous earth was sent to three zoos for evaluation. John Ball Park of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Brookfield Zoos of Chicago Illinois; and Buffalo Zoo of Buffalo, New York. John Ball and Buffalo Zoos reported that their black bears on the special feed showed a better coat and clearer eyes. The primates fed at the Brookfield Zoo displayed a pronounced improvement in both appearance and behavior. Stool samples taken at all three zoos showed an absence of any internal parasites - adult or egg.

(continued...)
Parasites in these animals were present prior to using the diatomaceous earth food mixture. I have personally contacted these zoos. They had no idea what I was talking about. They then informed me that they do not use DE nor have they ever. This one here is a blatant LIE. Silicosis is a disabling, nonreversible and sometimes fatal lung disease caused by overexposure to reparable crystalline silica. More than one million U.S. workers are exposed to crystalline silica, and each year more than 250 die from silicosis. There is no cure for the disease, but it is 100 percent preventable if employers, workers, and health professionals work together to reduce exposures. Why would anyone in their right mind use this to feed to their animals??? As a scientist explains that pure DE products vary greatly, because it is not just what we see with the eye that is important. It is the shape of the diatom, the natural pH, micron size etc. and even the content of minerals and silica. This is why there is so much controversial information. When comparing products, their characteristics vary; similar to comparing soil samples on your property. It is all soil, but analysis is different. There is no one rushing out to do research because you can't really patent that kind of info, so the large companies can't make a $$$.

It is definitely buyer beware. Diatomaceous earth has absolutely NO efficacy against intestinal helminthes. Studies performed at the Ontario Veterinary College 2 years ago showed feeding DE does nothing to reduce worm burdens. The FDA has not approved DE as an internal parasite control. So in conclusion do your homework before feeding unknown substance to your animals as well as yourself.

NY: Wolves return to NY
Submitted by (rune.raion) Tue May 25, 2004
Wolf's return to N.Y. state after 100 years sets off controversy
BY MICHAEL VIRTANEN
EDINBURG, N.Y. -- The night Russ Lawrence shot dead the first confirmed Adirondack wolf in a century, the big canine wasn't alone. It came for the hunter's bait on a winter night with another animal. "It wasn't as big, but it was a pretty good size," Lawrence said. "That's why I figured it was a female." At first, Lawrence figured he'd killed a record-sized coyote that January night in 2002, and he contacted state conservation officials. It was a healthy 85-pound male, more than twice the average coyote size, but with the same features and color as its common relative. Two years later, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service took tissue for genetic analysis and found it was pure gray wolf. That conclusion quickly raised more questions: Had a loner wandered down from the upper Midwest or Canada? Was the other animal Lawrence saw a gray wolf, too? And the big one: Had wolves, once at risk of extinction, made their way back to the Adirondacks? Wildlife experts agree they haven't, because populations would be noticed, as they have in the West and upper Midwest. The animals, also known as timber wolves, tend to live in small packs, move around, vocalize frequently and hunt. But the kill touched off a new round of debate over whether to bring the wolf back to New York. Farmers say coyotes are enough of a problem already, preying on young calves and other livestock. But some advocates of reintroducing the wolves say the animals would help the environment. "If they're filling essentially the same niche, does it make a difference whether we call it a coyote or a wolf?" said Al Hicks, wildlife biologist for the state Department of Environmental Conservation. "I guess it's whatever makes you feel better." AP

NV: Roy Horn to speak
Submitted by (rune.raion) Mon May 3, 2004
LOS ANGELES -- Maria Shriver is taking on an assignment for NBC: illusionist Roy Horn's first interview since he was mauled by a tiger on stage in Las Vegas. Shriver, who stepped down as a "Dateline NBC" reporter after husband Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected California governor last fall, is now an NBC contributor handling special projects. Horn will speak to Shriver about the tiger attack last October that nearly claimed his life and the difficult recovery that has followed, NBC officials said Friday. The 90-minute special will include interviews with Horn's doctors and Siegfried Fischbacher, his partner in the now-ended "Siegfried & Roy" show that included rare white tigers and lions. No air date was announced. AP
Hunter and Lea's Project
Submitted by Evelyn Shaw Fri May 7, 2004
With all of the press coverage on Hunter and Lea's project, I would like to provide information and clarify the intent of this project to those who may be hearing about it for the first time. I began to formulate the concept of this project in 2003 based on the very personal and tragic experience which cost the lives of two very special servals. I will be forever saddened by their deaths and it was that deep pain and sorrow that motivated me to try to make sure that in the future other animals have the benefit of more knowledgeable and organized rescue efforts. That experience taught me that we can not expect the police to understand exotics. This is not their responsibility. It is not their area of expertise. They are here for public safety. Hunter and Lea's Project was formed to help the animals so that the public is protected. Our goal is to educate and assist the police, fire or others on the dangers, or lack of danger involved as it pertains to each species and each situation. We assist in a safe capture if at all possible, or the relocation of animals that have to be removed from their present situation. We also help with domestic animals that end up in the wrong area. Hunter and Lea's Project is animal owners and handlers and other volunteers with animal knowledge, such as veterinarians, game wardens and animal control personnel and state-licensed wildlife rehabilitates that have joined up and agreed to be available to help emergency response teams when they have to deal with exotic animals. The Project is open to all, it is not just private owners, it is broad-based and we welcome anyone who is interested to contact me at Hunterandleasproject@y to learn more about this project. I have worked hard to locate and invite all animal species handlers, so that we now have a network of volunteers with experience in reptiles, monkeys, exotic felines, horses or native animals such as raccoons, owls etc all across the state of Ohio. Recently the lion sightings in Ohio have gained Hunter and Lea's Project national attention and we are grateful for the positive press and support by so many. The Columbus Zoo has participated in the search efforts and their expertise has lent the effort much needed assistance. It is my goal to help develop future cooperation with the experts that work at municipal zoos, because they bring with them equipment and knowledge that help to strengthen our ability to be truly helpful in saving lives. I would also like to think A Zoo for You, Rescue One and the other Volunteers that came to help. I will be personally thanking Columbus Zoo for their involvement and inviting representatives of the Columbus Zoo and the other municipal zoos in Ohio to officially join this project. We are thankful for all of the help the gave recently. I would like to encourage each of you to start this type of a project in your state or area. Thanks, Evelyn Shaw

Short Inspirational Piece—Crossposted by request from felines-l
Submitted by John Burkitt Thu May 20, 2004
Some of you may remember me from "The Catamount" which I published for about three years. I still write pieces for some animal welfare charities. This is a piece I wrote for a front page story, and you are free to use it in your own work if you wish. Just drop me a private mail so I'll know you got some use out of it...that's my "payment."
MEETING THE NEED: Benjamin Franklin once said, "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." Actually there are several things that are certain. Right now someone is trying illegal drugs. Right now a homeless person is finding shelter for the night. Right now someone is being rushed into a trauma unit for emergency surgery. Right now a homeless animal needs a place to live. Matter of factly, before you finish reading this page, all these things will have happened more than once—perhaps several times. Yet since September 11, 2001, the money available to make our world a more humane place has shrunk dramatically. We lost more than the World Trade Center on 9/11, more than our sense of safety. We also lost our grip on what is unacceptable, and we lost our resolve that unacceptable things will not happen on our watch. We blame terrorists for the downturn in the economy, but can we blame them for our retreat from charitable giving? A popular bumper sticker after 9/11 shows the American
IN: Attorney Appointed For Canine Accused Of Being Wolf-Dog
Submitted by (SOUTHZOO) Fri May 21, 2004
CROWN POINT, Ind. -- Plenty of lawyers have dogs -- but how many dogs have lawyers? At least one. And his name is Cabic. Lake Circuit Judge Lorenzo Arredondo appointed an attorney Thursday to represent Cabic at a hearing to determine whether he is a wolf-dog hybrid. For Cabic, the outcome is a matter of life and death. Cabic bit one of his owner's neighbors in Cedar Lake. That point isn't being argued. But the 10-day quarantine that's mandated to determine if an animal has rabies doesn't apply to wild animals. And wolf-dog hybrids are wild under Indiana law. So, if Cabic is a wolf-dog, his head has to be removed and sent to the state Health Department for testing.
Highlighted In This Issue:

- D.E. – The New Fad in Animal Healthcare
  by: Penny Stoven
- MN: Exotic Ban Bill Passes in Senate
- Hunter and Lea’s Project

We will have a feature article written by Penny Stoven entitled Introduction to Wallabies. Penny has experience working in an educational capacity with wild exotic and domestic breeds of animals. Penny is an active member of the Phoenix e-list and has graciously decided to contribute educational articles to our monthly newsletter. We greatly anticipate Penny’s submissions.

WELCOME PENNY!

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