My, what big ears you have! Everyone, please meet Rhiannon Mac Duhb, or Lil' Rhi. Only, she is no big, bad wolf, though. Kat Mills is the proud owner of this endearing beauty.
Welcome from President - Jeanne Hall

My name is Jeanne Hall, I am the President of Phoenix Exotic and would like to briefly 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 536 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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Name(s) ____________________________ Phone ____________________________ Dues _______ x $10 ______

Mailing Address ____________________________________________

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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Phoenix Exotic Peer Review System
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Thu Oct 21, 2004

The Phoenix self-evaluation checklists are now available. The link to the lists can be found on the Phoenix Exotics main web site (http://www.phoenixexotics.org). Note that you will need to register to use the system but, all information is strictly confidential. We appreciate your efforts and desire to take an active role in the self evaluation phase of the Peer Review System, and look forward to establishing a system that will help all of us work towards improving our standards of care through responsible behavior. The self-evaluation checklist is a checklist to give yourself a good idea of what it takes to have an exotic or check how you meet the check list requirements. The core of the Phoenix Peer Review System, once up and running, will only help better our lives with exotics, the exotics’ lives and the public. Once the Phoenix Peer Review System is fully operational, you will be notified by the Peer Review Committee. Your participation is key to making this a success. We look forward to working as a team into the future. Right now we are not offering reviews of checklist submissions but we will soon. The Phoenix target is the end of 2004. Also we welcome any comments you may have about the checklists. Remember, this is your system to assist everyone in exotic animal care. If you would like to contribute a checklist to the system, please contact Barry Needleman, PAManager@PhoenixExotics.org or write to Phoenix Exotics Wildlife Association, PO Box 1132, Chehalis, WA, 98532.

Your Exotic Stories Needed!
Submitted by (Colette) Thu Nov 11, 2004

It’s time to let you know that we can use your stories! We are looking for ALL stories so please do not hesitate in sharing a little bit about your beloved fur child (or fur children) with us. Primate stories are still very much needed. We are beginning to submit stories to the editor. If you would like to have your primate story in the book, now is the time to get those in. Photos to go along with the stories are always appreciated. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have a book available at the meeting in February? The only way that can happen is to have members participate. Come on! Let’s get these books going!
Colette
Book Project Coordinator
Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc.

Rescued animals get new home
Submitted by (Bigcats10) Wed Oct 20, 2004

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- Two Bengal tigers and two wolf hybrids get a new home today. The S-P-C-A of Texas says the animals had been at an unaccredited zoo in Corpus Christi for several years. Their new home will be the Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio. S-P-C-A says the male tigers -- named “Titan” and “Thor” -- weigh about 450 pounds apiece. The wolf hybrids are adult females. Animal control officers in Nueces County last week contacted the S-P-C-A of Texas to negotiate the transfer. An ordinance bars ownership of wild and exotic animals in Nueces County.
PA: Hershey bill examines oversight of wildlife
Submitted by (southzoo) Thu Nov 11, 2004

A study on the laws and regulations pertaining to exotic wildlife in Pennsylvania and which state agency should have regulatory control over such animals has been unanimously approved by the House, said Rep. Art Hershey (R-Chester), author of the legislation. "The number of citizens owning and breeding exotic wildlife in Pennsylvania has greatly increased over the past decade," said Hershey. "With this increase, questions and problems have arisen that need to be addressed concerning breeding, housing, health and safety issues. "Clearly, our laws and regulations pertaining to exotic wildlife need to be updated to meet these new challenges, and a decision on whether the Department of Agriculture or the state Game Commission should have oversight needs to be determined." Hershey's resolution directs the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the existing laws and regulations, as well as to examine the feasibility and suitability of transferring the regulatory authority of exotic wildlife maintained in captivity from the Game Commission to the Department of Agriculture. According to the resolution, the Joint State Government Commission would present its report to the House of Representatives by Dec. 31. Hershey became involved in this issue following a situation in Chester County involving the seizure of small exotic wildlife by the Game Commission that led to public outcry. "This is an area of animal management that needs more investigation," said Hershey. "We have to make sure that these animals are being treated and housed properly and that there is no threat to human or animal health or safety." "I look forward to hearing the commission's report, which will provide the legislature with information on how best to improve current policies," said Hershey. ©ParkesBurg Post Ledger 2004

Sedalia MO - passed city ordinance banning certain animals
Submitted by (Bigcats10) Thu Oct 21, 2004

Sedalia welcomed two new canine officers to its Police Department on Monday night. Council members also passed an ordinance banning large numbers of farm animals and some exotic animals within city limits during a regular meeting of Sedalia City Council. Sonja and Meta, both Belgian Malinois, were greeted with applause from a packed room as they were escorted in by their police handlers. The dogs were purchased, complete with training, thanks to $15,000 in donations from the community. Many of the donors were on hand Monday. "As you know, these are drug-detection dogs, so if anybody has to leave the room now would be the time," Police Chief Ted Litschauer said before introducing the animals. "The community really came through for us in a way I've never seen in my career." The dogs are trained to smell out drugs and will be handled by Det. Phil Steward and Det. Daniel Keltner, who are both members of the Police Department's Drug Enforcement Unit. The officers, who work alternate 11-hours shifts, will bring out the dogs on each shift and be on call, Chief Litschauer said. City Council also passed an ordinance Monday to ban chicken farms and other large animal operations in city limits. The ordinance restricts the number of chickens, geese, ducks and turkeys residents may have on city property to 25 per 20,000 square feet. It also requires that no domestic fowl be kept within 100 feet of the front of a property line and no closer than 30 feet from side and rear boundaries of properties. Domestic birds other than those listed in the ordinance, including emus, ostriches and peacocks, will not be allowed on property within city limits. The ordinance also restricts the number of large farm animals on properties within the city to one horse, pony or mule per 10,000 square feet of property and one cow per 20,000 square feet. Any other large animals not listed will be banned. "I think in most lots and most neighborhoods there won't be enough space to have a cow," said City Attorney Anne Gardner. Animals already living in the community, including an emu, will be grandfathered in.

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**St Louis may adapt ordinance governing exotic ownership**
Submitted by (Bigcats10) Wed Oct 20, 2004

AP - BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. - Bay St. Louis officials are discussing whether they should adopt an ordinance governing the ownership of exotic animals. The discussion comes after a pet 17-foot Burmese python escaped from an apartment building and wasn’t found for four days. Residents in and near the apartment complex have led a campaign against owning exotic animals. Paulette White, who lives next door to the apartment building, said she felt uneasy when the python could not be found last month. "If you lived in our neighborhood last month, you were absolutely terrified," she said. City council members say they have researched other cities’ policies to find a solution that is fair, but they want to continue looking at options before adopting an ordinance. Councilman Bobby Compretta said he understands why the issue is important to some residents. "I'm scared of a 6-inch green snake, much less a 17-foot python," Compretta said. "I think we should have something prepared in about four to six weeks."

**Response:**
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Nov 17, 2004

That's for sure. If it weren't for help from you, I might be circling somewhere in Pakistan during the meeting! <g>

**Response:**
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Thu Nov 18, 2004

Now Rhonda, if you are going to get lost going to Las Vegas, get lost via my area, pick me up, then we can get lost somewhere over the Caribbean, have the plane land on a private island we can take over and claim as our own. "Feline Heaven"!
Cathy
P.S. Oh yes, we have to make sure we have all our felines onboard the plane with us!
Hello all. This last weekend was a great weekend to have been at the zoo. I was treated to some unique behaviors I have never observed before. One of these was Kenya the lion chasing his tail. Kenya would start running in small circle, intent on catching his tail. The circle would get tighter and tighter until he fell on his back. He would roll around, and end up with his nose sticking out from between his back legs! He did this five or six times in the course of the day. I didn't know a lion could do that! The second one was one of those priceless moments when you wished you had a camera. I'm sure you have all heard the slang term 'pissing match'. Well, we actually had one on Sunday. Lion Kenya and liger Hobbs were checking each other through the fence. (It's been a few months since these cats were in a configuration where they could meet face-to-face.) Each of them then turned around, and lifted their tails. They stood there, rear-end to rear-end, about 10 feet apart, tails raised as high as they would go, for about 30 seconds. It was hard to tell how much actual spraying went on. In any case, it's moments like this that make all the hard work worth it! Today, I had the day off from work. They were shorthanded at the zoo, so I did cats for the third day in a row :-) Afterwards, I hung Christmas lights on the inside of the perimeter fence just outside the big cat exercise run. While doing this, I received lots of 'help' from lion Jambo, who had to smell every thing I was handling. He wanted my box of supplies very badly. And, he would sneak up and 'surprise' me, just to see if I was paying (enough) attention. The project went very smoothly with such fine 'help'! Last but not least: Not satisfied that her man Kenya can do a good job spray-marking, lioness Sierra has decided to begin spraying! But, she has decided I need spraying! She has now tried twice (unsuccessfully!) to thoroughly spray me. Unfortunately for her, she needs some 'spraying lessons' from Kenya! (Up to this point, in the three years at the zoo, I have never seen Sierra spray.) I hope these stories lighten your day and give you courage to 'fight the good fight'! For the lions, Tim Stoffel

Response:
Submitted by (InSyncExotics) Tue Nov 16, 2004

Here's a couple for you. We have a tire swing in the enclosure for the lions. Dinari, lion will put his head through the tire and tip toe in a circle winding up the chain until it is in such a tight knot that he has to stand on his tip toes. After the chain is tied up as much as it will go he will lift up his back feet, hang on with his front feet and spin. Funniest thing I have ever seen him do. We also have pissing matches all the time. Tigers Emma and Eric will stand on one side while 4 feet across Saber and Lucca on the other side and will just drench each other till someone else will come stand right in the stream of things. It's like they like bathing in it.

Vicky Keahey

Response:
Submitted by Jean Ervin Tue Nov 16, 2004

We have a bear "Teddy" that does the same thing with a tire that your lion does!
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