Kia is a charmer, and ever so clever!! She loves nothing more to than to lure people in with her somersaults and tumbles, but beware she has ulterior motives.........
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 745 posts in October. 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/

Our thanks goes to the “Associated Press” for granting a non-exclusive license to reprint materials online for the purpose of this newsletter. Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc., membership fee is only $10.00/annually. A check or money order can be mailed along with any inquiries you may have.

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Membership & Membership Renewal Form

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
NOW AVAILABLE ON AMAZON!!!!

Now available online at http://www.Amazon.com with a beautiful glossy, color soft cover!

Phoenix Exotics is proud to present the first in a series of books on Responsible Ownership of Exotic Animals. This book is 115 pages long with photos and illustrations. Presenting real life tales of small exotic cats and their dedicated owners, heartwarming, yet unafraid to inform prospective owners about the potential for hard times, as well as good, in such deeply held relationships.

Nearly 20 authors including a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, a Doctor of Chiropractic, Veterinary Chiropractic, pet owners, breeders, sanctuary owners and folks who have been involved with exotic cats for many years have created a must read. Now, in their own words, exotic owners speak out.

This book gives them voice:

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5 Copies $32.00
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50 Copies $200.00

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PLEASE NOTE!!!!

Prices have not changed if you purchase directly from Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association. Bulk rates remain the same. This is a great deal for the price. Definitely take advantage of the savings so you can share this treasure with friends and colleagues!

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.

To order :
DVD's: $19.95 + $4.95 for shipping and handling
VHS : $25.95 + $4.95 shipping and handling
(check or money order)

Payment can be made to: Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association P O Box 1132 Chehalis, WA 98532

OR http://www.paypal.com
payable to:President@PhoenixExotics.org
*note:please add $2.00 extra if ordering through paypal for paypal fees.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cathspohrer@metrocast.net
Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics
Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting is always free and open to the public. Remember folks, all registered attendees can bring their exotic animals to this great event. (Restrictions apply)

Friday: February 25, 2005 will be a day dedicated to Guest Speakers from all over discussing the rights of individuals and all working together for the welfare of animals. There will be ample time for questions & answers and a round table forum.

Saturday: February 26, 2005 will also have Guest Speakers from mid morning until mid afternoon. Then the fun begins!

Location:
Bonnie Springs located in the Red Rock Canyon minutes from the Las Vegas Strip. Below you will find the web address and phone number.
www.bonniesprings.com or Tel: 1-702-875-4191

Call to reserve your room now! Rates on rooms are based on double occupancy and a block has been reserved under Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association. (refer to Phoenix when making reservations)

**Restrictions on exotic animals:**
1. Owner must sign a waiver stating that they are responsible for any damage incurred by exotic animal.
2. Deposit may be required (if no damage by exotic, deposit will be refunded upon departure)
3. Any owner bringing monkeys must have them in cages at all times when in the motel room
4. Weight requirement: exotic animal must be under 40 pounds
5. Use any and all safety for exotics, other attendees and public.

Transportation: (From and to airport if flying in)
Bonnie Springs uses a company that is average in cost for transportation needs. Call to get further information: Star Land Tours, 1-702-296-4381

There are other transportation options at the airport.

**Note:** Bonnie Springs rooms, any needed transportation and all meals except dinner is the responsibility of attendee.
Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Book Series

Hello once again everyone! Below is my plea for more exotic stories from all of you which also tells you all about our book project! The primate people have been doing a fantastic job in contributing stories and I thank each and every one of them for sharing a part of their lives and giving this project some of their time as well. We need 25 more primate stories to see that particular book become a reality so for those of you who share your life with a primate, please send in your stories for we would LOVE to see this book published this year. After all, it is the Year of the Monkey! If you have more then one story to share, that would be fantastic! Photos would be a nice thing to go along with your stories but only if you want to share one. Without further ado, here is my note asking for stories and telling you about the book series. I look forward to seeing a full inbox! Thank-you for your time,
Colette
Book Project Coordinator

Animal Rights
Submitted by (chakal) Fri Oct 8, 2004

THE BILL OF ANIMAL RIGHTS
1 - Cougars shall have the right to kill white tailed deer
2 - Cowbirds shall have the right to push other nestlings to their death
3 - Yellow jackets shall have the right to sting anyone for any reason
4 - Humans shall have the right to remain silent

John Burkitt

Q & A

Question:
What is the best place to buy Oasis vitamins?

Answer:
Oasis, simply the best there is out there for your exotic animals, can be bought at:

http://www.apperon.com
or
http://www.arnoldswildlife.org

Robin

PA HR 797
Submitted by (Reynolds) Fri Nov 12, 2004

HR 797 originated from the problems that I had with PGC. I pushed my local state representative (Art Hershey) to draft legislation to take the handling of captive born animals away from PGC and turn it over to PA Dept of Agriculture. We had over 2,000 signatures in support of the this legislation. I also have the support of PA State Grange and PA Farm Bureau. Instead he did HR797. We have conflicting laws in PA. Also Title 34 is very vague and open for interpretation. I am not the first person to have problems. I am the only one that has fought them in court and through our legislators. I am still waiting for a hearing with the Commonwealth Court to address the appeal/cross appeal of my case. I have spoken with a women from the Joint Staff Commission and gave her lots of information. They are just a research facility. They will present their study to the House sometime in Dec. Then the work will begin to right the new legislation.

Sandy
Fennec Fox Experience
Submitted by (lovemyroo) Fri Oct 8, 2004

I have had a fennec and waiting for a new baby soon. He was excellent in the house! He never dug or tore up anything. There are some that will. We could leave him unsupervised (like a cat); many of you would not want to do that. Just depends on your particular fennec and its personality. But, I did have a wire dog crate that was his "home" when he was unsupervised. When we were not at home, I did keep him there. He was very content to be there and would nap. When I was home he was out most of the time. He even would be in this "home" a lot on his own. One thing I have to say and this is just my belief system but so far has not failed me. Train them, talk to them, teach them, just as you would a child. Let them know their boundaries early on. Another thing I believe helps is to get your pet from a tiny age and bottle feed it! Learn what you can about their natural behaviors. Don't try to change its natural behavior work with it. Being outside is a tough one. My first boy was exceptional there. He was allowed in time to be free roaming in the back yard. This is not done with a fennec! Most will dig out and then are gone! He had several companions in the back yard he played with and I saw in time he was very content to play and hang out with them. Little by little I took the leash off and then stepped inside a second and then eventually gave him the outdoor time on his own. He never offered to dig or get through the fence which had places big enough for a fennec to easily get through. He didn’t care. Don’t assume anything with a fennec. I would advise having it on a leash at least at first to see his personality and what you think it may do. They are very fast! Socialize it with other people as much as possible when it is a baby this will be very beneficial as it grows into adult hood. I do animal education programs and mine are socialized from tiny babies and they are friendly with everyone they meet. They can be very loving and tender hearted. Hope this helped. Teresa

Fennec Fox Questions
Submitted by (durkriswen) Fri Oct 8, 2004

I might be getting a Fennec fox *someday*, but I don't know much about them or if I am even equipped to take care of one. Some websites I visit say they make excellent pets, other websites say they don't. Right now I think all I have for containment are some dog crates. I had a two story ferret cage but I don't think I have it anymore, it might be in the basement. My house is small and I don't have outside containment. Can Fennecs be left to roam the house freely when I am home, like a cat? Some people I have talked to do this but put them in a crate or other containment when gone. One place I visited claimed they NEVER make good house pets and can't be trained as such. So, what info do you have on these foxes? How good of a house pet do they make? Can they be let outside to run around (supervised) or do they have to be kept leashed so they don't run away? What sort of things would you suggest I get/have no matter what in order to be able to properly care for a Fennec? What are some of the negative things I would have to put up with as a Fennec owner? Are these guys sort of like slightly large ferrets? What is socializing them like? Is it like with some wolfdogs where they have to socialize from early pup-hood and throughout their adult life to keep them from becoming unsocial with strangers? I am not getting one right now of course, but I want to start learning about them ASAP because I have my heart set on having one someday. Oh, and do you have any book suggestions for a wannabe-Fennec owner?  ~Seij

Fennec Fox Scent
Submitted by (stafflex2003) Sat Oct 9, 2004

Lemon juice will sometimes eradicate the smell of foxes. i.e. if your dog rolls in where a fox has been when you’ve been out for a walk. Rachel.
Exotics on music video
Submitted by (tigers9) Wed Oct 6, 2004

I just saw a music video by WEEZER, "Island in the Sun" that featured exotic animals, like lion, leopard, chimpanzee, bear...according to their website, there are two versions of the video though.

NY: Own a lion? Better tell the state
Submitted by (SOUTHZOO) Tue Oct 12, 2004

By: RICHARD ROTH 10/12/2004
STOCKPORT-Town residents here and around the state have been put on notice that any wild animals they're harboring must be registered annually with the Town Clerk, on or before April 1. Failure to do so can result in a civil penalty of up to $250 for the first offense and between $250 and $1,000 for subsequent offenses. Town Clerk Sandy Alger made the announcement at the Town Board’s regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 6. The General Municipal Law calling for registration was passed in 2002, but implementation was delayed to allow time for drafting a comprehensive list of animals subject to the requirement, according to Department of State spokesman Peter Constantakes. Town clerks will turn the information over to police agencies, fire departments and first responders. "Mainly, [the registration] is so that if somebody's responding to a fire or something, they'll know there might be a snake there or some other wild animal they should know about in the house," said Mr. Constantakes. Patricia Doxsey of the Kingston Daily Freeman contributed to this story. ©The Independent 2004

OK: Sluggish economy hurting Broken Arrow animal sanctuary
Submitted by (SOUTHZOO) Tue Oct 12, 2004

BROKEN ARROW, OK. -- The president of an animal sanctuary in Broken Arrow says a sluggish economy is making it difficult to care for the adopted animals there. Lori Ensign says she's seeking donations to help operate the nonprofit Safari's Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary. She says the facility takes care of more than 200 animals, including wolves, bears, primates and big cats. The animals eat about 150 to 250 pounds of meat a day, and Ensign says the rising cost of beef has put a pinch on costs. Ensign also says the sanctuary has already seen a slowdown in visitors because of the cooler weather. The final blow came when the sanctuary had to change insurance companies, boosting their annual costs from $1,800 to $6,500. Copyright 2004 Associated Press.

MI: Bobcat struck by car
Submitted by (SOUTHZOO) Mon Oct 18, 2004

HOLLAND, Mich. (AP) -- A car driving on U.S. 31 struck and badly injured a male bobcat, an animal seldom seen in the southern end of the state. Holland police found the injured 30 pound bobcat lying in the highway's median late Sunday morning. Because of the severity of its injuries, including a broken leg and possibly a broken back, the animal was euthanized by a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The officer, Ivan Perez, said while some bobcats are kept as pets, he believes the one found Sunday was a wild animal. It had no tags or tattoos, a common way to mark an animal, and its claws had not been removed. He said it's possible the bobcat found in Holland lived in the nearby Allegan State Game Area. Adult bobcats usually stand about 18 inches to 2 feet tall and eat small game, such as squirrels, rabbits and mice. They are solitary animals except during mating season.
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