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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

Phoenix Exotics E-List contained many posts in April. 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 ____________________________________________________________
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 ________________________
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 second in a series of books on Responsible Ownership of Exotic Animals. This book is 144 pages long with photos and illustrations. Presenting real life tales of Monkeys 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.

Real life owners with real Monkeys in their families, including published authors, Board members, politicians, medical and mental health professionals and owners who have been involved with Monkeys for many years, have created a must read. Now, in their own words, exotic owners speak out.

This book gives them voice:

**LISTEN!**

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**2005 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting DVD and/or VHS**

I would like to announce that the long awaited DVD master copy has arrived of the 2005 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting that was held at the Bonnie Springs, Blue Diamond, Nevada. The meeting is available in DVD or VHS format. This has turned out terrific and is 9 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:

**DVDs:** $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  
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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 The Snake

By Jackie Klakken

I wanted to share an experience with as many people as I can of my encounter with a wonderful snake. Phoenix has brought knowledge, experience and a new understanding regarding having a snake as a pet. He is wonderful and without him in my life there would be so much missing. Phoenix came to me May 2004 severely emaciated and with mouth rot so bad his mouth was stuck together by dried pus and the infection was so bad that the odor was nauseating. The infection was eating away at his face from not being treated from a rat bite. I took him to a vet and we gave him Baytril injections for 10 days along with Sub-Q fluids twice a day in 3 spots each time, we also tube fed him 60 cc's of AD cat food mixed with Pedialyte. He had his first solid meal approximately 14 days after treatment started. From then his recovery was incredible and ongoing.

He is a great eater and very boisterous and opinionated. He has done about 3 outreaches after a 6 month recommended quarantine; he was very successful in teaching people responsibility. He loves to interact with people. He has reached many peoples' hearts. In December of 2004 I decided I would take him in for a complete exam and have several tests done on him. We did a repti panel, C&S on his saliva and a microscopic stool. Results are stool was negative, saliva had 2 strings of salmonella at moderate growth (they do have a normal level of salmonella in saliva and stool and also normal level of e-coli in stool). He received 4 injections of Amikacin .2ml over a 2-week period of time. But unfortunately his system was so full of IBD (Inclusion Body Disease) that was found in the blood it is abnormal to find in a blood test, until it advances through an entire system, and it was confirmed through 2 pathologists on slides. IBD is believed to be a retrovirus, so basically Phoenix has snake Aids.

So what does life hold for this guy now? His initial owner was irresponsible and now I can offer him only quality of life. I am very happy to make his last time here with me as pleasant and happy as possible. He has added so much to my life it will be difficult to let him go when the time comes. But I do have one hope for him. I have come across a special natural medicine called Salivaris that has in the past changed the shape of a retrovirus cell. Do you think Phoenix deserves a chance? I do and I am willing to put this time into him. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. If you ever get to meet him he will add so much to your life!

Since I wrote this article, the natural treatment did not work, the little guy was too far gone and his skin started tearing all over. With sensitive skin I decided not to do any more antibiotics as they burn and dehydrate, so I released him from pain and suffering. My goal was to give him quality of life and with the support of my friends who loved Phoenix my snake, I know he is in pet heaven and is happy healthy and all healed. He will continue to stand beside me and educate and even if he saves only one snake from suffering, he was worth all I had to give. Phoenix is in my heart forever and I sent a piece of my heart with him. Thank you for letting me share this wonderful story!!
Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting 2005 DVD's

For all those interested in getting your own DVD or VHS of the Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting 2005, "Solutions", I will be putting in an order in the next 2 days. Many have purchased a copy and I am sure they are excited to watch it! Don't miss your chance to get one now! The DVD's and VHS of the Phoenix Annual Meeting make for a great collection of discussed issues on exotics, what we can and can not do for them. Suggestions, tips, concerns and where is the future going. Order yours now! Thank you. Cathy Spohrer-Freeman Secretary

(Editor’s Note: For more details and order information, see ad page 3.)

ALERT!

Please contact your legislators

Ask them to: Oppose HR 1329

The Captive Primate Safety Act is a federal bill and affects all primate owners. Please act soon before it is too late!

(PE Responsible Ownership Book Series)

Just to explain a bit about the Phoenix Exotic responsible private owner book series; our first and second books of this ever blossoming series are available now. The books are titled 'Friendly Felines-Small Exotic Cats We've Known and Loved' and "Monkey Moments-Living with Monkeys". Both are wonderful books compiled of owner stories and photos of how their exotic animals have enhanced their lives. You can purchase these books either through Amazon.com by doing a search for 'friendly felines' or 'monkey moments' or you may also purchase directly through Phoenix at bulk prices. These books are designed specifically for distribution to the public. The books are very professional looking and appealing to the eye.

These are not money maker books for Phoenix. We have priced them low and produced in bulk so that we can hand them out all over.

More books are to come. Come on and get your stories and pictures into us! High resolution pictures are needed for printing but low resolution pictures are fine to send with the story. Remember that this is your chance to speak to the public. Please don't let it slip by! If you would like to submit a story and photos for the Phoenix Responsible Private Owner Book Series, submit by either standard mail or by e-mail to:

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Phoenix Exotics Peer Review Accreditation System

Spring has arrived and with it a promise of sunny skies for all of us and our exotics. The next step in the Phoenix Exotic Peer Review Accreditation System will begin in a very short time! I would like to announce The Photo Inspection System. This is exciting news and an excellent opportunity for us all to double check how we are maintaining our exotics through diet, enclosures, vet care and so much more. It can not be said enough how committed we are in providing the best for our exotics. However; many times a second eye or objective view may or may not find areas that may need or could use improving. The Phoenix Peer Accreditation System is here to help us ensure a quality life for our exotics.

At this time and in beginning this step in the program, I am asking for a few volunteers to test the Photo Inspection Program. This will allow us to see that all is in order and working well. Any and all new programs always have some fine tuning to do. All who participate in the Photo Inspection Program will be given a number as the photos pass through the inspection process so that all applicants will remain anonymous. Only the committee secretary, who will not be an inspector, will know the name of the applicant. No one will be allowed to gain information or knowledge of the applicant. For those interested in participating in the beginning stages of testing the Photo Inspection Program, please send inquiries to PAManager@phoenixexotics.org.

CONGRATULATIONS!

With your hard work, WA 1151 and WV 277 were defeated this year! Here’s to our continued success through commitment in teamwork and dedication in working towards the same result for states facing similar bills.

Sumatran tracks?
Submitted by (Herald Maxwell) Thu Mar 17, 2005

I was recently in Banda Aceh Indonesia, volunteering aid for the tsunami survivors. One of the doctors had just returned from Lamno, a village between Banda Aceh and Calang. He witnessed "large cat like prints nearly the size of ones hand." He would not commit to it being a tiger, only that it was a very large print, two or three times the size of a large dog, and more round. I asked if he remembered seeing claw imprints but he could not remember seeing or noticing them. With the lack of wild dogs, and what few are there, are small terrier types. I feel strongly that he did in fact witness a cat print. Made me wish I had been working in the Lamno area. Anyway, I hope to go back in about 6 weeks. Maybe I will get lucky. Max

Groups want pet tigers banned in U.S.
Submitted by (biglion) Fri Mar 18, 2005

I'm glad there are groups who want to have tigers, lions and bears (oh my) and other so called "dangerous animals" as pets. At least the animals then will not be in danger of being poached if kept as a pet! This banning is getting out of hand and I blame the media for blowing "negative stories" way out of proportion! Maybe we should start thinking about reversing banning legislation rather than just defending what little scraps of freedom we have left. DOWN WITH PETA! -biglion
Dallas Zoo revamps policy on escaped animals
Submitted by (southzoo) Thu Mar 17, 2005

(AP) "The Dallas Zoo has revised its policy to deal with escaped animals, a year after a gorilla leapt a 14-foot wall and went on a rampage before being fatally shot by police. The four-page policy released Wednesday puts police in charge of containing escaped animals, reversing a plan where Dallas Zoo officials were in command of animal escapes within the zoo's perimeter.

Jabari, a 13-year-old, 340-pound gorilla, escaped from the zoo March 18, 2004, when he leapt over a habitat wall. During a 40-minute rampage, Jabari snatched up a toddler with his teeth and injured three other people before being shot to death by officers. Police and the zoo were criticized for communication breakdowns and a confused response to the emergency. A police department commander was faulted for rushing out of the office to an off-duty job instead of going to the scene of the escape.

The revised policy authorizes officers to kill an animal that has escaped the zoo's perimeter or is a threat to people. According to the policy, officers can kill the animal if it is threatening to escape the zoo's boundaries, even if there is no immediate danger to humans. The new policy includes training sessions for police officers and zoo employees on how to deal with animal escapes.

Previously, officers were expected to watch a 10-minute training video on what to do when an animal gets loose, but few officers saw the tape. "We just felt when we were assessing everything that it made far more sense for the police to be ultimately in charge," said Dallas Zoo director Rich Buickerood, who helped draft the policy.

A spokeswoman for the American Zoo and Aquarium Association said the Dallas policy was unusual among larger zoos. "Inside the perimeter, the zoo staff is in charge," said the spokeswoman, Jane Ballentine. "Outside, it becomes a matter of the police being in charge." In December, the city agreed to pay a $10,000 fine levied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates the nation's zoos, over the incident.

Woman convicted of falsifying documents at game park
Submitted by (southzoo) Fri Mar 25, 2005

(AP) MINNEAPOLIS - A 63-year-old Racine woman was convicted Thursday of falsifying documents in the illegal trafficking of wild and endangered animals. The woman, Nancy Kraft, ran an animal brokering business and game park, BEARCAT Hollow, with her husband, Kenneth Kraft, 67, who pleaded guilty last week to similar charges and to lying to federal agents. Nancy Kraft was also convicted of conspiracy in the illegal sale of a variety of animals, such as leopards, lions, tigers and grizzly bears, from 1999 and 2003. The convictions were in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis. The Krafts could each face 21 to 27 months in prison under federal sentencing guidelines. The park, which opened in 2000, has been closed for several years.

Henderson judge rules family can keep emus as pets
Submitted by (southzoo) Wed Mar 30, 2005

(AP) The emus can stay. That's according to a Henderson judge who ruled that a family can keep two emus as pets. The city had argued the birds are wild animals and should not be allowed. Municipal Court Judge Douglas Hedger did find Henderson resident Louis Andrews guilty of a misdemeanor for violating the city's ordinance by not getting permission from her neighbors to keep the emus on her property. But Hedger said he would suspend the $347 fine if, in the next 30 days, Andrews gets her neighbors' permission. Andrews says her three neighbors have already said they're willing to allow the emus. The resident who filed the complaint in September no longer lives in the neighborhood.
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Coming next month!!!

- Get your animal stories in to us.
- Herp Article by Jackie Klakken!