Look at this face. This is one of Don White’s White-handed Gibbon Apes residing at American Primate Educational Sanctuary. What lovely creatures, indeed.
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.”

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Letter From Editor - Rhonda Kiker

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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.

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Senate version of the Captive Primate act (S1509)
Submitted by (Bigcats10) Thu Jul 28, 2005
The bill S1509 was introduced on 7/27/05 and referred to the committee of environment and public works. The bill amends the Lacey act by adding primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife.

The text is not up on the web, but I assume it will be viewable shortly. It is strange that this was introduced so late in the session. It looks like they have the month of September to get this done.

Vicki

Announcement: Primate Seminar notice
Stephanie of Bow Wow Productions will be doing a Primate Seminar in California in August. Stephanie gave a talk at the Phoenix meeting in February which was fabulous! While she had baboons in attendance at our meeting, at the seminar she will have 10 different primates, including a chimp.

The seminar will cover two days and there will be two trainers. Below is the notice:

Join us for an exciting, informative, fun filled weekend with monkeys in Geyserville, California August 27th and 28th. At this two day event you will learn about primate behavior, health issues, training techniques and much more!

This seminar will be taught by animal trainers Kevin Keith and Stephanie Taunton. You will meet several talented monkeys that have performed in feature films, national commercials and live shows.

Get up close and personal with a variety of different primates and learn about their social structure, how they think and how they interact with each other.

Cost for the two day seminar $300.00. Lodging and food accommodations available. For further info call Stephanie at (408)621-0620 or email bowwowprod@aol.com

OR: Fire roars near exotic animal sanctuary
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Jul 30, 2005
(AP) LAKE CREEK- Gusty winds and scorching temperatures helped push Southern Oregon's largest wildfire of the season toward an exotic-animal sanctuary.

The fire jumped a fire line and burned into the night through rugged terrain east of Lake Creek. At least 650 acres of forestland had been consumed by late Thursday, said Oregon Department of Forestry spokesman Brian Ballou. A firebreak had been established around 85 percent of the blaze, but crews were not able to contain flames being pushed east toward the Oregon Tiger Sanctuary.

Firefighters worked to keep the compound protected from the flames, which were burning less than a half-mile away.

Fire officials initially wanted to use air tankers to create a "retardant line" around the sanctuary. They later decided to intentionally set a fire up a steep hill immediately northeast of the sanctuary that would meet the main blaze and divert it away from the compound and a few nearby homes.

But officials decided Thursday afternoon to let the Wasson fire continue to burn in the forested area, as swirling winds kept flames from aggressively making their way toward the sanctuary. Ballou said the intentional "burn-out" fire plan could again become an option, depending on weather conditions.

The sanctuary opened in 1991 and is home to dozens of tigers, lions, leopards and primates that were previously abused or neglected.
Penny Torres, the sanctuary's founder, and others moved several tigers away from the property's west side and into temporary cages. "It's the best we can do, because we want to save their lives," Torres said. The animals "feel the anxiety with all those fire trucks here. They can smell the smoke. They've never seen this before."

**Legislation Limits Regulations Regarding Service Animals**
Submitted by (south zoo) Mon Jul 25, 2005

(AP) OKLAHOMA CITY -- A new Oklahoma law allows people with disabilities to keep service animals without interference from cities and towns. The legislation was sought by Dale Atkinson, who has multiple disabilities and walks with the aid of a crutch, after he gave up a Capuchin service monkey named Merlin in December because he could not afford an Oklahoma City animal license.

Atkinson believed animal control officials were going to confiscate Merlin because he had not purchased the required license by a Dec. 31 deadline. Fearing she would be tranquilized and might not survive, he turned Merlin over to another man with disabilities who lived in rural Oklahoma. The man later died and the woman he left the monkey with has moved to Louisiana, apparently taking Merlin with her. "So I just lost her. I told her we'd never be apart, and I let her down," Atkinson said, beginning to cry again. City officials said the painful separation was unnecessary. "We never asked him to give up the monkey. We never threatened to take away the monkey," said Catherine English, the city's superintendent of animal welfare. "We just wanted him to comply with the law" by getting a license. English said Atkinson instigated the episode by inquiring whether he had to have a license for his service monkey. Once Atkinson revealed Merlin's presence, city officials had to be sure he complied with the law by purchasing the $25 license, English said. "We're not interested in confiscating an animal unless it is abused or vicious. He just didn't want to comply," she said. Atkinson, who lives on about $650 a month in disability benefits, said he couldn't afford the $25 fee - or the extensive veterinary examination required to accompany the application.

Monkeys and other non-human primates are included in Oklahoma City's exotic animal ordinance, which took effect in March 2000. City officials began drafting the measure after learning that someone was keeping a lion or tiger in a cage and there was nothing in city ordinances to prevent it, said Kathie Wrights, assistant to the city manager. Monkeys and other non-human primates were included because they can carry diseases that are dangerous to humans, Wrights said. But an assistant municipal attorney, Rita Douglas-Talley, said it appears the city ordinance may have to be amended to exclude service animals now that the state has passed a new law. "We're going to have to really look at this, but of course we are not going to do anything in violation of state law," she said.

**Circus features "liger," lion-tiger mix**
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Aug 7, 2005

(Salamanca, NY - AP) What do you get when you cross a lion and a tiger? Go to the Cattaraugus County Fair to find out. Featured at the fair this week are performances by a trio of "ligers." The cross-breed survives only in captivity, according to Bob Moyer of Wambold's Circus Menagerie. Moyer says the liger's mother is a tiger and its father a lion. The liger's life span is about 20 years, and they have small manes like a lion's and light-colored stripes like a tiger. He says their diet is similar to a tiger.
The Hair Project
Submitted by (Mbrafford) Tue Aug 2, 2005

Well school starts tomorrow and I will be getting the kids started on our project. I have had a few arrive and am very anxious to get the rest of the samples because the Mayor of Lakeland, Florida is ready to come in and give up some hair, he laughed for about 30 minutes, when I said I had MARE hair, and wanted MAYOR hair also. He is a good guy.

Anyway the local press seems to think my hands-on approach to science is worthy of some press, right down to the hair, scales and poop.

If you have the hair, fur, scales, please send it so I can give a complete story, definitely not a negative story.

I just brought in 3 sheep skeletons, and a Brahma Bull skeleton minus the skull. Some reassembly was required, especially after the near accident. I had them in tubs, in some order when I got cut off. I slammed on the brakes, and what sounded like giant bamboo wind chimes came forward. Bones were everywhere, even on the dash. Wouldn't that have been a sight for a cop, if I had hit the idiot? Serial Killer or Science Teacher?

Please send what you have. I am ready, and I know that exotic animal owners are for education, not all the negative crap that comes over the airwaves and in print.

Thanks in Advance,
Mark Brafford
c/o McKeel Elementary Academy
411 North Florida Ave.
Lakeland, Fl. 33801

Exotic cats and catnip
Submitted by (Nekomi) Wed Jul 27, 2005

My friends and I were having a discussion today about my domestic cat's response to catnip, and wondered how everyone's exotics respond when given a catnip treat. I'd love to hear some funny stories about this! How much catnip does it take to get the big cats to respond, anyway? -Amanda

Responses:
Submitted by (sea-aggie) Thu Jul 28, 2005

The exotic cats I've worked with don't seem to care one way or another about catnip. However, give them fresh cedar (or juniper) and they will gnaw on it and rub on it for hours. There is a similar, though muted, reaction for cedar scents (oil) put in the enclosure.

Kameron

Submitted by (cathspohrer) Thu Jul 28, 2005

As far as my exotics, not one of them will even bother with catnip. There are many things that a cat will go after as if it were catnip such as perfumes or spices. I have two exotics that will die for some honey mustard or pepper rubbed into a cloth. Just a very small amount of this will keep them happy slobbering and rubbing for a good hour!

Cathy

Submitted by (pinky56528) Thu Jul 28, 2005

We have a different experience here. Our bobcats, Canadian and Siberian lynx all love catnip. One smell puts them into a big purring mass of fur rubbing! The kittens on the other hand will have one smell and they back up. I guess it's something that they have to be a little older to enjoy.

Cheryl
Submitted (gabrielle3) Fri Jul 29, 2005
My fennec fox loves catnip! We even bought catnip "bubbles" and he goes nuts for them.
Gabrielle

Submitted by (cathspohrer) Sat Jul 30, 2005
Speaking of bubbles, I tried the catnip bubbles and got no response from my cats! I got some bubbles that don't pop right off. They last awhile. I can't remember the product name, but purchased them in the toy section of a store.

Felines just love these! It makes piles of bubbles on floor, on the cats and all over the place. They try to chase and pop them! Once touched they pop!

Submitted by (bobcat purr) Sat Jul 30, 2005
I haven't tried catnip with any of the exotic cats, but I have found pumpkin pie spice, allspice, and apple pie spice have the same effects as catnip on the following species of cats: bobcats, servals, Canadian and Siberian lynx, ocelots, margays, tigrinas, pampas cats, and some jaguarondis. We see lots of rubbing, rolling and just general clown behaviors, although I have also noticed it doesn't really seem to matter to the cubs. Like Cheryl said maybe they just have to get a little older.
Sandra

Submitted by (wolf dancer) Mon Aug 1, 2005
Another thing that makes them go ga-ga is when I go down to a hunting supply place and pick up several scent attractants such as fox urine, pheasant attractant, elk estrus, etc. They have a ton of options so that you can pick your favorite "prey". Pleasant, I know. Don't spill it on yourself. Your long-suffering spouse will just NOT understand. Just surreptitiously squirt it on toys, poles, tree trunks, etc...

I also have a boomer ball that I squirted stuff into, and then squirted stuff onto.

It is quite amusing to watch them try to hold the ball still enough to scent-mark upon. Mine like the elk estrus and the fox urine best of all I've tried so far.

Kat

**Vaccine Question**
Submitted by (crazyanimallady) Mon Aug 1, 2005

I was wondering if anyone could tell me the kind of vaccine that I can buy and use for distemper for my bobcat fennecs, swifts, skunks, and coons. I feel it would be cheaper to do it myself rather than take a bus load to the vet.

Thanks, Mandy

**Response:**
Submitted by (cougar time) Sat Aug 6, 2005

For the bobcat, try killed vaccines by Fort Dodge PCT. However, you need rabies - ImRab 3 by Merial; and it will only be recognized if a licensed veterinarian gives it - so you might as well have the vet do them both.

For the fox, skunks & coons, try Galaxy D (dog distemper only vaccine by Schering-Plough) - no rabies will be recognized - although ImRab 3 is the same killed formula of the live bait stuff. Merial makes for the wildlife bait drops - unfortunately no one will recognize it given to foxes, skunks & coons.

Robin
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