These amazing photos are of Linda Gleisser’s Carolina Anoles and house geckos that she keeps in a very large 30 gallon tank. Linda enjoys experimenting with various foliage and colorful orchid plants seen in these pics. In the top right photo, she was able to capture the beautiful display of a male anole. Special thanks to Linda for sharing these beautiful photos!
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 May. 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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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 _______________________


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

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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
Announcements
Kat Mills has been promoted to Executive Establishment Assistant under division one of the Phoenix Organization. She is doing an excellent job tracking legislation amongst many of her other duties. Congratulations Kat!

Our President, Jeanne Hall will be in charge of our Public Relations Department. She is well versed in communication and, of course, putting people to work.

Lastly, Ann Newman, unfortunately, will not be able to take on the position of promotion and distributor of the Phoenix Books due to her responsibilities as President of the SSA.

Vicki Windland

Ticks - Again
Submitted by (Dvcheetah) Sat May 28, 2005

Hi Everyone. Well, it’s ticks again. I have used a variety of methods to remove ticks from the skin.

Impatiently ripping them out is one of the methods, but that chances leaving part of the tick still embedded.

There is the old -timers method of applying the burning coal of a cigarette to the exposed body of the critter, but being a non-smoker, I’ve never had a burning coal handy.

Touching the exposed portion with ether or alcohol seems to work. Don’t use brandy - Tim says it doesn’t do much good.

Putting a strong detergent solution on the exposed tick body should do the job also.

Incidentally, Removing insect larva from an animal's navel, a common occurrence in many animals, especially very old and very young Felis domesticus can be accomplished with the ether or alcohol method.

Please, folks, don’t start smoking just in case you run across a tick. Cheers, David

KY: Panel recommends ban on exotic pets
Submitted by (tigers9) Wed Jun 15, 2005

(AP) FRANKFORT - Monkeys and other wild animals would be added to the list of pets banned in Kentucky under a proposal approved by a legislative panel on Tuesday.

People who now own the animals could keep them as pets. However, pet owners would not be allowed to obtain new ones or breed them under the proposed regulation brought by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The proposed ban would not apply to people who require their animals for medical reasons.

"They just don't belong in living rooms, basements and back yards," said April Truitt, who operates the Primate Rescue Center in Nicholasville. "They don't belong."

The General Assembly's Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee approved the proposal, after nearly two hours of heated debate - most of which focused on the proposed ban of primate pets. Elephants, lions and bears were among the list of exotic animals that would also be banned as pets. Circuses and zoos would not be affected.

Proponents packed the committee room, wearing stickers in support of the ban. Truitt, who wore one of the stickers, said such animals pose health and safety risks to humans. Truitt said the sanctuary she operates houses 50
monkeys and 11 chimpanzees - both types of animals that would be banned as pets under the proposal. As primates near adulthood, people tend to no longer want them as pets and abandon them, she said. "They all say, 'I wish I had known,' " Truitt said.

But Dr. Paul Skinner, an anesthesiologist from Scott County, painted a different picture. Skinner said he and his wife, Michelle Skinner, own two young capuchin monkeys. The proposal, Skinner said, would unfairly target monkey owners and their beloved pets. Skinner said there was not enough data to prove monkeys and other primates were more dangerous than common dogs or cats. "Why punish people like myself who are quality pet owners?" Skinner said.

Jonathan Gassett, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' interim commissioner, said the proposal would not harm current pet owners. "We are not taking anybody's pets," Gassett said.

Lion Killed After Escaping From Cage
Submitted by (southzoo) Sun Jun 12, 2005

Underwood, Minn. (AP) A full-grown lion had to be killed Saturday after it escaped from its cage near the town of Underwood in western Minnesota, authorities said.

The Otter Tail County sheriff's office received a call about 9:30 a.m. of exotic animals on the loose.

The lion, which belonged to the Archangel Wildlife Farm, was spotted a short time later in a neighbor's yard, then left the yard and began wandering west.

Attempts to contact the owner of the lion were unsuccessful, as were efforts to find a veterinarian with a tranquilizer gun, authorities said.

The sheriff's office said authorities then decided the lion had to be put down because of the threat to public safety.

Underwood is about 10 miles east of Fergus Falls.

Lion Killed After Escaping From Cage
Submitted by (gem jungle) Mon Jun 16, 2005

This and most all of the escapes lead back to one thing: inexperienced people having exotics and not understanding what they are doing whether it is with caging, proper perimeter fencing, capture, transportation, sedation, medicating, doing educational shows or just plain playing or showing off. Exotic education to get a great deal of experience should be mandatory long before possession.

The writing is on the wall. The government is going to force new rules on us all around.

If you know someone who is keeping exotics or planning on keeping them, (especially big cat and bears) without experience then you need to teach them, or get them taught, or get them to give them up.

We will not get a hundred more chances at this.

Even someone who has a tiger in their backyard for 20 years does not mean that they know what they are doing. They very well may be lucky, if the crap hits the fan. Most will not know how or what to do.

Doc
Two PETA employees arrested for animal cruelty?  
Submitted by (Mike Eisenfeld) Thu June 16, 2005

(AP) - Two employees of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have been charged with animal cruelty after dumping dead dogs and cats in a shopping center garbage bin, police said Thursday.

Investigators staked out the bin after discovering that dead animals had been dumped there every Wednesday for the past four weeks, Ahoskie police said in a prepared statement. Police found 18 dead animals in the trash bin and 13 more in a van registered to PETA. The animals were from animal shelters in Northampton and Bertie counties, police said.

Police charged Andrew Benjamin Cook, 24, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Adria Joy Hinkle, 27, of Norfolk, Va., each with 31 felony counts of animal cruelty and eight misdemeanor counts of illegal disposal of dead animals. They were released on bond and an initial court date was set for Friday in Winton.

PETA has a long-standing relationship with shelters to euthanize pets that the shelters feel are no longer adoptable, a spokeswoman told WAVY-TV.

Hinkle has been suspended, but Cook continued to work for the organization based in Norfolk, Va., the television station reported.

Bobcat joins official list despite lack of family tie  
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Jun 1, 2005

(AP) RALEIGH, N.C. - A cougar and a bobcat aren't part of the same cat family. But that didn't stop the Senate on Tuesday from placing both among the varieties of North Carolina's official state cat.

The Senate voted 43-5 for a bill that designates the Felis concolor as the official cat. That cat family includes the cougar, panther, puma and catamount, which are named in the bill. But in apparent deference to the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, the Senate agreed to amend the designation and include the bobcat, even though it belongs to the Lynx rufus family.

The bill sponsor, Sen. Andrew Brock, R-Mocksville, didn't strongly object to the adjustment. Still, some were scratching their heads. "If you are a cat aficionado, then I would suspect this amendment would violate your sensibilities," Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Fayetteville. The amendment passed 34-14. The bill now heads to the House for consideration.

Response  
Submitted by (exmoor) Thu Jun 2, 2005

I'm glad someone in Raleigh checked on the state's indigenous animals. There are many reports of cougars being seen throughout North Carolina, I might have even seen one myself, but to my knowledge none have been confirmed since the 1860s. If I'm mistaken someone please correct me.

Sports teams often induct certain animals to signify themselves, sometimes eagles, lions, or tigers. These aren't necessarily local animals and may occasionally be mythical ones such as the black cougar. In this situation, unless the cat was meant to be a leopard or jaguar, I suspect that was the case here.

Awhile back I had an e-mail from an artist who had been contracted to make illustrations of the
Kentucky Wildcats. His question was, what’s the difference between a wildcat and a bobcat in coloration. I explained that in his region the two were the same, except there is a difference between wildcats and wild cats. Part of his confusion was, a web-check for "U.K. Wildcats" gave him a photo of felis-silvestris. University Of Kentucky Wildcats and United Kingdom wildcats aren't one and the same. Had he drawn that mascot with the flowing ringed tail, the name might have been changed to Kentucky Feral-Cats.

Ben Willis

Phoenix Peer Review Accreditation System
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Sun Jun 5, 2005

All organizational members need to start somewhere in today's quest to attempt "Good Faith" overtures in showing State and Federal legislature that not all exotic private owners are "bad".

We all come together from many different organizations and try to do this when a bill or ban is heard about. Troops rally together in public and privately, trying to let the voice of the private owner be heard to not only legislature, but also to the public.

We all yell and say that, "We are not all bad owners, we have made a life time commitment to these exotics". Please take a look at the good side of this ever increasing issue.

One way to do this is by rallying together and making sure we do meet the needed rules and requirements that effect us. What better way to do this than to take advantage of the Phoenix Peer Review Accreditation System? What is there to lose? Not a thing and the more that people do take advantage of this system, the more it will prove that we are striving to "show" that we take the best possible care of our exotics.

After this System has been used and known it works, it will become a "voice" to be heard. Will this happen overnight? No. It is another start to show that we mean business, want the best for our exotics and hopefully will eventually have legislatures and the public thinking twice before they rush to make a ban bill.

So many say all organizations should unite to fight these bills. I agree, however it seems after several years of saying this, that it hasn’t happened. Will it? I don’t know. I hope it does.

But in the meantime, there are always other ways of becoming united and work together. Working together on an Accreditation Program is one way. Legislatures and the public can see that even if the program is new and that owners are making an attempt to show that "Good Faith"

For more information on the Phoenix Peer Review Accreditation System or to take advantage of it, please contact: PAManager@PhoenixExotics.org or PASecretary@PhoenixExotics.org.
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