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: __________
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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 ________________________

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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!

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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Tim’s Letter to the Pahrump Valley Times
Published April 20, 2005
A recent letter published in the opinion section of this newspaper irked my ire. It seems that people who own exotic animals are increasingly under attack from all sectors of our society. These attacks are mainly the result of the work of a few extremist organizations that want to cast all ownership of animals in a bad light. The author of this letter called for regulations that would prohibit the responsible ownership of animals like lions and tigers. He claims that they lead to abuse cases, like the Karl Mitchell case.

Unfortunately, these animals do occasionally get abused. But, so do dogs, cats, and even children. I frequently travel through Pahrump, and happen to know a number of people there who own these magnificent animals. One in particular has facilities that rival a vast majority of zoos. These people love their animals, and simply want the best for them. But, people like the author of the aforementioned letter would like to see responsible owners (as well as the few abusers) stripped of their right to own, love and enjoy the companionship of these special animals (not to mention being an important hedge against impending extinction in the wild).

The author called on groups like PETA and HSUS to take the lead in legislating these animals to extinction. But do understand that these groups want no one to own animals for any reason, and will do anything to get their way. PETA even openly admits backing terrorist groups (and is under Congressional investigation for doing so) like the Animal Liberation Front. Folks, banishment is not the answer. Promoting responsible animal ownership is. And so is severely punishing people who are unwilling to properly care for their animals, be it a turtle or a tiger. Responsible ownership is the way that our children's children will be able to enjoy these animals like we can today.

Tim Stoffel
Reno

Tim’s Letter
Submitted by (DVCheetah) Apr 21, 2005
Tim wrote a great letter. Congratulations, Tim.

What can we do? I know we’re trying. The whole situation seems so complex and convoluted. I think we’re going in the right direction, that is, tackling the problems as they arise at their root.

What about preserving the species that we have, as Tim is asking, for our grand children’s children as well.

Hey Tim let's go one step further. I think I mentioned to you that maybe we could get some Sabre-toothed tiger DNA. Think about the adventures in cloning we would have.

On the other other hand, Aedes egypti (mosquito) can be relegated to the AR's, except that species is unlikely to run out of time for at least the next million millenia. I picked that one because it was the cause of my dengue fever, many years ago. I was quite sick.

David

ISZ/UZA Become ZAOA
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun May 1, 2005
Dear Members, (And Prospective Members)
This letter is to inform you of a change in the organization you belong to.

At our meeting in Gulf Breeze, Florida on February 25, 2005, the United Zoological Association and the International Society of Zooculturists agreed to officially merge into one organization. The result was to dissolve both the UZA and ISZ and create a new organization to
be called Zoological Association of America - Organization for Zoo & Zooculturists (ZAOA). The ZAOA will be a stronger organization with a larger membership base and the ability to attract many more members.

The right to personally own wildlife in the United States is continually under fire. Many states are passing legislation that will make it very difficult, or impossible, for you to keep exotic wildlife as a hobby, or even professionally, if you are not a registered member of an accredited zoological organization. ZAOA is that organization. It is currently the ONLY organization of zoological professionals that offers an accreditation process for both private and public animal collections.

With ZAOA, we can all work in unison toward our common goal: the conservation, preservation and propagation of the world’s species for the enjoyment and benefit of all.

Pat Quinn
Chairman, ZAOA

NO big cats out of cages? USDA web Site
Submitted by (gem jungle) May 7, 2005

I’ve heard that there have been changes in the regulations regarding the handling of big cats. Is that true? The handling regulations were amended in July 2004, and a new section 2.131(a) was added. It states: “All licensees that maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain.” Consequently, the other subsections in Section 2.131 were renumbered. Most of the handling questions we receive involving big cats concern the current Section 2.131(c)(1). The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that there is an inherent danger present for both the viewing public and the exhibited animal(s) where there is any chance that the public could come into direct contact with juvenile or adult big cats. The handling regulations prohibit the exhibition of such animals without sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the viewing public to assure the safety of the public and the animals. Trained handlers, leashes, and stages, for example, are not substitutes for sufficient distance and/or barriers. What species are considered to be "big cats" by APHIS? Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, cheetahs, and any hybrids thereof. This list is consistent with the definition of big cats in the Lacey Act. What about cubs? Can I exhibit them in situations allowing contact with the public? It depends. The handling regulations require that all animals be handled as carefully as possible. They also specifically prohibit young or immature animals from exposure to rough or excessive public handling, and prohibit animals from being subjected to any combination of temperature, humidity, and time that is detrimental to the animal’s health and well-being. The latter requires exhibitors to take into consideration an animal’s age, species, and overall health status, among other things. Although we do not encourage public contact with cubs, it is possible for an exhibitor to exhibit cubs over approximately 8 weeks of age (i.e., when their immune systems have developed sufficiently to protect them from most communicable diseases), to the public, and still comply with all of the regulatory requirements. What is meant by the term public? The terms "the public" and "the general viewing public" in the handling regulations generally mean customers or visitors, and not an exhibitor's paid employees or unpaid bona fide workers who comprise the exhibitor's regular work force (i.e., personnel with regular hours who work under formal arrangements). Exhibitors themselves are not "the public" or "the general viewing public."
So you’re thinking about getting a snake (or other pet)?

Written By Jackie Klakken

I waited ten years to get a snake. I have learned a lot about care for my snakes and would like to share what I have learned with you. Some of this will be old information, but hopefully something may be new to you. The next paragraph will be all of the questions I have learned need an answer, to prior getting a pet. We all know that in reality this won’t happen, but hopefully we can all try.

Do you know how big this pet gets? Do you have a problem feeding other animals to animals? Do you know what diseases they are susceptible to? Do you know a vet that specializes in your choice of pet? Do you know the general maintenance, care and routine vet visits they need? Are you prepared financially for an emergency? How about a plan for a disaster? Do you know the general care and handling? What about the proper nutrients, temperature or nature of this animal? Do you know how often they need to eat? Have you spent time with this type of animal before? Are you ready to make a commitment for the life span or do you have a plan upon not being able to care for your pet anymore? Do you know how long these animals live? Do you know they need attention, love and your time as regularly as possible?

Do you know the laws?

The next bits of information are some safe and excellent preventive solutions to help heal and keep your animal safe.

For mites I use mineral or castor oil (draws toxins out of the system), I wet my hands put an appropriate amount on may hands and rub it all over the snake. Do you know mineral & castor oil is ingestible, so it won’t hurt their eyes, the area the mites love! You can also give them a soak in water and mineral or castor oil for constipation if a plain water soak does not help.

I use vinegar and water or Chlorhexadine/ Nolvasan for cleaning. This also is ingestible and won’t hurt your snakes. It cuts back the chances of respiratory infections. I use other heavier cleaning chemicals if needed. I just make sure the airflow is good.

Smoking around your animals is not healthy for them or their lungs and is best done outside. Remember we all like a choice of whether to choose a damaging habit. It is not nice to force this on them.

Another great thing I love to do for them is take them for short walks when the weather is nice, maybe to the mail box or to take out trash, we all love and need a little sun and fresh air.

We all know feeding fresh frozen rodents is best for our reptiles, but that is not always possible. So if you ever had your animal bitten or any type of laceration, try a few drops of beta dine or diluted Chlorhexadine/Nolvasan mixed per directions.

If you ever need to re-hydrate your reptile, putting Pedialyte in the water is great for replacing electrolytes.

Never leave your animal unattended while soaking! They can drown! They are like children. They depend on us!

It is also best to house your snakes alone if possible. NEVER put Boa’s and pythons in the same living environment. Boa’s are carriers of IBD (inclusion body disease). This is snake aids and there is no cure. It’s best not to mix species until you know for sure it’s safe and know whether this type of animal will eat other...
animals before you mix them. Quarantining boas should be 6 months, and 3 months for pythons. I recommend 1 year!

Do you keep records of behaviors, feeding, vet visits. This is so important and helpful with getting to know when they decide to not eat or have other problems.

Do you know where to research information for the pet of your choice? Have you tried volunteering for an animal group who could be supportive of your desires? Getting to know people with the same animals who would allow you to spend time and be there for any questions is the best benefit that I have discovered. How about joining that group and assisting in education for the public and participating in events with this group? It’s fun, educational and you can always make new friends. What more could you ask for? The Internet, library, specialty books and knowledgeable pet stores are great for all kinds of resources. Spend time researching. it makes a difference!

I hope this article was helpful and I at least gave you one new idea. I have learned a lot through participating in various animal groups, making friends and volunteering.

Mesa police want to add monkey to SWAT team
Submitted by (tigers9) Sun Apr 15, 2005

(AP) MESA, Ariz. The Mesa Police Department is looking to add some primal instinct to its SWAT team. And to do that, it’s looking to a monkey. The department has submitted a request to purchase and train a capuchin monkey, which is considered the second smartest primate to the chimpanzee. The department is seeking about 100-thousand dollars in federal grant money to put the idea to use in Mesa SWAT operations. The monkey weighs only three to eight pounds, has tiny humanlike hands and puzzle-solving skills. Police say it would be able to get into places no officer or robot could go and could unlock doors, search buildings and find suicide victims on command.

Announcement
Submitted by (bigcats10)
Mon May 9, 2005

I want to take this opportunity to inform you that Kat Mills has taken on the position of Executive Establishment Assistant for Phoenix, which covers, in part, "legislation."

She has been doing a tremendous job tracking bills, making calls, talking with legislators, and writing letters to help protect our rights to responsible exotic animal ownership.

Phoenix has set up an email address for Kat who can be reached at:
eea@phoenixexotics.org
Welcome Kat!
Vicki

Getting Out of A Ticket - (Joke)
Submitted by (Bobchevin) Fri May 13, 2005

What’s a PE member's way of getting out of a ticket? Have the lion in your backseat give the officer a wet sloppy kiss!

ABC news thursday night when animals attack
Submitted by (durkriswen) Sun Apr 17, 2005

I have a better idea. Instead of calling it "When Animals Attack," why don’t they just call it "What Happens when People are Stupid"?
~Seij
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Reminder!

Get your animal stories in to us for the Responsible Animal Ownership Series!