This is Reba, a 1 and 1/2 year old Blonde Phased Red Coatimundi or Nasua nasua. She belongs to Melissa Sanders. Reba loves sleeping with mom, mom blowing on her nose and stringing toilet paper or paper towels all over the house! She also enjoys taking walks and is best friends with the family cat and dog. What a girl!
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 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/

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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.
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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.

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Upcoming Holidays
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Tue Nov 1, 2005

The seasonal holidays are upon us! Many people will travel for these holidays or have family and friends visiting and sharing these holidays (and food!).

We all will have many happy and funny times during the holiday season, especially those of us owning exotics.

Wouldn’t this be a great time to share your stories about your exotics? Did your exotic get the Turkey? Did you have to leave and have a caretaker for your exotic? How about gifts for your exotics?

Time is closing in on all of us to get these stories written up so that they may be published in the Phoenix Exotic Book Series and have one book (or more!) published in time for the Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting, February 25, 2006. As soon as we get enough stories about any one exotic species, all stories will be put together about that exotic and we will get another book published.

It is easy to write about our exotics and it doesn’t take long to do. It will be edited so you don’t have to worry about that!

What a wonderful holiday season to know we have done a little more "something" to help educate the public by telling about our own exotic and the dedication and love we have for them.

For further information or to send your story please contact: president@phoenixexotics.org or cathspohrer@metrocast.net

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Coos Bay family let bear live in house for 2 yrs.
Submitted by (Melissa farm) Sun Oct 30, 2005

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The Perketts maintain Windfall never was "held" or locked in a cage.

They simply opened their house to her, Rocky Perkett said. She could come and go at will, he said. She learned to work the doorknobs, he said.

"Is there a law against a bear running around in your yard?" Perkett said. "Doesn't she have rights as a bear?"

The Perketts plan to hire an attorney and hope a glitch in the Oregon State Police’s search warrant will get the case tossed out, and in the best of cases get Windfall returned to them.

"Everything they done here was unlegal," Rocky Perkett said. "Since it's all unlegal, I hope they will bring her back."

No citations have been issued yet but holding a bear without a permit is punishable by up to a year in jail and a $6,350 fine.

Meanwhile, the bear has been shipped to a California Department of Fish and Game holding facility, where it will remain until the case is concluded.

The bear’s likely future is at an accredited zoo or a permanent holding facility, Anglin said. None has yet been found, he added.

The bear likes people too much to be released into the wild, Anglin said.

Perkett acknowledges there’s little chance of getting the bear back. But he hopes good intentions and lack of understanding of the law will discourage prosecution.

"We're hicks. We're mountain men," Perkett said. "We took her because she was dying and we loved her."

"The only thing we did wrong was love one another," he said.

ODFW biologist Stuart Love, who helped tranquilize and seize the bear, said he doesn't doubt it.

People’s personal attachment to wild animals makes seizures like this "the worst part of my job," Love said.

"You could see the hurt in those guys' eyes when we took it," Love said. "But there's no way we could leave that bear with them. It could end up killing someone."

**Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting**

Submitted by (cathspohrer) Tue Oct 18, 2005

I am once again honored to announce this year’s Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting; "Exotic Animal Ownership" - Legalities Problems Solutions.

Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association Inc proudly announces the location and date of the upcoming Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting.

Location: LaQuinta Inn Las Vegas Airport  
Date: February 25, 2006 (Saturday)  
Guest Speakers: TBA

The Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting is always free and open to the public.

This coming year we will be focusing on some valuable and very informational Guest Speakers as well as a work time for all attendees to share and discuss any ongoing or much needed projects, legalities, strategies and solutions for the welfare of our exotics that may be tried, implemented or resolved.

Mark your calendars for this wonderful opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and recommendations all together at one time. If there are any questions please contact: OEssecretary@phoenixexotics.org or cathspohrer@metrocast.net.

La Quinta Inn Las Vegas Airport is located off the strip at 3970 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89109. Phone number is 702-796-9000.
Feds say ski village won't threaten lynx
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Oct 15, 2005
By Judith Kohler

(AP) DENVER -- A development proposed at the base of one of Colorado's most rustic ski areas won't jeopardize overall survival of the federally protected lynx, but 11 of the cats could be hit and killed in the heavier traffic while loss of habitat could reduce their numbers by another 32, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Wednesday.

The agency recommended that the developers of The Village at Wolf Creek, backed by Texas billionaire Billy Joe "Red" McCombs, get ideas from a panel of experts to reduce the impacts on the long-haired mountain cats.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has 45 days to finalize its draft opinion, which the U.S. Forest Service will consider as it prepares a final environmental impact statement on a proposed road across national forest land to the 287.5 acre proposed site on private land in southwestern Colorado.

The document was welcomed by the president of the company building the ski village at the base of the Wolf Creek ski area and attacked by opponents of the project. "It's a big step. This will open the door to the final decision on the road," said Bob Honts, president and chief executive of The Village of Wolf Creek.

The Forest Service said late November is the earliest the final environmental review will be released.

Rob Edwards of Sinapu, a Boulder-based wildlife advocacy group, called the Fish and Wildlife decision "indefensible."

"We've got a very tenuous lynx population beginning to get a foothold in southern Colorado," Edwards said.

The potential impacts on lynx are among several criticisms of the plan to build about 2,200 housing units, enough for up to 10,500 people, and 222,100 square feet of commercial space at the ski area near the Continental Divide.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has released 204 lynx from Canada in southwestern Colorado since 1999 to restore the cat to the state. Wildlife officials are tracking 110 of the animals, which have radio collars, and believe another 28 are still alive.

Nine of the 66 lynx that have died since their release were hit by vehicles, according to state figures.

The restoration program marked a major milestone about two years ago when the transplanted cats began reproducing. At least 46 kittens were born this spring.

The program has cost about $4.6 million, with money coming from the Division of Wildlife and Great Outdoors Colorado, which uses lottery funds.

KS: State considers tighter restrictions on exotic animals
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Oct 19, 2005
By Roxana Hegeman

(AP) WICHITA, Kan. - Two months after his daughter was killed by a captive Siberian tiger, Randy Hilderbrand has channeled his grief into efforts to make sure the same tragedy does not happen to another Kansas family.

Proposed tighter controls on ownership of exotic animals in the state - which advocates want to be dubbed "Haley's Rule" - will be up for discussion Thursday at the Kansas Wildlife and Parks meeting in Kinsley.

"When they can put a face to something, it makes it real," Hilderbrand said. The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission has talked about stricter regulation of exotic animals since last
year. The issue garnered more public attention since Haley Hilderbrand was mauled to death while she was having her senior class photos taken.

Kansas does not ban ownership of most exotic cats, but a state permit is required to keep bears, wolves or mountain lions. Several counties do restrict exotic animal ownership.

One proposal under consideration would require federal permits for owners of exotic cats, bears or wolves. That would put their regulation under the authority of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The wildlife commission has considered several options, from banning private ownership of exotic animals to requiring state residents to follow federal regulations.

Hilderbrand and the Massachusetts-based International Fund for Animal Welfare are pushing for a complete ban on the ownership of big cats or any dangerous exotic wildlife in Kansas. They want exceptions allowed for only legitimate zoos or sanctuaries licensed by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. Hilderbrand said the tiger that killed his daughter was at a USDA-licensed facility, and he questions whether the USDA rules would be enforced in the state.

"Certainly the public shouldn't have access to these animals - they are dangerous and wild and shouldn't be held in captivity," Hilderbrand said. The idea to name the regulations for Haley came from the International Fund for Animal Welfare, which contacted Hilderbrand last week to see if he wanted to become involved in the regulatory process. His 20-year-old son Heath also plans to speak. "We are hoping that by calling it Haley's Rule, it will remind commissioners and the public that this is a serious rule ... and they have a responsibility to act," said Josephine Martell, campaigns officer for the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

IFAW estimates there are between 7,000 and 10,000 tigers being kept in captivity, or more than 20,000 exotic animals if lions, leopards and panthers are added to that count. "It's amazing what people will keep in their back yards," she said. "It is a runaway problem."

Fifteen states now ban keeping those animals as pets, Martell said. The group contends keeping big cats as pets is a public safety and animal welfare issue. It points to statistics showing 38 reported big cat incidents last year, including one death and 11 injuries. In addition to Haley's death Aug. 18 at a wildlife park in Mound Valley, a 10-year-old boy was left a quadriplegic after being mauled in Minnesota by a tiger and a lion.

A vote on the issue is not expected Thursday, but a workshop session on it is planned.

The commission also plans to discuss the ecological impacts of wind farms, and issues related to the proposed acquisition of the Circle K Ranch and its impact on stream flows in the Arkansas River.

Wisdom
Submitted by (katladysam) Sun Nov 6, 2005

Zen Wisdom: The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear.
Serval Wisdom: Humans have inferior ears! Mmaahh.
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Reminder!

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