Who says we can’t all get along? Try telling that to Ivy (panther) and Bobby (bobcat). They are best friends and have never been separated. Both are 3 years old. They each participate in educational programs at Arnold’s Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc.
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 September. 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_________________________
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**Agency tells pet owners to do homework on exotic species**  
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Aug 16, 2005  
(AP) - SPRINGFIELD Illinois authorities are warning animal lovers to do their homework before choosing to make an exotic species their next pet.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources says in a statement released today that most people tend to buy exotic animals like iguanas or alligators on impulse.

But a reptile expert at the I-D-N-R, Scott Ballard, says once they get exotic creatures home, many people aren't prepared to care for them. The animals sometimes end up dying prematurely or being dumped in a field or forest. The agency says people should do their homework before buying such pets.

Among the advice the I-D-N-R gives is that would-be exotic pet owners check local laws to ensure that owning the animal they want is legal. If the pet is endangered, such as an alligator, a permit is required.

**Camping rule seeks to cut bear encounters**  
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Aug 27, 2005  
ALBANY, NY (AP) - In an effort to keep black bears from harassing campers, the state this week started requiring overnighters to carry bear-proof food canisters in the most popular Adirondack backcountry.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation recorded about 400 bear encounters last year in the eastern High Peaks Region, with bears taking campers' food half the time. In most cases, people had hung food from trees and lost it anyway.

The agency put the new rule into effect Wednesday after a public comment period. While violations could mean a fine up to $250, 15 days in jail or both, campers have some time to adapt.

"Right now our rangers are just doing public education," DEC spokeswoman Gabrielle Done said Friday.

The rule requires keeping food, toiletries and garbage in bear-proof containers. The agency also has removed cable systems from the area that had been used to hang food. It applies from April 1 to Nov. 30 in the Eastern High Peaks Zone, about 100 miles north of Albany.

**Tiger trainers wanted - no experience needed**  
Submitted by (tigers9) Fri Aug 26, 2005  
EL PASO, TX (AP) - Ever dreamed of running away to join the circus?

A short help-wanted ad describes one possibility: "Tiger trainer at Shrine Circus needs assistant. No contact with animals required. Willing to learn. Must love animals and have valid drivers license. Sleeping accommodations provided."

Interviews for the job will be conducted this weekend at the El Paso County Coliseum.

The husband-and-wife tiger training team of Juergen and Judit Nerger, of the El Maida Shrine Circus, are looking for an assistant to help set up for their El Paso shows.

Duties include cleaning up after and driving the animals, and loading and unloading their equipment. Touring with them as the circus travels around the country is also a possibility. And, the longer an assistant works with the pair,
the more responsibilities they will have.

"It's no holiday. It's a little bit heavy work," Nerger said. "Everything we do is first for the animals." The job will probably pay minimum wage. It opened recently when the previous assistant was injured in a car accident, said Juergen Nerger.

The Nergers work with 12 tigers and a lion who perform tricks such as forming a single-file "snake," leaping over one another and jumping through fire hoops.

Review of the Grizzly Man
Submitted by (wwbearmom) Sun Aug 21, 2005

I watched the Prime Time show of Treadwell's life and went to see the movie thinking that it would have a lot of great bear scenes. From that point of view, it was a disappointment.

It was well directed and interesting, but it was mostly about Tim and his life, very much like what Prime Time did.

Tim filmed himself a lot, holding the camera out and talking into it or setting it on a rock and acting in front of it.

Time and time again they showed different clips of him saying that what he was doing was very dangerous and the only thing that kept him from being killed by the bears was that he was stronger willed than they were. I couldn't help thinking that I guess one day they were the strongest.

I met him when he first started out living with the bears and he did have amazing photos and was quite pleasant.

The movie shows how he changes over the years getting more paranoid and thinking he was more like a bear than human. In his last tape he was really over the edge, using expletives, until they just turned the sound off and showed him ranting and raving against civilization.

They showed him in the water with what they think was the bear that ate him. It was not any of the ones he had come to know but another bear that was very hungry and had come into the area looking for food. He was not more than 5 feet away from this huge male bear who was diving under the water with just the soles of his paws showing. The narrator said that while you think that looks cute, it wasn't. What it was showing is that the bear was so hungry that he was looking for fish parts on the river floor and there was Tim next to him.

The bear expert said that although Tim said the bears loved him, their eyes showed that they were just tolerating him.

It would be interesting to hear from anyone else that saw it.

Jean Ervin

FL Captive Wildlife Technical Assistance Meeting
Submitted by (bigcats10) Mon Sep 12, 2005
The next meeting is scheduled for September 29 & 30 to be held at:

Hilton Garden Inn
13305 Tampa Oaks Blvd.
Temple Terrace, FL
VA: Norfolk Zoo Officials Make Lion Match
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Aug 30, 2005

(AP) - She’s a pussycat of a gal who likes guys with lots of facial hair, enjoys rock climbing and isn’t shy about tearing into a hunk of steak.

Virginia Zoo officials have spent many months searching for a girlfriend for Mramba, a two-year-old lion, and believe they have found a match.

Zola, a one-year-old African lioness, was donated by the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. She was transported to Norfolk last month and quarantined for a month.

Zookeepers are giving Zola time to become accustomed to her new home, and estimate it will be two weeks before the pair spend time together.

But zoo officials are hopeful, because Mramba was spotted recently licking Zola’s face through the bars separating their indoor dens.

The zoo’s third lion, six-year-old Kalisa, does not get along well with other animals.

All three lions will be on public display individually on a rotating basis, at least until Zola and Mramba can be together.

Announcement from owner of West Virginia Pet Law
Submitted by (ColbyH304) Fri Sep 9, 2005

I have often said that it takes a village to prevail in fighting to keep our rights, and I expect that I will say that again in the future.

The List of West Virginia Pet Law is unique in that owners of many species coexist and work there, and we have built a bridge that makes us a community strong in that commitment.

A couple of weeks ago the President of Phoenix Exotics contacted me to create a "mini-course" to inform that organization of the potential impact of the PAWS Bill. I was happy to comply, and received positive feedback from the course I compiled.

Yesterday, I was gratified to be informed that the President of Phoenix Exotics is beginning the process of being listed as OFFICIALLY OPPOSED to the PAWS Bill. There is a set procedure for this, and the List of opposers is long and illustrious, in the Clubs, Organizations, and Federations all willing to stand united against this terrible Bill.

I applaud Phoenix Exotics for taking this proactive and very important official stance, and am delighted that the bridge we all have built together still stands!

Lets KILL PAWS!

Sincerely,
Colby Homer..owner of West Virginia Pet Law

Announcement from owner of West Virginia Pet Law
Submitted by (President) Sat Sep 10, 2005

Thank you so much for this great acknowledgement Colby!

As an organization, the Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association has been dedicated to providing a place for exotic owners of all kinds to come together with other owners, non-owners and any others concerned with the rights to private ownership.

As we grow and work together, it is very encouraging to see the ground swell of support owners are showing for one another. All of us can be proud to stand hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder in addressing these issues which greatly effect us all.

Gone are the days when any of us can stand aside and say "Well, its just the ___ owners and WE won't be affected." You have been very instrumental in getting the overall community to
stand up and work together Colby. I highly commend you.

We also have a number of members here on the Phoenix list who work tirelessly to bring people together in addressing these issues, directly voice their opinions, keeping this list and others informed of the activities on bills and all other sorts of jobs and functions. Each working as best they can are getting the job done. They are also commended for all the work they do!

I sometimes hear the cry that one person or one letter is just not enough or that we need to find a big and influential voice to speak for us because we are just us. And sometimes the idea gets started that "we" can't cause an effect because we are not lobbyists, legislators, lawyers, famous or any other of a host of reasons WE can't create an effect.

Well, one of those special folks only has one voice. And while that voice may be extra special and extra influential and especially effective, each of us also has a voice.

Alone, one voice may make a small noise. Together they can thunder! Here is a copy of my letter to Senators.

Jeanne

I am writing you to voice opposition to the bill known as Senate Bill 1139/House Bill 2669 "Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005" (PAWS)

I am writing on behalf of myself as an owner and lover of animals, both domestic and exotic; on behalf of our Officers and members.

The Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association is a national organization with some expansion into the international arena. We are a non-profit Washington corporation. We are an organization of active members working to protect and maintain the rights of private ownership through responsible behavior.

Our members are encouraged to be proactive in addressing legislative issues by speaking out and letting their legislative representatives know their views. As an organization, our focus is on member participation more than official statements and organizational activities. As an organization, our member’s views determine our organizational stance.

A review of the opinions voiced by our membership shows opposition for bills that can be harmful to legal, responsible private ownership and opposition to this bill particularly. Our members remain committed to legal responsible private ownership which includes attention to animal welfare and public safety.

Having discovered that there is a list of organizations being listed as opposed to the PAWS bill, our Officers were asked to allow us to be added to that list.

On behalf of our officers and myself, I respectfully ask that anyone keeping such a list include our organization as one of those opposed to this bill.

Thank you
Jeanne Hall
President

New Orleans Zoo Official Gives Post-Hurricane Update
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Sep 9, 2005

CHICAGO (AP) - Zoo officials from around the country got an update today on the status of the New Orleans' aquarium and zoo in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

They learned that while only four animals at the zoo died, the aquarium lost more than half of its fish collection.

The American Zoo and Aquarium Association is holding its annual conference in Chicago.

Audubon Nature Institute is a family of museums and parks dedicated to nature. These facilities based in New Orleans include Audubon Zoo and Audubon Aquarium of the Americas.
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Reminder!

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