This little sweetheart is an eight-year-old black capped capuchin owned by Barbara Doherty. What a doll!
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!

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“…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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2006 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting DVD and/or VHS

I would like to announce that the long awaited DVD master copy has arrived of the 2006 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting that was held in Las Vegas, 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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Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
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Released Wolf Pups Back In Captivity
Submitted by (south zoo) Mon Jul 31, 2006

(AP) Forest Lake, Minn. Three orphan wolf pups are back in Minnesota to stay.

The pups were taken back to the Wildlife Science Center in Forest Lake, Minn. after an attempt to reintroduce them into the wild in northeastern Wisconsin was apparently ruined by a poacher.

"Long term, they'll be here," said Bob Ebsen, the center's education coordinator. "My guess is that if they're coming here, they're going to be (permanently) captive."

The pups will join an existing pack of eight wolves at the center, which currently houses 38 wolves in several packs. The captive wolves are used for research and environmental education programs at the center, which also houses bobcats, raccoons, bears, foxes and raptors.

The three males were the first pups in 75 years to be born on the Menominee Reservation near Green Bay, Wis., and tribal officials hoped they could grow to maturity there.

The pups' mother died or was killed in early May about three weeks after their birth. Biologists brought the pups to the center in Forest Lake on Friday to be nursed by a female wolf in captivity who was already raising three of her own pups.

Once the wild-born pups were weaned, they were returned to the reservation on July 10 and placed in a holding pen near where their original pack was running wild. The hope was that their biological father would find and raise them.

Tracking signals from the father's radio collar showed that he came within a half-mile of the pups on July 11, but his collar was found cut the next day. He apparently was killed illegally. The case is under investigation.

Attempts to trap other adult wolves in the area failed. Wolf biologists said the pups are too young and inexperienced to survive in the wild.

Peggy Callahan, executive director of the wildlife center, said she's frustrated that a poacher ended the pups' chances of being raised on the reservation.

Since the pups left the center, the female wolf who nursed them has been agitated and anxious, Callahan said, pacing in the enclosure and digging in the direction of the gate where the pups were removed.

The pups will be placed in an adjacent enclosure so the female and other pack members can sniff them and get reacquainted before they begin to live again in the same space.

Each of the pups weighs more than 25 pounds and is about one-third of their adult size.

Bill Would Set Limits on Big Cats' Contact With Humans
Submitted by (bigcats10) Fri Jul 28, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Legislation filed in the U.S. House this week is aimed at preventing wild-animal attacks like the one last year that killed a southeast Kansas girl.

Congressman Jim Ryun is sponsoring the bill that would prohibit direct contact between big cats in captivity and the public.

The measure is called "Haley's Act," for 17-year-old Haley Hilderbrand. The Labette County High School senior was mauled to death by a tiger in August 2005 when posing for a picture with a big cat at a southeast Kansas animal refuge.

The bill would also require the U-S. Department of Agriculture to write public-safety regulations for licenses it issues to animal exhibitors under the Animal Welfare Act.

This year the Kansas Legislature passed a bill strengthening the regulation of exotic animals.
Seizures may spur exotic animal law
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Thu Jul 27, 2006

(AP) MAQUOKETA, IA - Jackson County authorities say they're considering implementing an exotic animal ordinance after a 900-pound black bear, four cougars and dozens of other animals were taken from a rural Maquoketa farm this week after reports of neglect.

Authorities seized 55 animals from the property of Randy and Pam Garien, said Jackson County deputy Steve Schroeder. The seizure also included two fox, two cats, eight puppies, 11 horses, 12 dogs and 15 chickens -- "the largest animal seizure in Jackson County," Schroeder said.

The deputy said county supervisors are considering drafting an ordinance to prevent further problems.

Dr. Jennifer Doll, a veterinarian who accompanied the deputies to the farm, said many of the animals appeared to be neglected.

The bear was found with no food or water with more than a foot of the bear's own feces lining its cage, according to information in a search warrant filed in Jackson County District Court. Doll said in the report that one horse had a lacerated leg, which didn't appear to be healing well, and there was minimal food and water.

Doll told deputies she recommended the removal of all the animals "due to inadequate husbandry and lack of clean living conditions."

A veterinarian tranquilized the cougars and bear before hauling them away, Schroeder said. The animals were taken to an undisclosed location, he said.

"We are waiting for veterinarians to examine all 55 animals to determine their conditions," Schroeder said.

A disposition hearing will be scheduled in August to determine what happens to the animals. No charges have been filed against the Gariens, pending the veterinarians' reports.

Two previous complaints were made to the Sheriff's Department by neighbors -- one in April concerning no hay or water for the horses, and another in March 2005 reporting cougars in the pens. No action was taken in either complaint.

Mountain lion's death debated
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Aug 8, 2006

By The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. - Residents are pressing state wildlife officials to specify circumstances under which mountain lions can be killed if the animals encroach on human territory.

"When mountain lions live where people are, we are going to err on the side of people," said Bill Rudd, assistant wildlife division chief. "We don't want to take cats unnecessarily. There may be times when we err on one side or another. We're not going to solve that tonight."

Still, people questioned Game and Fish, saying a license for the cat was issued a month before she was seen in the campground and that the cat had to travel through the campground area to get up and away from people. People also said she never acted aggressively toward humans.

Dave Moody, trophy game coordinator, said local wildlife officials are at their own discretion in determining a threat. "There is no hard-core protocol," he said. "There's a lot of leeway."

Jackson was the last stop in Game and Fish's state tour for public discussions about the draft plan. The plan would set mortality limits for the cat to regulate its numbers.

Mountain lions have been managed as a trophy-game species in Wyoming since 1974. Hunters killed 181 mountain lions in 2004, down from 213 animals in 2001, according to Game and Fish data.
Orphaned snow leopard cub from Pakistan to join breeding program at New York zoo
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Aug 8, 2006

(AP) ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - An orphaned Himalayan snow leopard cub found in Pakistan’s Himalayan north will be shifted to a New York zoo to support a captive breeding program for the endangered wild cat, officials said Tuesday.

A shepherd found the leopard, then only seven weeks old, in July 2005 in the remote mountains of Pakistan’s Naltar Valley after its mother and other cubs had been killed. It was too young to be reintroduced into the wild.

Under a U.S.-Pakistani agreement, the cub, named Leo and now 13 months old, was handed over Tuesday to the World Conservation Union (IUCN) to become part of its captive breeding program for snow leopards at the Bronx Zoo in New York.

Snow leopards are in danger of extinction. There are only 5,000 to 7,000 left in the wild, mainly in the Himalayas and central Asia, including about 300 in northern Pakistan. Leo cannot practically be released back into the wild as he does not have the survival skills normally taught to cubs by their mothers during the first 18 months of their life," an IUCN statement said.

Leo, weighing 25 kilograms (55 pounds), will fly out of Pakistan Wednesday. He’ll eventually be returned to northern Pakistan, where a snow leopard rehabilitation facility will be set up to help him transfer back into the wild. The cub was handed over in a ceremony Tuesday in Islamabad, attended by environment Minister Malik Amin Aslam and US Ambassador Ryan Crocker, who joked that the leopard had a non-immigrant visa” and could return to its homeland.

Patrick Thomas, curator of mammals at Bronx Zoo, said it would probably take three or four years before Leo and a female leopard would produce offspring. He said the zoo could send a female leopard back with Leo when he returned to Pakistan.

The wild population of snow leopards has decreased due to declining numbers of wild prey and killings by local herders when leopards attack their livestock. The IUCN also cited the problems of poaching and an illegal trade in fur, bones and other animal parts.

Western Md. Zoo Fire Ruled Accidental
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Thu Aug 3, 2006

CUMBERLAND, Md. (AP) - A fire that killed nearly 100 exotic reptiles, birds and monkeys at the Tri-State Zoological Park in March was accidental, the Maryland State Fire Marshal's office said Tuesday.

A faulty electric service wire ignited floor joists, starting a blaze that spread throughout a building that served as a winter home for warm-weather creatures, the agency said. Losses to the structure and its contents exceeded $400,000, the fire marshal's office said.

Zoo owner Robert Candy said Tuesday that he never closed the zoo after the March 29 fire. At least 50 other animals, including lions and tigers, that were kept outside survived the fire, and Candy said he has acquired more birds and reptiles, bringing the total number of exhibited animals to about 100.

He said the zoo isn't charging admission this season but it is accepting donations.

"We will be rebuilding," Candy said.

This is the fourth year of operation for the 16-acre zoo that Candy and his wife Donna established just east of the western Maryland city.
Developer says he'll reopen animal park
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Aug 1, 2006
STRAFFORD, Mo. (AP) - Don't close the gate on Exotic Animal Paradise just yet.

The Lake of the Ozarks developer who bought the 35-year-old drive-through animal park last month said he still plans to develop part of the 500-acre site with luxury homes.

But he said Monday he will reopen the southwest Missouri animal park next year, possibly as part of a tourist center with miniature golf, restaurants and hotels. “My goal is to try to reopen the Exotic Animal Paradise and keep it as a vacation destination,” Tony Oddo said in a written statement.

Oddo also said he plans to sell at least 24 home sites of between three and 19 acres each in a gated subdivision called Paradise Lakes. Oddo's reversal - he said last month that he planned to close the park in October - hasn't changed owner Ron Armitage's plans to auction off the park's 1,500 animals.

Armitage said he is closing the park because of a drop-off in visitors and added animal welfare regulations, which have made running the park more expensive.

The Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates Exotic Animal Paradise attracts 190,000 visitors per year.

Jaguar habitat ruling brings lawsuit threat
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Jul 16, 2006
ALBUQUERQUE (AP) - The Center for Biological Diversity says it will sue the US Fish and Wildlife Service after the federal agency decided not to designate critical habitat in the Southwest for the endangered jaguar. The agency says US land makes up less than one percent of the animal's habitat, and that jaguars seen in the US have stranded from south of the border. Center for Biological Diversity member Michael Robinson says the agency went through the motions but they didn’t look at the evidence.

Robinson says the jaguar is rare in the United States because of human activity, land development and a lack of government action. Robinson contends the agency hasn’t done any substantive evaluation of restoring the species in the US.

Zoo euthanizes elderly snow leopards
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Aug 1, 2006
(AP) SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Two snow leopards that had grown old during their years at the Potawatomi Zoo were euthanized after their infirmities became too numerous, zoo officials said.

Meesha, a 16-year-old female, and Porthos, a 17-year-old male, were put to sleep within a week of each other in late spring, but word of the leopards' deaths only recently reached the public.

General curator Laura Arriage said the zoo's staff were saddened by the animal's passing. You get to know their personalities. It's hard, she said.

In captivity, snow leopard's lifespan is about 17 years. In the wild, they would likely not live as long because weak animals are usually attacked or eaten by other animals.

Necropsies, which are autopsies in animals, revealed that both snow leopards had suffered from joint problems and kidney failure.

Meesha had ovarian cysts, and Porthos suffered from lung cancer and thyroid problems. The leopards came to the zoo in 1993 from separate zoos. The pair did not produce any offspring, but another male was brought in and Meesha gave birth to a male and female.
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