Minks love to play...and take long swims in the tub!

So, what do they do after a swim? They play some more. If another mink friend isn't available, then the toy minks will do just fine. These minks belong to member, Kathy Gallagher.
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 February. 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

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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.

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Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics
Kangaroo has lip surgery
(Raven) Tue Feb 07, 2006
MOORPARK, Calif. (AP) - Feznick, an aspiring movie star kangaroo, underwent lip surgery after being bitten by a wolf at a Hollywood animal farm, according to a media report.

The 34-kilogram kangaroo underwent plastic surgery on Sunday and veterinarians say the marsupial will soon be ready to resume his acting career. Last year, Feznick stuck his snout under a fence at a farm for Hollywood animals and was bitten by a wolf, leaving the four-year-old kangaroo with a toothy, Billy Idol-style sneer, veterinarian Scott Amsel told the Ventura County Star daily.

Surgery on Sunday turned Feznick's snout back into a fuzzy, made-for-TV, face, the paper reported.

Feznick is an aspiring actor who often appears at corporate events and was on the red carpet for the opening of last year's movie Kangaroo Jack, his owner Eadie McMullan told the Star.

Westlake Village plastic surgeon Dr. Theodore Corwin performed the two-hour lip surgery, the first time he's ever worked on an animal. He didn't charge for Feznick's lip repair.

"It looks like people surgery in a way, except the patient is a little hairier," Corwin surgical nurse Jeanine Rich was quoted by the paper as saying.

CA: Woman arrested for killing exotic fish
Submitted by (rrooney) Wed Feb 08, 2006
(AP) WALNUT CREEK, Calif. Police have arrested a Walnut Creek woman who allegedly killed a tank of exotic fish during an argument with her husband.

Thirty-four-year-old Susan Goselin was arrested on suspicion of animal cruelty.

Goselin is accused of dumping bleach into a 300-gallon salt water tank filled with tropical fish, killing all seven inside.

Goselin and her husband were arrested Friday after police responded to a domestic disturbance call.

Both posted bail this weekend and were released.

Lawmakers Consider 'Pet Monkey' Bill Provided
Submitted by (tigers9) Tue Jan 24, 2006
(AP) - Rep. Doug Holt, R-Social Circle, has introduced a bill that would allow disabled Georgians to keep monkeys as helpers, making an exception to Georgia law that bans monkeys from being kept as pets. "With ample safeguards in place, why shouldn't we do all we can to help the disabled?" Holt said. A Boston nonprofit group, "Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled," trains small monkeys to help with errands like getting food, picking up dropped objects and changing a CD. A quadriplegic Covington woman was about to receive a free monkey from the group in 2004 when she discovered the ban. Now Helen Sterling, 42, hopes Holt's bill will change that, helping her gain more independence through the monkey and also lightening the burden for her 69-year-old mother, who lives with her. "It's those hundreds of things a day my mother won't have to do," Sterling said. "So it's not only a gift for me, it's a gift for the caregiver." Bill Fletcher, chief of game management for the state's Department of Natural Resources, says his agency supports the plan but also reminds people that monkeys can be a health and safety hazard because they can carry diseases. "We want to make sure the legislation doesn't include loopholes for abuse," Fletcher said. The bill would allow only those who are severely disabled to get a wild animal permit from the DNR. The animal would have to have been trained by an organization that has at least a 10-year track record.

Cat Fancy Magazine March 06 letter to editor
By Shelleen Matthews-(reprinted with permission)
State of big cats - I have had the pleasure of owning "big cats" since 1971 and "Where the Wild Cats Are" (November 2005) does not represent the whole story. During the entire 1970s and early 1980s I ran a sanctuary for more than 130 big cats representing 16 species. It is true that there are people who get in over their heads, but there are many people and organizations these days who work tirelessly to educate those who want to own an exotic cat. They work with and help these people learn what they need to know and do as responsible owners. Owning a larger species represents a grave responsibility and I certainly don't think this is advisable for just anyone. A large number of exotic cats today have wonderful homes. These owners would do anything for their cats and educate themselves on all aspects of the cat's needs and care. So please do not represent the horrible "plight" of all exotic cats in captivity. Shelleen Mathews Olympia, Washington.

**MO: Large Carnivore Act HB1441**
Submitted by (bigcats10) Sat Jan 28, 2006

This bill bans personal possession of exotic felines and bears, and hybrids thereof. To all Missourians, start making your calls and writing letters voicing your opposition to this bill. For anybody writing letters, please feel free to share with the group. Thanks The bill was introduced by Rep. Mike Sutherland and cosponsored by Rep. Peter Myers and read for the 2nd time on 1/19. No further action at this time. The proposed bill has an effective date of 8/28/2006.

**IN: Big cat blamed for killing pigs near Bloomington**
Submitted by (south zoo) Thu Feb 09, 2006

(AP) WHITEHALL, Ind. · An Owen County woman said she watched a big, black panther-like cat attack a small pig on her property, and she and her husband later found six other pigs mauled.

The sighting is the latest by Indiana residents who say they have seen large cats that are not supposed to exist in the state. Sherry Rodman said she saw the animal Jan. 31 while preparing for work at Indiana University in Bloomington, about nine miles away.

She noticed her German shepherd running around outside a pen where the pigs were kept and went back in the house to get a flashlight. As she headed toward the pen, she said she saw a black cat larger than the dog, holding a small pig in its mouth. The animal dropped the pig and ran away, she said.

She and her husband, Tony, later found six pigs in the pen fatally mauled. The seventh pig later died.

Bloomington area residents for years have reported seeing large cougar-like cats, black or otherwise.

Department of Natural Resources officers are skeptical of such reports, though they don't deny the possibility that mountain lions may exist in Indiana.

We would never say that they're not out there, · Angie Goldman, conservation officer for Monroe County, said today. But DNR officials believe any such cats are likely to be exotic pets that have been turned loose or escaped, not native animals.

And black mountain lions do not exist, according to Mark Dowling, co-founder and director of the Concord, Mass.-based Cougar Network, which tracks evidence of the animals spread east of the Rocky Mountains.

Ordinary cougars, however, have been making a comeback in recent decades, he said.

The generally reclusive animals were hunted to near extinction in most of the Midwest by the early 1900s. But cougars have been confirmed in Missouri and Illinois. A deer hunter found a dead mountain lion in northwest Illinois in December 2004.
CO: Elk kills ranch worker
Submitted by (rrooney) Sat Feb 11, 2006

CRAIG, Colo. (AP) -- A man working at Wyman Ranch east of Craig died Thursday after a bull elk gored him in its pen, authorities said.

John Renner, 57, of Craig, had worked at the ranch two days, the Moffat County sheriff's office said. Coroner Owen Grant said Renner's partner indicated they had only been in the area a few weeks.

Renner had gone into the animal's pen to feed it, even though he had been warned to stay out of the pen, sheriff's officials said.

Grant said no one saw exactly what happened.

Ranch owner Lou Wyman told the Craig Daily Press that the animal, Clyde, would probably be killed. Wyman told the newspaper that Clyde had never attacked another worker in the nine years he has owned it.

An autopsy on Renner was planned today, Grant said.

Bob Barker Pleads for Elephants' Release
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Feb 11, 2006

(AP) LOS ANGELES, Bob Barker pleaded with city officials to close the Los Angeles Zoo's pachyderm exhibit and allow its three elephants to retire to a sanctuary.

Appearing jovial when he arrived at Friday's City Council meeting, the veteran game show host and longtime animal rights activist turned serious when he began to talk about the zoo's elephants, Gita, Ruby and Billy.

"I came here today to ask, to beg you ... to vote to release those elephants from that zoo," Barker said. "They have lived in misery."

Gita and Ruby are ill, leaving only Billy on display. A fourth elephant, Tara, died in 2004. Several zoos nationwide, including San Francisco's, have closed their elephant exhibits.

Barker denounced plans to build a 2-acre, $19 million exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo that supporters say would provide a spacious and more natural environment for the elephants. The 82-year-old host of "The Price is Right" said it was too costly and would likely be obsolete by the time it is completed.

The exhibit was not an issue on the council's agenda and no vote was taken.

"There's only one solution to the tragic, the embarrassing elephant problem going on at (the zoo), and it's to release those elephants from captivity and place them in a sanctuary," Barker said.

The Price of NAIS (Nat'l Animal Identification System)
Submitted by (rrooney) Sat Jan 21, 2006

It does not look like the pet industry is even aware of the coming threat of NAIS. This could be an opening for us to oppose it.

Consider what NAIS will do to the average pet shop: Every mouse, rat, puppy, etc. will have to be registered and transferred or accounted for. Every sale of same will burden the clerk and new owner with massive paperwork and fees. Buying a hamster will be like buying a car or gun - transfer papers, registration, (and now registration of premises). That brings us to owners. This will also HUGELY inflate costs for owners of some types of animals. Imagine what it will now cost to feed a snake! That feeder mouse will now cost $20 or more extra!

It will cost the pet shop or supplier an extra $10 (plus) and your purchase of it will add your registration, transfer, etc. to that. (another $10.00-plus). You take it home to your (registered) premises and feed it to Slinky. Oops! Now you have to report its death within 24 hours. Better save the poop too. You may have to prove the mouse is in there. Can't risk them entering the black market, can we? Even getting a canary will entail this system. Oops,
Tweetie croaked. Got to inform the feds. No flushing the bird. Scanners in the sewers will be watching for alligators and pick him up. Will anyone want a hamster when it costs $40-50? And now every pet shop will be a USDA facility, subject to their rules, oversight, record-keeping, unannounced dropping in, etc. For that matter, your house is now theirs too. Got to come in and scan the place. Make sure Fluffy didn't spawn. Of course, this all makes getting rid of unwanted species or breeds a piece of cake.

Want to arrest every herp owner in NYC? Just pull up the database. Even if the snake isn't registered all those mouse purchases and deaths will pinpoint it.

The same process will uncover a lot of other things. Buying too much chicken? Expect a visit from animal control. You might be feeding an exotic cat. And raising your own food will be right out. Every chicken _you_ hatch or raise will have to be registered and numbered - with the appropriate costs. Oops! That chicken now costs 3 times what it costs to buy it at retail in the supermarket. Guess that will have to stop.

Farmers will no longer be free to donate cows or pigs or horses for lion chow. Too many catches to risk it. Hobby farms will quickly be a thing of the past. You think they're a dying breed now? Just wait a couple of years. There will be more land than developers can absorb.

A few years ago we avoided the federal attempt to register and approve all exotic cat ownership. Now we have it and more. And, like they always have, they can change the rules any time they want and you HAVE to go along with it to keep your license valid. No opt-out. Screw up anywhere and you lose your "permission" (it's no longer a right) to own any animal at all. Any attempt will be flagged in the system. Better not take in that stray. It might be chipped and get you in trouble. The street doesn't issue papers. The AR people are dancing in the streets. Their day has come. It's just a matter of time now. Unless we act real quickly.

Ray

Residents alarmed to hear of missing snake
Submitted by (Raven) Tue Feb 14, 2006

(AP) REXBURG, Idaho - Residents of an apartment complex are keeping an eye out for a neighbor's python, which was reported missing this week.

The 8 1/2-foot Burmese python escaped from its cage sometime Wednesday, said owners Chelsea Carter and Jeff Perrenoud.

They think the snake, named Bessy, went through a hole in their bathroom wall. They went around the complex this week putting up signs about their missing snake, and offering tips on how to handle her.

"She is very friendly, but we want everyone to be very cautious around her because the hole she fell through had nails in it, so I am sure she was hurt and is cranky," Perrenoud said. "We hope she is just curled up in the wall in our apartment."

Some of their neighbors are not afraid of snakes, and took the news calmly.

"I thought it was hilarious," Chelsea Grafe said. "It will probably sneak up in the bed when my husband and I are asleep and try sleeping with us to get warm."

But one family spent the night with friends.

"I am deathly afraid of snakes," Lindsay Garner said. "I haven't been up to my apartment since I found out."

"We just want to get her back," Perrenaud said. "It is Chelsea's baby. She has been in tears about it ever since Bessy went missing."
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