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Mike and Jon of Seattle Tacoma Animal Rescue. See full story on Page 6!
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 January. 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/

Our thanks goes to the “Associated Press” for granting a non-exclusive license to reprint materials online for the purpose of this newsletter. Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc., membership fee is only $10.00/annually. A check or money order can be mailed along with any inquiries you may have.

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 _________________
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.

To order:
DVD’s: $19.95 + $4.95 for shipping and handling
VHS: $25.95 + $4.95 shipping and handling
(check or money order)

Payment can be made to:
Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association
P O Box 1132
Chehalis, WA 98532 OR http://www.paypal.com
payable to: President@PhoenixExotics.org
*note: please add $2.00 extra if ordering through paypal for paypal fees.

Please include:
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e-mail address or telephone number in the event we need to get in touch with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cathspohrer@metrocast.net
Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics

PLEASE NOTE!!!

Prices have not changed if you purchase directly from Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association. Bulk rates remain the same. This is a great deal for the price. Definitely take advantage of the savings so you can share this treasure with friends and colleagues!
Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting 2006
Submitted by (cathspohrer) Wed Jan 4, 2006
Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association proudly presents "Exotic Animal Ownership - Legalities, Problems, Solutions."
Our meeting will be held on Friday, February 24th and on Saturday, February 25th. All are welcome.
The location is La Quinta Inn near the Las Vegas Airport at 3970 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89109. The phone number is 702-796-9000.

Don’t forget to mention “Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association Annual Meeting” to get a discount on your room. The regular room rate is $159.00. Phoenix Exotic attendees will get a room for $109.00 per night, per room.

The Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting is always free and open to the public. Pre registration is required prior to meeting. You may contact President@phoenixexotics.org / 1-360-767-0746 or Cathspohrer@metrocast.net / 1-207-636-3419.

This coming year we will be focusing on some valuable and very informational topics. There will also be 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. Ideas 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.

Phoenix Exotic is honored to have some special and very interesting Guest Speakers for this Annual Meeting, guest Speakers that will share exotic ownership concerns, and those that can give us a wealth of knowledge and ideas for the betterment of exotic ownership. Here are the Guest Speakers for the upcoming 2006 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting:

**Dr. Gary Pusilio : Marshalltown, Iowa and Toronto, Canada
http://www.completenaturalnutrition.com
President, Complete Natural Nutrition (formerly Apperon, Oasis Products), Certified Professional Animal Scientist, Board certified member of the American College of Animal Nutrition, Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry. Recognized throughout the feed and nutrition industry for his expertise in direct-fed microbials.

**Tom Stoffel : Reno, Nevada tim@lionlamb.us
Assistant Chief Engineer, KNP and TV. Has studied African lions for over 20 years. Tim helps care for 4 lions and other big cats at the Sierra Safari Zoo in Reno, Nevada

**Vernon Weir: Las Vegas, Nevada
http://www.asaanimalsanctuary.org
Director of American Sanctuary Association

**:Barry Lagan:
Member of the National Rifle Association

** Ruth Hage : Lanchashire, UK streuthrage@yahoo.co.uk
Animal Behavior and Welfare (BSC (hons) Undergraduate degree student. Researching human/animal bond and the difference between zoo kept and privately owned exotic felids.

** Sandy Grant DVM Raleigh, NC
Owner of Lake Wheeler Veterinary Hospital. Graduate Class of 1994 from NCSU-CVM. Working since then in small animal medicine with special interests in exotic animal medicine. Became a Level II SAR Tech 5 years ago.

** Brent Audrus : Las Vegas, Nevada
and owner for 14 years. BBA from Idaho State University.

** Brian Werner : Tyler, Texas
tiger1@tigerlink.org

Executive Director of Tiger Missing Link Foundation/Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge. Tiger conservation and genetics

** Edward Dominquez : Las Vegas, Nevada
edward_dominquez@fws.gov

Senior Special Agent, US Fish & Game Services, Office of Investigation.

** Dr. Laurie J. Gage: Ft. Collins, Co.
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D.V.M. USDA APHIS Animal Care, Large Felid Specialist for 1 ½ years. Veterinary for Los Angeles Zoo. Director of Veterinary Services Marine Mammal Center. Consultant Vet for Oregon Tiger Sanctuary and Coyote Point Museum.

** Dennis Hill : Flat Rock, Inc.
tigermaniac4real@yahoo.com

President Willowhill Center for Rare and Endangered Tigers, Inc. Building generations of greater gene pool diversity’s, concentrating on the solid white Tigers. Positive education concerning tigers to children groups, schools, YMCA’s, nursing homes and more.

** Linda Hunnicut; Leicester, NC
LndMonk@aol.com

Secretary, Simply Simian, Inc. Care of exotics over 50 years, including primates, felines and reptiles. Working towards unity of exotic owners and educational programs to help new exotic owners.

Itenerary:

******Friday Evening
Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association President Jeanne Hall, will announce commencement of Phoenix Exotic Membership Meeting and discuss Phoenix Business.

Something New for Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting 2006 "Peer Mingle"

The past several years Phoenix Exotics has offered an Entertainment Package along with the Annual Meeting.

Rather than an Entertainment Package for the 2006 Phoenix Exotics Annual Meeting, we have decided to locate the Annual Meeting very close to the famous "Vegas Strip" to allow maximum access to all the sights, sounds the strip has to offer. Many attractions and fun await all on the Vegas Strip.

The Phoenix Annual Meeting time will be filled with excellent Guest Speakers both Friday, February 24th and Saturday, February 25th. There will be plenty of time to listen to these wonderful speakers and a time for questions and answers throughout both days. We are sure, after listening to the Guest Speakers and getting your questions answered, many attendees will wish there was time to sit down and discuss all that has been said. The meeting room at the La Quinta will be open and available for anyone to get together and talk about the issues that were discussed, each evening after the meeting has ended.

Face to face, many ideas coming from various backgrounds. Perfect timing to get together in the evening after the Guest Speakers have concluded. Let us all make the "Peer Mingle" a time to come together! There even may be a surprise guest/s showing up on one of the two evening. Due to scheduling issues, this will not be known until the last minute but you can bet Phoenix Exotics will be the first ones to tell! So plan on making the "Peer Mingle" a time to be remembered!
Seattle Tacoma Animal Rescue
By Shari Anderson

There was a popular bumper sticker some years back that read, “What would the world be like if schools got all the money they wanted and the military had to hold bake sales?” More often than I care to count, I find myself brooding on that simple logic – how much more prudent to use a limited resource to solve a problem rather than wasting that same resource on triage after the problem has escalated. Imagine how wonderful it would be if all the irresponsible people who impulsively bought exotic animals, had to consider their purchases with a fraction of the money available to them and the individuals and facilities that rescue exotics had no funding issues and could give the best of care to those unwanted animals.

Seattle Tacoma Animal Rescue is a relatively new facility that has developed a well rounded approach to the problem of unwanted exotic animals.

Founded five years ago by Jon Allen in Pierce county, STAR currently accepts reptilian, mammalian and avian exotics that are no longer wanted, have been abandoned or have been injured or neglected. But the rescue process does not end with rehabilitation. Relocation and education of the new owners is the ultimate goal, completing the circle of care for the animal and breaking the circle of neglect that put the animal in need of intervention in the first place. Jon has been joined in the past few years by Mike Mesa and Jason Dillow, all of whom work full time at ‘real jobs’ and bestow their passion for helping animals at the facility on a volunteer basis. And although the facility has recently become a non-profit agency, they still pay for food & utilities out of their own pockets.

The population at STAR can fluctuate on almost a daily basis. Currently the facility houses a bobcat, serval, ring-tailed lemur, binturong*, 8 alligators (who have monikers like Ridgeway, Gacy, Bundy, Dalmer – you get the picture), snapping turtles, iguanas, monitors and the usual assortment of snakes (kings, corns, boas, pythons, rattlesnakes and even a Gabon viper.) Neglected or abandoned, but otherwise healthy animals are found new homes as soon as possible. Animals received in poor condition are nursed back to health and then adopted out, including, recently, two black throat monitors. Animals that require specialized care or may have unpredictable temperaments, such as the binturong, may remain at the facility for a long time. The well-being of the animal is always put first and local & state laws are observed.

Pacific Northwest Herpetological Society has had several occasions to call on STAR to deal with escaped or neglected alligators which are illegal in King county. STAR is also working closely with Sarvey Wildlife Center with the goal of obtaining a Wildlife Rehabilitation permit to rescue & release native species. In addition to Sarvey and PNHS, STAR works with the Seattle Turtle and Tortoise Club, Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Alliance Conservation for Exotic Felines and Woodland Park Zoo.

* A binturong (Arctictis binturong) is also called a bearcat, a member of the civet family and a native of SE Asia. It is a truly fascinating, if odiferous, creature to see up close.

Mike & Jon

WA Legislation
Submitted by (jeanneh) Thu Jan 06, 2006

The Washington state legislation is back in session on Monday.

I spoke with the Legislative Aide to the sponsor of HB 1151 today and he does plan to run the bill back thru the system this year.

Washington has a two year legislative session. We are now in the second year of that period. HB 1151 is alive and well for this session. It can be called back into action and assigned to a
committee for a hearing anytime starting this Monday.

Those of you in Washington that attend hearings and all here and around the country who call and write letters, get ready to go on this one!

For those of you in other states, many are already working on bills, ordinances and such, but please check your local state legislative schedules and be ready. Let us know if we can help!

Two-headed snake up for bid
Submitted by (raven) Tue Jan 03, 2006

(AP) For sale: one snake. Albino. Has two heads. Asking $150,000 (U.S.) or best offer.

The World Aquarium in St. Louis has been home to “We,” a one-of-a-kind two-headed albino rat snake, since 1999. President Leonard Sonnenschein has decided to sell the reptile, and bidding on e-Bay will start at $150,000.

“It’s an amazing snake,” Sonnenschein said yesterday. “When people see it, they are awe-struck.”

The six-and-a-half year old snake came to the aquarium’s attention when its previous owner distributed a circular offering it for sale days after its birth.

The aquarium paid $15,000, knowing full well most two-headed snakes don’t live more than a few months.

But “We” has survived and thrived. At 2.5 cm thick and 1.2 metres long, she is a healthy size for a rat snake. While her body is white, the heads have a reddish appearance.

“We” has survived because, unlike some two-headed animals, both mouths are connected to the same stomach, Sonnenschein said.

Van Wallach of Harvard University’s Museum of Comparative Zoology said “We” should live an additional 10-15 years. And Sonnenschein said it’s at a ripe age for breeding.

“We expect the sale of ‘We’ to be on the same level of demand as a priceless art object,” he said.

The snake has been in the spotlight before. In 2004, a disgruntled City Museum worker stole “We.” Authorities found the snake in the garage of the man’s home in Illinois.

“He thought he was going to sell it,” Sonnenschein said. “The thing is, it’s the only one in the world.”

Pet Bear Attacks Kansas Sheriff’s Car
Submitted by (south zoo) Mon Jan 2, 2006

(AP) CHANUTE, Kan. A family’s pet bear may have outworn its welcome in Neosho County after repeatedly escaping from its cage and attacking a sheriff’s deputy’s patrol car last week.

Sheriff Jim Keath said Deputy Matt Bogle responded to a call the evening of Dec. 19 about a bear damaging property.

After making his report, Bogle went next door to where the bear lives and saw that it was loose and not in its cage. He ran back to his patrol car, where the bear followed and climbed up on the driver’s side. After the bear grabbed the driver’s side mirror, Bogle rolled down the window and began hitting the bear’s nose with a flashlight.

The bear let go and a member of the family that owns the bear was called to come lock up the bear. Neosho County ordinances require bears be kept in their kennels.

Keath said the bear has since gone missing again and he has forwarded his report and photos of the bear running loose to the county attorney.
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Don’t forget!

Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting
February 24th & 25th, 2006!

TO: