This is what Phoenix member, Faye calls a “Serval Smile.” Her serval, Zohari will be four in November. He loves playing either soccer with a small ball or throwing things in the air and catching them. Faye said he would rather play anytime than eat. Sounds like a true serval!
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 July. 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 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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Categories:
Scientists spot endangered cuckoo
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Jul 11, 2006

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Scientists trying to photograph wild tigers deep in the Indonesian jungle captured a glimpse of another endangered species instead, the Sumatran ground cuckoo.

An Indonesian-British surveying team released rare images of the short, brown fowl, with black and green plumes, taken with a sensor-triggered, camera. The bird, apparently startled by the flash, is seen gazing into the lens with spread wings.

"Finding the Sumatran ground cuckoo gives me hope, because it was photographed in disturbed forest that has been left to recover near the national park," said Dr. Matthew Linkie of the University of Kent in England.

The July spotting, near Kerinci Seblat National Park in central-west Sumatra, was the third known recording of the bird since 1916, a statement said. The bird's scientific name is Carpococcyx viridis.

"We've photographed rhinoceros hornbills and great argus pheasants before but when we found that we'd photographed a Sumatran ground cuckoo, we couldn't believe it," said field leader Yoan Dinata of Fauna & Flora International Indonesia.

The Sumatran rain forests contain some of the world's richest biodiversity but they are also among the world's most threatened forests, due mainly to illegal logging.

The Big Cat Book will be the third in our series on legal and responsible exotic animal ownership. They are published to help educate people around the country about responsible exotic animal ownership.

Your participation is important. Submit your story or if you know of someone with big cats, ask them to share their story to be published.

If you have a story you would like to share about Big Cats, sad, happy, educational or informative get it in to us. Include a high-resolution picture along with the story! Please send to: cathspohrer@metrocast.net.

Bear voluntarily returns to enclosure
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Jul 12, 2006

GOLDEN, British Columbia (AP) Boo the runaway grizzly bear has returned on his own to his enclosure at a resort, apparently because of the ease of getting food and the end to the mating season, officials said.

After nearly three weeks on the lam after busting out of confinement, the 4-year-old bear ambled back into the 22-acre artificial enclosure Saturday, said Michael Dalzell, sales and marketing director at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort outside this town on the western slope of the Canadian Rockies.

"We believe he came back because he recognizes this as his comfort area and a reliable source of food," Dalzell said Monday. Resort operators should have plenty of time to figure out how to keep Boo from getting loose again, he said. "We feel that now that mating season is over, his urge to escape will be minimized," Dalzell said.

Boo escaped twice within two weeks last month, the second time on June 25, when he bashed a nearly 400-pound steel door off its four bolts, destroyed an electrical box while tearing through two electric fences and scrambled over a 12-foot fence anchored with two feet of steel.
below ground.

Between escapes, resort operators and officials in the provincial Environment Ministry contemplated neutering him, but he made his second getaway before they could act.

"We're working again with the MOE to find a solution," Dalzell said, adding that he couldn't say what solutions were being considered.

The bear has lived in the enclosure since his mother was illegally shot by a hunter in 2002. It's unclear how long he could fend for himself and, being used to humans, would likely be a problem if left to roam, experts said.

Boo's apparent desire for a mate caught his keepers off guard because grizzlies usually don't mature until age 5. Officials said the regular and easy supply of food might have enabled him to mature a year early. The resort isn't taking any chances and has made the bear enclosure off-limits to visitors, at least for the summer, Dalzell said.

Riverbanks Zoo shows off rare white alligator
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Jul 11, 2006

(AP) COLUMBIA, S.C. - While awaiting its day in court, a rare white alligator is spending its days basking in Riverbanks Zoo's aquarium and reptile complex.

Only 10 other white alligators are known in captivity, all owned by the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

White alligators are even more unusual in the wild because of their coloring. Most alligators are dark to hide the young from predators in their naturally dark habitat.

The white alligators, also known as leucistic gators, aren't albino. Instead, they are simply born with white skin.

That rare trait is part of the reason Riverbanks Zoo has a white alligator.

The gator on display was one of three seized by the Department of Natural Resources after three men were arrested in September 2003 for taking the endangered species from the banks of a pond at Sea Pines Resort on Hilton Head Island.

The men said they captured the gators to keep them from being killed. They are awaiting trial.

Two of the alligators died of a serious infection obtained before they were taken to the zoo. The third gator has lived away from public view at the zoo until this month.

When the zoo's anaconda died recently, Riverbanks officials decided to use the exhibit to put the rare gator on display.

After a week by itself, the gator got some company _ a regularly colored gator of about the same size. They seemed to hit it off, so another regular gator was added.

"They've gotten along fine," said Holly Jones, the keeper working with the gators. "They're basking together."

The young gators will outgrow the small exhibit in a couple of years.

But zoo officials say it's difficult to make long-range plans for the white alligator because it still belongs to the state as evidence.

On Monday, the leucistic gator's white skin shined in stark contrast to the brown tree bark and green algae in its exhibit.

"It's soooo beautiful," said 8-year-old Kayla Anstey of Columbia.
Exotic Animal Abductions on the Rise
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Jul 12, 2006

By Sue Leeman, (AP) LONDON -- Missing marmosets, abducted alligators, purloined penguins: Thieves are targeting Europe's zoos and safari parks to supply animal collectors who want to own ever more exotic species, officials say. Conservationists say the practice is harming animals, threatening vital breeding programs and adding to an already-flourishing illegal trade in exotic birds and animals. "We live in a designer world and people are not satisfied any more with a budgie or a canary -- they want something more exotic," said John Hayward, a former police officer who runs Britain's National Theft Register, the only national database of animal thefts in Europe. He said on average British zoos had suffered a major theft every week for the past few years, involving dozens of animals worth thousands of dollars.

Conservationists fear that the demand for exotic animals will put further pressure on wild populations, which thieves have already targeted for years. This past Friday, for example, a meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Lima, Peru, heard how a vast trade in exotic birds -- both legal and illegal -- has decimated populations of African gray parrots, prized for their ability to mimic human speech.

Britain's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, or RSPB, says 360,000 African grays were legally traded from 1994 to 2003 -- mostly into Europe -- while thousands more were traded illegally.

Zoo thefts made headlines in December when Toga the baby jackass penguin was stolen from Amazon World Zoo Park on the Isle of Wight, off southern Britain. He was never found.

On June 18, thieves made off with five rare marmosets worth several hundred dollars each from Drusilla’s Zoo at East Grinstead, south of London. Police later recovered four of the creatures, along with 14 other monkeys stolen from zoos in Devon and Cambridgeshire. Two men were arrested and will appear in court on Aug. 27. Hayward said some animals were stolen to order by professionals. "These animals are not tame, and you need to know how to handle and care for them," he said.

The more exotic or endangered the animal, the higher the price. The RSPB says one rare hyacinth macaw can fetch up to 25,000 pounds ($45,000). There are casual thefts, too. In the late 1990s, a man abducted an alligator from a zoo in central England. "He took him to a party to impress his friends, then left him on the doorstep of a pet shop," Hayward said.

Harry Schram, director of the 300-member European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, said some 40 percent of European zoos had suffered thefts. "This problem is growing -- with more species being declared endangered and more regulation, people are going underground," Schram said by telephone from his office in Amsterdam.

Many zoos are now increasing security and some are tagging and chipping their animals. Kath Bright, manager of Amazon World Zoo Park, said penguin parents Kyala and Oscar mourned the loss of 3-month-old Toga for several weeks. "We think Toga may have been stolen to order, because this was not an opportunistic theft," she said. There has been a happy ending: On Feb. 14, Kyala and Oscar hatched another chick, dubbed Temba, meaning hope.

ALERT: Captive Primate Safety Act SB 1509
Submitted by (bigcats10) Thu Jul 13, 2006

Referred to the Committee on Resources. An ACT To amend the Act Amendments of 1981 to add non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife species. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the ‘Captive Primate Safety Act of 2005’. Section 2. Addition of non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife species. Section 2(g) of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371(g)) is amended by inserting 'or any non-human primate' before the period at the end. Passed the Senate July 11, 2006. Attest: Emily J. Reynolds, Secretary.

Bear driven to diet on pizza, booze
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Jul 5, 2006
Stateline, Nevada (AP) -- A bear cub drew a crowd of spectators at a Lake Tahoe neighborhood as it munched on barbecue-chicken-and-jalapeno pizza in the back seat of a vintage red Buick convertible.

It also apparently washed it down with a swig of a Jack Daniel's mixer, some vodka and a beer taken from a cooler, the vehicle's owner said. About 30 people watched the cub lumber around a parking lot Sunday before it homed in on the car and the spicy pizza on the floor. The cub appeared unfazed by the car's horn that blew nonstop as the animal pressed the seat into the steering wheel. "The bear was loping along in the parking lot and then decided to get inside the car," said resident Jerry Patterson.

The owner of the car, David Ziello of South Lake Tahoe, said the bear didn't cause any damage but slopped cheese and jalapenos on the seats and floor.

Carl Lackey, a biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, said up to two dozen bears live in the Kingsbury region near the south shore of Lake Tahoe.

They come for food from trash bins and people who leave it in the open, said Lackey, who tracks and relocates bears on the Nevada side of the Tahoe basin.

Lackey warned visitors and residents against keeping food inside their vehicles.

CA aquarium workers resign after sea lion deaths
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Jul 11, 2006
(AP) Long Beach - Two aquarium workers have resigned after an investigation determined they did not properly keep a sea lion and her pup cool on a hot day on which the animals died of heat exhaustion.

Four-year-old Kona and her 4-week-old pup were found motionless July 1, less than an hour after they appeared healthy and active during a cold bath at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

An internal investigation has found that the animals were not watered down enough to keep them cool for that particular hour, the aquarium's president, Jerry Schubel, said Monday.

He declined to release the names or job titles of the departing workers. "It's very clear that we have a set of procedures and those procedures were not followed," Schubel said. "And there was not appropriate oversight of those procedures."

He said the aquarium was conducting a review to determine how to change operations to prevent such incidents.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which issues licenses to the nation's aquariums and zoos, is investigating the deaths for possible violation of the Animal Welfare Act, department spokesman Darby Holladay said.

The sea lions were sitting under a shade cloth outside the water on a day when temperatures soared to 90 degrees.

A post-mortem examination showed the animals' body temperatures were above normal. Staff veterinarian Lance Adams said he also found trauma in some of the organs that he attributed to heat.
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