This little star is a 16 month old spider monkey named “Jimi.” It is easy to see why he is the pride and joy of Phoenix member, Shelley!
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 November. 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.

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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
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics
Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Annual Meeting 2007
The Phoenix Exotics Annual Meeting is geared for all to learn and enhance their life with exotic animals.


What: Phoenix Exotics will provide a host of special Guest Speakers.

Where:
Phoenix Inn and Suites
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Friday, February 23rd will be an evening of relaxation in the Phoenix Inn Conference room with a special Guest Speaker.

Saturday, February 24th will be a day in the Phoenix Inn Conference room with Guest Speakers to provide information, knowledge and shared experiences. Saturday will also bring a Guest Speaker that may knock your socks off!

Special Phoenix Exotics discount rates will be $109.00 per room. When reserving your room, “Phoenix Exotics” must be mentioned to get this rate.

Our hotel service and amenities include:
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The Phoenix Inn and Suites is a beautiful hotel located on Puget Sound in Olympia, WA and is very close to the state Capitol where legislation will be in progress at the same time as our meeting.

Phoenix Inn and Suites is within easy access to the State Capitol, Capitol Lake, and some of the best restaurants in the area. The staff is welcoming and provides great professional service with a personal touch.

As time gets closer for the Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting, I will be passing along more information as it becomes available.

Get ready to make your plans for attending this great meeting in Olympia, Washington.

Let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance in making your plans.

Any questions, e-mail us at:
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Irwin’s daughter to star in a wildlife series
Submitted by (south zoo) Mon Oct 16, 2006

NEW YORK (AP) - Like father, like daughter.

Bindi Irwin, the eight-year-old daughter of the late "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin, will star in a wildlife series to air on the Discovery Kids network early next year. The show's working title: "Bindi, The Jungle Girl."

Her father, animal lover and conservationist Steve Irwin, died from the poisonous jab of a stingray Sept. 4. Besides Bindi, he left behind her mother, Terri, and two-year-old brother, Bob.

The show, now in the early stages of production, was originally "going to be a father-daughter thing," starring the nature-loving duo, Discovery publicist Annie Howell told the Associated Press on Monday. "Steve and Bindi were very enthusiastic about doing the show together."

Irwin will appear with Bindi in scenes filmed before his death, his manager, John Stainton, said in an interview on People magazine's Web site. "Some people think that I would be afraid of them, but I'm never ever afraid of an animal," Bindi said in an interview Monday on ABC's "Australian Story." "I just get excited and some that are dangerous I just think, 'Oooh! What's going to happen?' and things like that."

National Zoo’s Asia Trail Opens
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Oct 17, 2006

Washington (AP) - The National Zoo's new Asia Trail and giant panda habitat has finally opened to the public.

Seven Asian species now call the area home after two years of construction. The six-acre $53 million dollar renovation is the first phase of a complete makeover of the zoo's exhibits.

Besides the zoo's three popular giant pandas, the exhibit includes a larger, more prominent space for sloth bears, fishing cats, red pandas, clouded leopards, a Japanese giant salamander and Asian small-clawed otters.

The panda habitat is nearly double the size of their old enclosure. And curators designed the space based on observations of animal behavior.

Because the giant pandas enjoy water, their new home has a waterfall and shallow pools.

The next phase in the zoo's renovation is a $60 million dollar expanded enclosure for Asian elephants. Groundbreaking is expected in the spring.
Letter to Cat Fancy Magazine
Submitted by (Mike Friese) Tue Oct 24, 2006

Regarding 'From "The Birds" to Big Cats', Cat Fancy Magazine, October 2006, Page 46:

I read Tippi Hedren's 1991 book, "The Cats of Shambala." The story she relates in that book is the complete opposite of her current anti-exotic cat rhetoric. You see, "Cats of Shambala" makes a compelling case for the benefits of exotic cat ownership. Tippi boasts how she brought her pet cheetah, Pharaoh, to a jewelry store to go shopping and what a great experience it was for both cat and human.

She also had a pet lion named Billy. When he was a cub, she used to bring him everywhere with her. When he got too big for that, she continued to walk him every day by the perimeter fence of Shambala until her beloved Billy died of old age.

Tippi was not "inspired to save the wild animals being slaughtered for their furs." She was merely an exotic cat pet owner. She was getting in trouble for keeping four lion cubs at her Hollywood home so her husband bought the property in Soledad Canyon.

After they bought the property, they didn't just "begin taking in abused and abandoned wildcats." They were collecting cats as pets and for their movie, Roar. She was buying, selling, and breeding too. It's in the book.

Today Tippi lives right on Shambala's premises so she can be close to the exotic cats she loves, the likes of which she wants to prohibit everyone, except her, from enjoying.

Will her generation be the last to enjoy this pleasure of exotic cat husbandry?

Exotic cats, even little ones, do not make good pets for the uneducated or indifferent. But for those who have invested the time to completely understand their domestics, well tamed exotic cats provide a more intimate bridge to the wild.

Mike Friese
Orange, CA
(permission granted to publish)

MO: Auction as Exotic Animal Park closes
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Oct 14, 2006

By Marcus Kabel

STRAFFORD, Mo. (AP) -- In a scene reminiscent of a storybook bazaar, Exotic Animal Paradise began selling off its wares Friday, including animals such as zebras and water buffalos and more commonplace items such as picnic tables.

A local landmark founded by the father of Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, the drive-through wildlife park was sold after 35 years in business by owner Richard Armitage to a developer who plans to build luxury homes on the 500-acre site as the region's housing market continues to grow.

Over 400 buyers signed up to bid on the first morning of the two-day sale, which includes 450 animals as well as tools and equipment.

In a dusty field, neighboring pens held camels, zebras, ostriches, water buffalo, elk and llamas while the auctioneer kept up a high-speed sales banter from a booth mounted on the bed of a truck.

"The prices here are about half what
they would normally be," said Dominic Conti, 19, who was buying breeding animals for his parents' farm in Galena in Stone County. Conti bought a pair of llamas for $400, two donkeys for $400 and two zedonk, or zebra-donkey hybrids, for $350.

"My next acquisition will be that bison bull," he said as he headed back into the bidding crowd.

A trained riding camel went for $4,000, while a female camel capable of breeding fetched $9,000. Three ostriches, one male and two female, were sold as a set for just $200. A water buffalo bull sold for $1,200, and some American buffalo fetched between $300 and $450 each. Three zebras went for $1,750 to $3,100.

Many in the crowd said they were animal enthusiasts with room on their farms or rural acreage for new additions.

Lori Hall, 43, said she was hoping to buy one of the park's two coatis to join three of the racoon-like animals native to Central and South America that she already has at her country home near Lebanon, Mo.

"They're just really interesting animals," Hall said.

Brothers Dennis Deutsch, 24, and Alex, 19 were looking at a large, 25-by-10-foot baboon cage. Their family has monkeys on their property near Troy in east-central Missouri.

Auctioneers barred photographers and television cameras, saying customers might be worried about animal rights activists publicizing their pictures.

Agents from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture were on hand to make sure that people who bought big game or wild animals have the proper permits to keep them.

The park's two black bears and two cougars, for example, fall under state conservation rules as a native endangered species. A Missouri resident buying them would have to have a permit from the state certifying they can take adequate care of the animals, said conservation department officer Jerry Austin.

Many of the animals are under no restrictions, including small cats, birds, ostriches, emus, llamas, zebras and horses.

Park owner Ron Armitage declined to be interviewed Friday. Armitage told the Springfield News-Leader for story Thursday that he hoped the animals would find good homes and he would refuse to sell if he believed a buyer wasn't suitable.

"We'll do everything possibly we can to provide the animals with good, loving homes," said Armitage, who advertised the auction nationally.

"Animal dealers are a small network of people," Armitage said. "I've been in this business for 20 years, and I know all the animal dealers."

He said he wouldn't sell to a dealer representing hunting ranch owners.
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Don’t forget Phoenix Annual Meeting Friday, February, 23rd & Saturday, February 24th!