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This is Med-Jai, an Asiatic black leopard, owned by Bob Pitt, Director of H.O.P.E. For All Animals Incorporated.
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 October. 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 ________________________
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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!**

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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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Payment can be made to:

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

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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 Wildlife Annual Meeting 2007

The Phoenix Exotics Annual Meeting is geared for all to learn and enhance their life with exotic animals.

**When:** Friday, February 23, 2007 and Saturday February 24, 2007.

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

**Where:**
Phoenix Inn and Suites  
415 Capitol Way N  
Olympia, WA 98501  
Tel: (360) 570-0555  
Toll-free: (877) 570-0555

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.

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.

Our hotel service and amenities include:
* Free High Speed Wireless Internet
* Complimentary Extended Continental Breakfast.
* Fresh baked cookies each evening
* Bottled water in room at check-in
* Complimentary Fitness Center
* Complimentary newspaper
* Free Parking
* Friendly and professional staff who offer outstanding service
* Three comfortable meeting rooms, the largest for up to 110 participants.
* Indoor Pool and Hot Tub open 24 hours
* 24 hour business center
* Fax and copy machine services available
* Family suites
* Free local phone calls
* Guest Laundry
* Children 17 and under stay free

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: president@phoenixexotics.org or cathspohrer@metrocast.net

Thank you,
Cathy Freeman
Federal Judge threw out plea agreement

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A federal judge threw out plea agreements by owners of a tiger that was shot to death after it escaped and ran into a suburb last year.

The decision earlier this year by U.S. District Judge George King leaves Gert "Abby" Hedengran and his wife, Roena, in legal limbo. King questioned whether some charges the couple face involve criminal violations or regulatory ones that carry a fine rather than prison time.

Lawyers had until September 25th to submit briefs arguing whether the couple violated the criminal code or administrative rules.

Wildlife officials shot the tiger in February 2005 in a Moorpark city park. The 350-pound tiger had been de-clawed and apparently was raised in captivity, but authorities did not know this until they killed the animal.

Authorities alleged the animal belonged to the couple, who had recently moved to the area with nearly two dozen exotic cats, and that the animal escaped two weeks before the search began. A ranch worker's sighting prompted the search.

Last month, the former Tierra Rejada Valley couple, who now live in Nevada, agreed to plea guilty to charges that included transporting exotic cats in enclosures of "insufficient structural strength" and exhibiting exotic cats without a license.

Announcement:
On October 25th, the Board of Directors held a special meeting to address the need for new membership rules. The membership is invited to join in the discussion regarding proposed membership rules for the corporation via the e-list, or you may call the office or write us at our PO Box for updates.

During the discussion period, acceptance of new memberships has been suspended. Renewals will continue to be accepted. The suspension of acceptance of new memberships begins now and runs until after the Feb 2007 annual meeting at which time membership acceptance will resume under newly adopted membership rules.

The man, the lion, and the police officer

A man was walking a lion down the street when they were stopped by a police officer. The police officer said, "You shouldn't be walking that lion down the street, you need to take him to the zoo." The man replies, "OK".

The next day he sees the same police officer again, and he still had his lion. The police officer said, "I thought I told you to take that lion to the zoo!" The man replies, "I did, and today I'm taking him to the movies!"

Why do leopards have a hard time hiding?

They are always spotted!
MO: Woman wants to take monkey to restaurants
(Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Sep 19, 2006)

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) - A southwest Missouri woman has asked the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to allow her to take her pet monkey into local restaurants as a service animal.

Debby Rose, of Springfield, says Richard, her bonnet macaque monkey, provides emotional support that allows her to overcome an anxiety disorder and go out in public places such as restaurants. Rose said the federal Americans With Disabilities Act should allow the practice.

Health department officials met Friday with a local service agency, the Southwest Center for Independent Living, which is acting as an agent for Rose. The health department told the agency that Rose must produce some kind of federal ruling or certification that the monkey is a service animal under the ADA before it will consider allowing her to take the monkey into public places, said Kevin Gipson, director of health. Officials from the Southwest Center were not immediately available for comment.

The health department had earlier allowed the monkey but advised restaurants in a September 5th letter that Richard does not meet service-animal requirements and cannot be allowed into food establishments.

Recent complaints from patrons at one restaurant sparked further research, and the department decided that the practice was not covered by ADA, said Ron Boyer, assistant director of the health department.

"Bottom line is, the monkey performs no service for her (Rose) under the definition of government regulations and cannot be classified, and therefore, cannot go into a food establishment," Boyer wrote in a Sept. 5 letter sent to area restaurants. A copy also was sent to Rose. Family members said Rose's anxiety is disabling.

Without her monkey, she's less able to manage normal tasks, such as grocery shopping and dining out because of severe anxiety. Rose said she was aware that the monkey's presence upset at least one customer at a recent outing at a buffet-style restaurant.

Jodi Daniel was the health inspector who received complaints from that outing, prompting her to call the federal ADA hot line. "What they consider a service animal is that the animal is trained by someone to perform a specific task," said Daniel, who did not get the name of the woman who answered the ADA hot line.

Cynthia Magnuson, a spokeswoman from the Justice Department in Washington, told the Springfield News-Leader that while the law is somewhat vague regarding emotional support animals, they are covered.

"We have actually prosecuted cases where people have had emotional support animals," she said. "It's kind of a fine line, but the law errs on the side of protecting individuals that are disabled."

Crocodile Hunter: the final show
(Submitted by (south zoo) Tues Sep 19, 2006)

BEERWAH, Australia (AP) - "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin was remembered Wednesday for his "great zest for life" at a public memorial service for the beloved conservationist and entertainer.

"We have lost a friend, a champion," actor Russell Crowe said in a recorded tribute. "It will
take some time to adjust to that." Prime Minister John Howard, among the 5,000 in attendance at the Australia Zoo for the ceremony, remembered Irwin for his love of Australia. "Steve Irwin touched the hearts of Australians and touched the hearts of millions around the world in a very special way," said Howard. "He did that because he had that quality of being genuine, of being authentic, of being unconditional and having a great zest for life." "Throughout his all-too-short life he demonstrated a love for the two things that ought to matter more to all of us than anything else - his love of his family and his love of his country."

There was one empty seat at Irwin's personal stadium - the one set aside for the late and hugely popular "Crocodile Hunter" himself. On the stage sat Irwin's widow, U.S.-born Terri, and their two children, Bindi eight, and Bob, two - all dressed in Irwin's favored khaki outfit. It was their first public appearance since Irwin's death.

A exuberant television entertainer and conservationist, Irwin, 44, died September 4th, when the barb from a stingray pierced his chest while he was filming for a TV show on the Great Barrier Reef. His family held a private funeral service for him September 9th at Australia Zoo.

Flags on the Sydney Harbour Bridge flew Wednesday at half-mast and giant television screens were set up in Irwin's home state Queensland for people to watch the service. Three of Australia's main television networks carried the hour-long ceremony, which was to be made available to U.S. and international networks and which family officials said could be watched by as many as 300 million people.

Crowds began lining up Tuesday night for the start of the memorial service. Later, under sunny skies just before the start of the ceremony, dozens of television satellite-transmission trucks parked outside the zoo, a flora and fauna park that has been owned by the Irwin family since 1970.

His death set off an unprecedented outpouring of grief. Tens of thousands traveled to the zoo near Brisbane to drop off flowers and other mementoes, any of them signing Irwin-styled khaki shirts instead of a condolence book. Since Irwin's death, his conservation charity Wildlife Warriors has seen a surge in donations and its website has received millions of hits.

John Williamson, one of Irwin's favorite Australian country singers, sang his trademarked "True Blue" song that Irwin loved.

Later, as part of the public memorial entitled "He Changed our World," actress Cameron Diaz said in a video presentation that Irwin was incredibly popular in the United States. "America just flipped for him," said Diaz. "Every kid was in love with the idea of being him."

Later, actor Kevin Costner said Irwin put himself "out there" for everyone to see. "He was fearless," said Costner in the video tribute. "He let us see who he was. That is being brave in today's society."
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Don’t forget to make your reservations for the 2007 Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Annual Meeting!