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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 September. 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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**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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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cathspohrer@metrocast.net
Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
Secretary, Phoenix Exotics
It’s that time again!

It is time to start planning for the February 2007 Phoenix Exotics Annual meeting.

We have had a catch phrase for the last five years of "always the last weekend of February, always in Vegas and always FREE!"

Last year, at the February 2006 meeting, our members discussed the idea of charging for the meeting. The idea caught fire and passed. So, we need to change our catch phrase.

While figuring out how to implement this change, we looked over the entire plan of the annual meeting. One of the points newly considered is the fact that the height of tourist season in Vegas happens to be February, resulting in high prices and heavily booked hotels and meeting rooms. The upshot is, we have made some changes.

The first change is the charge for the meeting. This amount will be nominal and will be announced once determined. We are looking at 20-30 dollars. (The portion of the meeting covering organizational issues such as voting has usually been worked into an open slot and takes an hour or two. This hour or two is still free to members who wish to attend only this portion.)

The second change is the meeting location. We will be meeting in the Washington State Capitol, Olympia. The hotel is just down the way from the capitol building. We are planning to have the legislators who have been helping us stop the ban bill in Washington over the last few years, to speak with attendees and give tips on fighting bills in your own states.

We will be able to have animals at the meeting. You can have small animals with you in your rooms.

Washington is not a normal vacation hot spot in February so the lodging rates are lower and other great aspects made Washington State the winner for this year's meeting. Many states were considered, but this state provides the best options for helping find solutions to exotic issues for this year.

Cathy, our Secretary, is still working on the details and arrangements and will be keeping the list informed as things progress. This is just a quick notice to give you as much advance notice as possible for the Phoenix 2007 meeting.

It is still scheduled for the last weekend of February 2007!

President - Jeanne Hall

**Thailand to return smuggled orangutans**
(Submitted by (cathspohrer) Wed Aug 30, 2006)

BANGKOK (AP), Thailand next month will repatriate dozens of smuggled Indonesian orangutans which were confiscated from a safari park two years ago, authorities said Wednesday.
But questions remain over the future of five of the smuggled orangutans that have been "loaned" to the Chiang Mai Night Safari -- a pet project of Thai Prime Minister Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

The 53 orangutans were among 100 orangutans confiscated in August 2004 from the private Safari World zoo near Bangkok, where they were forced to perform in daily boxing matches. Of those seized, 54 were found to be illegally smuggled and one has died.

"We want to send them all back," said Damrong Phidej, director-general of Agriculture Ministry's National Parks Department. "We don't want to take care of them."

Thai and Indonesian officials said they expected the 48 to be returned on a flight in mid-September. The orangutans will be shipped to a rehabilitation center on Indonesia's island of Kalimantan (Borneo). "For the time being, we are talking only about 48, not including the ones in Chiang Mai," said Wisnu Pratignyo, political counselor at the Indonesia Embassy in Bangkok. "The ministry officials mentioned 48. That's why we're now discussing only 48."

The 53 orangutans were being kept at a wildlife breeding center in Ratchaburi province, 95 kilometers west of Bangkok.

Five of those orangutans were loaned to the Chiang Mai Night Safari last year, a national parks official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Damrong insisted they were loaned to the park because there was not enough space at Ratchaburi, adding they too would eventually be returned to Indonesia.

"Night Safari has veterinarians and everything to take care of them, so we lent them temporarily," Damrong said. "There was one condition that if Indonesia wanted us to send them back, we would have to send them all back."

The Chiang Mai Night Safari, a project initiated by Thaksin in his hometown in northern Thailand, has been a subject of extensive controversy for attempting to import animals from Kenya and export animals to other countries. It also at one time floated a proposal to offer exotic animal meats on its menu for visitors.

CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna, lists orangutans as endangered, meaning trade in the animals is tightly restricted. (***)
Exhibit eyes record for 2-headed animals
(Submitted by (raven) Thu Aug 17, 2006)

(AP) ST. LOUIS - Officials of the World Aquarium at the City Museum subscribe wholeheartedly to the maxim that two heads are better than one. If they're on the same animal, that is.

Aquarium officials hope an exhibit that opens next week and runs through Sept. 5 will prompt the creation of a Guinness World Record for the most two-headed animals on display.

So far, the aquarium has lined up 10 two-headed snakes and turtles, including "We," the aquarium's rare albino two-headed rat snake. The other nine animals are owned by Fred Lally of West Fork, Ark.

And if a local reptile dealer with a two-headed snake adds his to the exhibit, the head count would rise to 22.

"It should be a huge two-headed party," aquarium president Leonard Sonnenschein said Tuesday.

Sonnenschein hopes two of the guests will hit it off. He would like to mate one of Lally's snakes, a two-headed albino two-headed rat snake named "Golden Girls," with We.

"There are no guarantees," he said, "but it's very likely these two could mate and have babies."

The aquarium has been trying to breed We since failing to sell the snake online in January. Officials had hoped it would bring $150,000, but there were no bidders and two subsequent offers were under $50,000.

There's a big hitch, though: Officials aren't sure whether We is male, female or a bit of both.

Sonnenschein believes the snake could be hermaphroditic, with two snakes sharing one body. However, a surgical procedure earlier this year found that We could be female.

Sonnenschein said Golden Girls is thicker, leading to speculation that it could be male.

Even if the exhibit fails to produce another two-headed snake, Sonnenschein said Guinness is interested in the proposal and has created a category dubbed "Largest Exhibit of Two-headed Animals."

Lally wouldn't mind being part of a record-breaking exhibit, either. That would boost the prestige of his own collection, which besides Golden Girls also includes a two-headed western diamondback rattlesnake named "Double Trouble" and seven two-headed red ear slider turtles: Wild Ones, Ms. Hazel, Zip & Pip, Lyndon, Crooked Shell, Short Neck and Baby Gill.

Lally and his wife usually display the animals at fairs and festivals, but a world record could mean a chance to move out of the summer heat and into cooler surroundings.

"I'd much rather make up (a display) that could go inside malls," he said.

Sanctuary owner says animals may have to be euthanized
(Submitted by (rooney) Mon Aug 21, 2006)

(AP) KEENESBURG – Pat Craig said he is facing a terrible choice: raise enough money to feed the lions, tigers and other large predators at his sanctuary while he finds them new homes or euthanize the 155 animals.

"Of course, that is going to be the very, very last thing we ever do," Craig said last week during a tour of the sanctuary 30 miles northeast of Denver. "But in December, I was sure that
within two weeks, I'd be doing that.

"You either let them starve to death or you go out there and do the right thing," he said.

This isn't the first time that Craig has appealed to the public for help with his Rocky Mountain Wildlife Conservation Center. This time, said Craig, who ended last year with a $250,000 deficit, donations won't keep him open.

"We didn't just lose a little. We lost well over half of our income," Craig said, blaming the lack of donations on the national and global disasters.

He has 75 tigers, 12 lions, nine leopards and 30 bears, plus wolves and smaller cats.

Others involved in rescuing animals that are victims of illegal trade in exotic criticized Craig's statements, saying they amount to blackmail.

"He knows, like us, that sanctuaries are filled to capacity and he's got a lot of cats and where are they going to go?" said Vernon Weir, director of the American Sanctuary Association. "Once you start killing these animals, it becomes an acceptable method for disposing of these animals and we don't want this to ever become acceptable."

Sculac has his own challenges at his sanctuary following the death of his wife, Karen Sculac, earlier this month. Volunteers have said they want to help keep the 128 cats there.

"I feel like I'm parting with my family. I feel like I'm parting with my children," said Jurich. "It breaks my heart to think about it, but it's better for them."

Colorado has banned big cats as pets since 1985 and has some of the toughest regulations, adopted in 2003, for sanctuaries. The state banned new nonprofit facilities, and none have opened since then.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife licenses seven wildlife sanctuaries.

Nationwide, 20 states have banned keeping them as pets, and the federal government is implementing the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, which prohibits interstate or Internet trade of big cats.

The Humane Society of the U.S. estimates from 10,000 to 15,000 big cats are in private hands, from cages in basements to roadside zoos. Most that wind up in sanctuaries came from squalid and inhumane conditions.
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