This is "Shani" and "TJ" - five month old servals, belonging to Shelleen Mathews of Wild Felid Advocacy Center of Washington.
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 August. 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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I would like to join and support the Phoenix Wildlife Association. I understand that dues are for membership only and non-refundable.

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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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Cathy Freeman-Spohrer
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Honolulu lion Apollo dies

Honolulu (AP) - The longtime king of the Honolulu Zoo, Apollo the lion, died yesterday.

Apollo was 21 years old before he was euthanized because of fading health and kidney failure.

Apollo was an African lion who was six months old when he arrived in Hawaii in April 1986.

Zoo director Ken Redman says Apollo was one of the most beautiful male lions he had seen. Redman says he will be missed by the thousands of visitors who saw over the years.

Apollo leaves the zoo with two lions, twin sisters Ethel Louise and Samantha. They were born in April 1986, making them 21 years old.

Redman says the zoo will search for a young male lion to transfer to Honolulu.

Lions live about 15 years in the wild but they can live well into their 20s in captivity because of the availability of medical treatment and a healthy diet.

Feds to revamp wolf recovery

Tucson, Arizona (AP) - Federal wildlife officials hope the public will suggest ways to revamp and improve the troubled program to recover and reintroduce Mexican gray wolves along the Arizona-New Mexico border.

The program has been under fire from both environmentalists and ranchers.

Conservationists, including Governor Richardson, are angered because of the number of wolves that federal agents have killed or removed after preying on cattle.

Many ranchers within the recovery area have fiercely opposed the recovery effort since its inception in 1998, calling the program a nightmare that won’t go away.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Elizabeth Slown says there are a lot of things that officials could change to make the program better so they’d like to hear the public’s suggestions.

Slown says the process could take two to three years to change the rules.

Man smuggles monkey into NYC airport

A man smuggled a monkey onto an airplane Tuesday, stashing the furry fist-size primate under his hat until passengers spotted it perched on his ponytail, an airline official said.

The monkey escapade began in Lima, Peru, late Monday, when the man boarded flight to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said Spirit Airlines spokeswoman Alison Russell.

After landing Tuesday morning, the man waited several hours before catching a connecting flight to LaGuardia Airport. During the flight, people around the man noticed that the marmoset, which normally lives in forests and eats fruit and insects, had emerged from underneath his hat, Russell said. "Other passengers asked the man if he knew he had a monkey on him," she said. The monkey spent the remainder of the flight in the man’s seat and behaved well, said Russell, who didn’t know how it skirted customs and security.

Airport police were waiting for the man and his monkey when the plane landed about 3 p.m., and the man was taken away for questioning. It was unclear whether he would face any criminal charges.

The city’s animal control agency said the monkey appeared healthy. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was planning to take it for disease testing and keep it quarantined for 31 days, CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said. If the monkey is healthy, it could wind up in a zoo.
"It is kind of a spirited monkey," Russell said. "That will be the nickname of the monkey: Spirit."

**Baby bobcat wanders into auto parts store**

Sanford (AP) - A kitten that wandered into an auto parts store on Monday elicited oohs and aahs from onlookers.

But this was no ordinary kitty. It was a feisty, frightened bobcat.

The tiny feline entered VIP Auto shortly before 8 a.m. as Jason Hamilton of Sanford arrived to buy new tires.

"It just came walking in. I tried to call him like a normal cat, but he wouldn't come," Hamilton said.

The bobcat wandered the length of the store before heading into the bathroom, where it hid behind the toilet before employees closed the bathroom door.

Sanford police dispatched to the scene looked at the animal, agreed that it looked like a bobcat, and notified the Maine Warden Service.

Warden Alan Curtis, who was in town, theorized that the bobcat kitten had come in from the woods at the rear of the store.

"It's only a few weeks old," said Curtis, who estimated its weight at a pound or two. "It's probably scared to death."

After donning thick, welding-type gloves, Curtis brought the kitten out in a red plastic basket. It was then transferred to a cardboard box, with a lid and air holes, and was headed to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray.

**L.A. Zoo welcomes Reggie the alligator**
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Aug 11, 2007

Reggie, the alligator that cruised an urban lake for nearly two years while eluding what were purported to be some of the world's best gator wranglers, was introduced to adoring fans on Thursday at his new home in the Los Angeles Zoo.

The 7 1/2-foot-long, 114-pound alligator was brought in to his own exhibit area to cheers and chants of "We want Reggie." Hundreds of people, many wearing Reggie T-shirts and alligator hats, watched as a dozen handlers hugged the gator into the compound, his jaws wrapped up in a towel and duct tape. He was unwrapped and, after a nudge or two, slid into his pool. The zoo has six other American alligators and two Chinese alligators.

But Reggie gets his own fenced pond, which features a waterfall and marshy plantings. "I think he'll be happy here. He's got a luxury suite, it's absolutely gorgeous," Councilwoman Janice Hahn said. "It's a great ending to a great story."

Reggie was spotted in Harbor City's Machado Lake in August 2005. Authorities say a man who illegally raised Reggie as a pet dumped the gator in the lake when it got too big. Over the next two years, Reggie cruised the 53-acre lagoon, apparently dining on frogs, crayfish and the occasional tortillas and chicken leg left by visitors and park officials. He outwitted several efforts by professional wranglers to capture him as his fame spread.

The city spent about $180,000 trying to grab Reggie and on security measures to protect lakegoers from him, said Hahn, whose council district includes Harbor City.

The gator was finally corralled in May after a park maintenance worker spotted Reggie catching some sun on a lake bank.

The gator, believed to be 7 or 8 years old, is still growing and could become 10 feet long and weigh 350 pounds, said zoo director John Lewis. "We are proud to offer the alligator a safe haven and even happier to have this opportunity to speak to the importance of not releasing exotic animals into the wild ecosystem," Lewis said.
Texas sanctuary sues to get 7 chimps back

San Antonio (AP) -- A Texas animal sanctuary that has been embroiled in a protracted fight over the care of several chimpanzees formerly used for research at Ohio State University has filed a lawsuit to force the Louisiana sanctuary where the animals now live to return them.

San Antonio's Primarily Primates cared for the seven chimps from Ohio State for several months last year. Last fall the Texas attorney general seized the facility under a temporary restraining order after complaints over living conditions there. In November, the animals were transferred to Chimp Haven in Louisiana by a court-appointed receiver running the facility.

Primarily Primates and the attorney general settled their dispute earlier this year, and the sanctuary's restructured board now is moving to reclaim many of the relocated animals.

"We believe we hold title to them," said Priscilla Feral of Friends of Animals, an animal-advocacy group that is merging with the San Antonio sanctuary. "Their designated place of retirement was Primarily Primates."

A spokesman for Chimp Haven said Monday he was unaware of the lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed in state district court.

Habitat loss threatens pygmy elephants

By Vijay Joshi

Satellite tracking of pygmy elephants has found that the endangered animals, unique to Borneo island, are under threat due to logging and commercial plantations encroaching on their habitat, conservationists said Thursday.

A World Wildlife Fund study, based on two years of satellite tracking, found that pygmy elephants thrive best in forests on flat lowlands and in river valleys, the same terrain preferred by loggers and oil palm plantations.

About 40 percent of forest in the Malaysian state of Sabah, where most pygmy elephants live, has been lost to logging, conversion for plantations and human settlement over the last four decades, WWF said.

Very little was known about pygmy elephants until a chance DNA analysis in 2003 revealed them to be a distinct subspecies of Asian elephants, which triggered a new effort to conserve them.

In June 2005, the WWF set in motion a landmark project to track pygmy elephants in the rain forests of Sabah by placing collars fitted with transmitters around the necks of five elephants, known to be leaders of their herds. The collars beamed their locations via satellite to a WWF-Malaysia computer as often as once a day in the first study of its kind, providing valuable information about the elephants' grazing habits and movement patterns. Data gathered so far reveals there are probably not more than 1,000 pygmy elephants left in Sabah, less than the 1,600 or so estimated previously.

The study revealed that pygmy elephants prefer lowland forests because there is more food of better quality.

"The areas that these elephants need to survive are the same forests where the most intensive logging in Sabah has taken place, because flatlands and valleys incur the lowest costs when extracting timber," said Raymond Alfred, head of WWF-Malaysia's Borneo Species Program.

The study also showed that elephants' movements are noticeably affected by human activities and forest disturbance. It found that some of the elephants were trekking five times as far as they normally would each day in search of food.

The loss of habitat brings them into more
frequent contact with people and cultivated land, generating conflict with humans who sometimes capture or poison them to protect their farms.

While pygmy elephants can live in logged and secondary forests, it is crucial that their remaining habitat is managed in a sustainable manner and not converted into plantations, the WWF said.

Logging in elephant habitat should only occur if there is a long-term forest management plan in place, and oil palm plantations should be established on degraded, non-forested land devoid of elephants and orangutans, it said.

Malaysian officials could not immediately be reached for comment, but in the past they have accused Western activists of trying to undermine the palm oil industry by claiming that forest clearing in Malaysia and Indonesia is threatening wildlife. The government says most palm oil plantations are established where forests have already been cleared for other crops.

Alfred said an initiative aimed at conserving 92,650 square miles of rainforest straddling the border between Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia should ensure that most herds will have a home in the long term.

Adult pygmy elephants stand up to 8 feet tall, a foot or two shorter than mainland Asian elephants. They are more rotund and have smaller, babyish faces with longer tails that reach almost to the ground. They are also less aggressive than their Asian counterparts.

Though smaller than its cousins, an adult pygmy elephant can still devour up to 330 pounds of vegetation each day. One of their favorite treats is the large, thorny and pungent durian fruit, which they often roll in mud to gulp it down whole, spikes and all.

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**Police say zoo's escaped bear no longer on the lam**


Stevensville, Ontario (AP) - It's not a grizzly and it's not 700 pounds, and it's no longer on the loose. That's according to police in Ontario, Canada who first described a bear that escaped from a zoo as a grizzly weighing 700 pounds.

Police in the southern Ontario town of Stevensville later said the animal is a 300-pound Syrian brown bear that goes by the name Willy.

Canadian police say he bear escaped late last night from the Zooz Nature Park in Stevensville, a rural area a few miles across the border from Buffalo, and he was tranquilized about 2 p.m. today and returned home.

Willy is 6 years old and was born in captivity. Park officials have not said how the animal managed to get away.

**IN: Animal sanctuary dealing with bird**

Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Aug 11, 2007

(AP) Albion, Indiana A foul-mouthed cockatoo has workers at a northern Indiana exotic animal sanctuary on notice to watch what they say.

Staffers at Black Pine Animal Park say an 8-year-old Moluccan cockatoo named Peaches spent the first several years of her life as a pet in a home where she acquired a vocabulary as colorful as her feathers.

Peaches normally isn't so foul-mouthed but reverted to some of her epithets recently when a construction worker let fly with a few of his own choice words.

Peaches was within earshot and started her own cussing. Senior zookeeper Jessica Price says it's difficult to get birds to stop using words they have learned.
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