Ivy, a 4-year old cougar from Sue Arnold’s Wildlife.
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 January. 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 ________________________
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!

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.

To order:

DVD's: $19.95 + $4.95 for shipping and handling
VHS : $25.95 + $4.95 shipping and handling
(check or money order)

Payment can be made to: Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association
P O Box 1132 Chehalis, WA 98532

Please include:
Name and address
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Amount sent
e-mail address or telephone number in the event we need to get in touch with you.

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

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!

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Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association

ANNUAL MEETING

"New Directions"

Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association 8th Annual Meeting

This year focusing on "Solutions And New Directions" for the exotic animal community and the "right to choose" legally and responsibly.

Open to Public

February 23 & 24 2007

The Phoenix Inn And Suites is a beautiful hotel located right on Puget Sound in Olympia, WA and minutes away from the state Capitol where legislation will be in progress at the same time as our meeting. Easy access to Capital Lake and some of the best restaurants in the area.

Hotel Amenities: Free high speed wireless internet • Complimentary extended Continental Breakfast • Fresh baked cookies each evening • Bottled water in rooms • Complimentary fitness center • Complimentary newspaper • Free parking • Outstanding service • 102 Spacious suites • Three comfortable meeting rooms • Indoor pool and hot tub open 24 hours • Fax and copy services • 24 Hour business center • Family suites • Free local phone • Guest laundry • Children 17 and under stay free • If you have hotel reservations your small exotics (under 25 lbs.) are welcome! Must be in carriers/contained.

Special Phoenix Exotics discounted rate will be $109.00 per room. (Mention Phoenix Exotics when making your reservations to receive this rate!)

1-877-570-0355 for reservations

Saturday, February 24th (beginning 8:30 a.m.)

Day dedicated to Guest Speakers focusing on exotic animal information, knowledge, nutrition and shared experiences. Issues concerning exotic felines, reptiles, wolves, hooffstock, primates and other small exotic animals.

- U.S. Fish and Game
  - Learn and understand the laws to be followed
  - Endangered Species Act
- Nutrition Specialist
  - Understand what diet(s) are optimal for your animals
- Pacific Northwest Herp Society
- Local Herpetology Specialists
- American Civil Liberties Union
  - Why do we group together and form organizations
  - Equal rights for all
- National Rifle Association Lobbyist
  - NRA is not always about guns / The “right” to choose
- Shirley Scott - Animal Communicator
  - Shirley is an internationally known clairvoyant, animal communicator and spiritual teacher. She has been doing readings on animals and people for over 7 years along with teaching people to face their fears and live a more joyful, stress-free life.

Also Saturday!!

Shirley Scott will be doing "readings" (15 minute seatings for nominal fee of $20) with your animals. They need not be present. You’ll be amazed!

Special Guest Saturday

Evening - Dave Coleburn, Exotic Animal Educator and his Predators of the Heart program. Questions: Answers/Diaglog. Must cough, wolf, reptiles, birds of prey, etc. Not to be missed!

For more information on the Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting contact:

President@phoenixexotics.org (360 767 0746) or Chaos5@tds.net

Registration is required to attend the 8th Annual Phoenix Exotics Meeting: $30.00/person (at the door) or $20.00/person (Early Registration). Early registrations received by 15 Feb (check/M.O. to Phoenix Exotics, P.O. Box 1132, Othello, WA 99342 or PayPal to President@phoenixexotics.org). Visit the Phoenix Exotics website at: www.phoenixexotics.org
World’s tallest man saves plastic eating dolphins
Submitted by (juliasiml) Sun Jan 14, 2007

BEIJING, China (AP) --
The long arms of the world's tallest man reached in and saved two dolphins by pulling out plastic from their stomachs, state media and an aquarium official said Thursday. The dolphins got sick after nibbling on plastic from the edge of their pool at an aquarium in Liaoning province.

Attempts to use surgical instruments to remove the plastic failed because the dolphins' stomachs contracted in response to the instruments, the China Daily newspaper reported.

Veterinarians then decided to ask for help from Bao Xishun, a 7-feet-9 herdsman from Inner Mongolia with 41.7-inch arms, state media said.

Bao, 54, was confirmed last year by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's tallest living man.

Chen Lujun, the manager of the Royal Jidi Ocean World aquarium, told The Associated Press that the shape of the dolphins' stomachs made it difficult to push an instrument very far in without hurting the animals.

People with shorter arms could not reach the plastic, he said.

"When we failed to get the objects out we sought the help of Bao the dolphins' stomachs," Zhu Xiaoling, a local doctor, told Xinhua. "However the dolphins will be able to digest these and are expected to recover soon."

LEGISLATION WATCH!

North Carolina S.B. 1032
Indiana S.B. 482
West Virginia H.B. 2430
Washington State H.B. 1418 & S.B. 5379

WRITING TIPS!

Please visit (http://www.phoenixexotics.org/plegislativeaction.html) on our website to see various sample letters for reference in assisting you in writing your letters to your local and state representatives.
Heads Up Washington!
(Submitted by Jeanne Hall - President, Fri Jan 19, 2007)

Washington residents should be contacting their state representatives and senators to express their views on these most recent ban bills. They can only represent you well if you let them know your views.

Below is a letter I have been sending off as a follow up to a phone call today.

The referenced report by the State Board of Health is the same one we have been referencing for the last few years.

Thanks much for letting me send this info in to you regarding the most recent Animal Rights Bill HB 1418 and SB 5379.

Our main objections to the bill are:

The Washington State Board of Health has already addressed this issue and is on top of it. Reference the pamphlet "Zoonotic Disease and Exotic Pets Report" Adopted October 6, 2004.

1. Zoonotic Diseases and Exotic Pets: A Public Health Policy Analysis. (selected excerpts below)
   This report was liberally shared with members of the state legislature and the main drafters of this bill, the Animal Rights Activist group 'Animal Protection Institute' in 2005 and 2006 when this bill appeared as HB 1151 and SB 5377.

2. These bills attempt to create state law where laws/ordinances and regulations already exist at the county and city levels. This violates the rights of the counties and cities to deal with this issue as they see fit. The drafters of this bill, 'Animal Protection Institute (API), have an agenda to further with this bill rather than basing the assumptions and allegations on facts. Facts exist in the above mentioned report by the Washington State Board of Health. Many pages of information were collected and are shared in this report to support the conclusions of this government agency. Its conclusions should have priority over the California based organization, API which has not presented verifiable facts to support its proposed bill. (see excerpts and many pages of data in the report itself)

3. These bills place regulatory power into the hands of Animal Control Officers without requiring such officers obtain training. Dealing with a delicate non-human primate of a few ounces or a large carnivore of a few hundred pounds are both very different than dealing with domestic cats and dogs. Failure to require training is a recipe for disaster on many fronts.

4. This bill is deceptive in that it appears to allow placement of the covered animals in qualified facilities while in fact the bill narrowly defines what a qualified facility is without also requiring such facilities exist or requiring some government agency to provide facilities that meet with the proposed narrow definition. Such facilities do not exist at this time suitable to house such animals properly.

5. These bills allow confiscation of animals without due process or appeal of any sort by the legal owner of the animal (property). The first an owner may hear of an animal confiscation may be by certified letter with accompanying charges which are left to the whim of the confiscating party. There is no allowance whatsoever for due process before a confiscation can occur by an animal control officer untrained in the handling of such unusual animals to an unstated location which is not required to be sufficient to house such an animal nor is the proper care required, yet the animal can be killed if a proper placement cannot be located in a facility which has been so narrowly defined by the bill that none exist.

6. Non-human primates have been lumped together. There is a vast difference between a marmoset of a few ounces and a gorilla or a new world or old world monkey. The drafters of this bill have listed specific members of the feline family for banning, exempted wolfdogs
and made other adjustments yet all non-human primates are being listed without examining the facts of the various types. There is a vast amount of information on the management of non-human primates which indicates much different treatment for gorillas, marmosets and other non-human primates. Disease and danger posed in a research lab where non-human primates are intentionally infected poses a much different data set than the non-human primate in captivity under the care of an experienced owner.

The outcome of such bills if passed into law would most likely be tragic for the animals and owners effected as well as the public.

These bills have serious flaws. Please do not pass these bills out of committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Hall
As a Washington Voter, I am also an Exotic Owner Member of Various organizations and President - Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association; Chehalis, Washington Office phone: 360-767-0746

Washington Hearings Scheduled

Hearings have been announced for the Washington State ban bills. HB 1418 will be heard by the Judiciary Committee Friday, February 2nd at 8 a.m. SB 5379 will be heard by the Consumer Protection & Housing Committee on Friday, February 2nd at 8:30 a.m. Time is short. You are needed! Please contact myself, Jeanne or Cathy. Thank you.

Five Komodo dragons born at British zoo
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Jan 24, 2007

By ROB HARRIS, Associated Press Writer

A British zoo announced Wednesday the virgin birth of five Komodo dragons, giving scientists new hope for the captive breeding of the endangered species.

In an evolutionary twist, the newborns' eight-year-old mother Flora shocked staff at Chester Zoo in northern England when she became pregnant without ever having a male partner or even being exposed to the opposite sex. "Flora is oblivious to the excitement she has caused but we are delighted to say she is now a mum and dad," said a delighted Kevin Buley, the zoo's curator of lower vertebrae and invertebrates.

The shells began cracking last week, after an eight-month gestation period, which culminated with the arrival on Tuesday of the fifth black and yellow colored dragon.

The dragons are between 15.5 and 17.5 inches and weigh between 3.5 and 5.3 ounces, said Buley, who leads the zoo's expert care team. He said the reptiles are in good health and enjoying a diet of crickets and locusts.

Other reptile species reproduce asexually in a process known as parthenogenesis. But Flora's virginal conception, and that of another Komodo dragon earlier this year at the London Zoo, are the first time it has been documented in a Komodo dragon.

Captive breeding could ensure the survival of the world's largest lizards, with fewer than 4,000 Komodos left in the wild. Scientists hope the discovery will pave the way to finding other species capable of self fertilization.

While it wasn't unusual for female dragons to lay eggs without mating, scientists understood they were witnessing something important when they realized Flora's eggs had been fertilized.

DNA paternity tests confirmed the lack of male input, although the brood are not exact clones of their mother.

Parthenogenesis — where eggs become embryos without male fertilization — had only been noted once before in a Komodo dragon. Genetic tests showed that Sungai, a resident of London Zoo, was the sole parent to offspring last April.
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