This is Phoenix member, Deborah-Ann Milette’s beautiful caracal, ‘Tesh.’ This gorgeous girl loves lounging on top of the fridge as depicted above.
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!

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“…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.”

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Letter From Editor - Rhonda Kiker

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'Miracle baby' born at Lawrence animal sanctuary
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Aug 25, 2007

Moulton, Ala. (AP) - A tiger cub's birth at Animal House Sanctuary in Lawrence County came as a surprise to Carolyn Atchison, who had no idea the mom, Tigger, was expecting.

"None of us knew this cat was pregnant," she said.

Atchison, who rescues exotic animals and keeps them on the 70 aces surrounding her home, has kept Tigger and two other 5-year-old Bengal tigers, Marlon and Tara, in the same cage since she rescued them from St. Louis in July 2002.

Atchison said it turned out Marlon and Tigger aren't brother and sister, as Atchison had thought.

Tigger actually gave birth to two cubs Aug. 9, but she had severely injured one that had to be euthanized. Atchison told The Decatur Daily in a story Thursday that she named the surviving cub "Leah" in memory of a teenage girl, Leah Bentley, who died of Hodgkin's disease in August 2002 shortly after Atchison let Tigger, then only a few months old, visit the girl for a day.

Capybara attacked by hippo dies at zoo
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Aug 18, 2007

A Capybara at a Florida Panhandle zoo died after it was attacked by an adult hippopotamus, zoo officials said Thursday.

The Capybara, a large aquatic rodent, died last week at The Zoo Northwest Florida, just a month after a baby hippo was fatally attacked by an adult hippo.

It is not known if the same hippo killed the Capybara last week because no one witnessed the animal's death, the zoo's veterinarian Dr. Gus Mueller said.

The adult hippo bit the Capybara, causing severe injuries to its rear end and stomach areas, Mueller said. "It was a terrible, terrible wound," Mueller said. "But that's what hippos do."

Also in July, an adult giraffe died after sustaining a neck injury at the zoo. The Capybara, called Capy, is the seventh death at the zoo since January.

The Zoo Northwest Florida also has reported financial problems recently. Besides the deaths of several popular animals, the zoo faces a $3 million debt exacerbated by back-to-back hurricanes.

Monkey apparently picks lock, escapes
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Aug 17, 2007

A monkey that freed himself two weeks ago from a Mississippi zoo has escaped again, zoo officials said. Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo Manager Kirk Nemecheck and other employees noticed the white-faced capuchin's cage open and lock on the ground around 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Oliver and another capuchin named Baby were found wandering nearby. Workers easily captured Baby, but Oliver fled the park headed in the direction of the Tupelo Country Club, Nemecheck said.

"This is the craziest thing I have ever seen," Nemecheck said. "I have heard of chimps and orangutans that can pick locks. I've also heard a guy who swears his raccoon can pick a lock, but I've never heard of a monkey who can pick a lock."
The 9-year-old capuchin, a species of monkey native to South and Central America, freed himself July 31 and led park staff on a chase through the park’s trail system before eventually eluding them. He was apprehended Aug. 6 at Tupelo Stone & Masonry after being spotted by a motorist.

This marks the third time Oliver has escaped from the zoo. About six-years ago the monkey escaped and ran amok on the grounds of Tupelo Country Club before being captured and returned to the zoo.

On Friday, Nemecheck said he bought $300 worth of new locks for the monkey cage. The cage did not appear to have been tampered with, he said.

**Has a mythical beast turned up in Texas?**
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Sep 1, 2007

By Elizabeth White, Associated Press Writer

Phylis Canion lived in Africa for four years. She's been a hunter all her life and has the mounted heads of a zebra and other exotic animals in her house to prove it.

But the roadkill she found last month outside her ranch was a new one even for her, worth putting in a freezer hidden from curious onlookers. Canion believes she may have the head of the mythical, bloodsucking chupacabra. "It is one ugly creature," Canion said, holding the head of the mammal, which has big ears, large fanged teeth and grayish-blue, mostly hairless skin.

Canion and some of her neighbors discovered the 40-pound bodies of three of the animals over four days in July outside her ranch in Cuero, 80 miles southeast of San Antonio. Canion said she saved the head of the one she found so she can get to get to the bottom of its ancestry through DNA testing and then mount it for posterity. She suspects, as have many rural denizens over the years, that a chupacabra may have killed as many as 26 of her chickens in the past couple of years. "I've seen a lot of nasty stuff. I've never seen anything like this," she said.

What tipped Canion to the possibility that this was no ugly coyote, but perhaps the vampire-like beast, is that the chickens weren't eaten or carried off, all the blood was drained from them, she said.

Chupacabra means "goat sucker" in Spanish, and it is said to have originated in Latin America, specifically Puerto Rico and Mexico. Canion thinks recent heavy rains ran them right out of their dens. "I think it could have wolf in it," Canion said. "It has to be a cross between two or three different things." She said the finding has captured the imagination of locals, just like purported sightings of Bigfoot or the Loch Ness Monster have elsewhere.

But what folks are calling a chupacabra is probably just a strange breed of dog, said veterinarian Travis Schaar of the Main Street Animal Hospital in nearby Victoria.

"I'm not going to tell you that's not a chupacabra. I just think in my opinion a chupacabra is a dog," said Schaar, who has seen Canion's find. The "chupacabras" could have all been part of a mutated litter of dogs, or they may be a new kind of mutt, he said.

As for the bloodsucking, Schaar said that this particular canine may simply have a preference for blood, letting its prey bleed out and licking it up.

Chupacabra or not, the discovery has spawned a local and international craze. Canion has started selling T-shirts that read: "2007, The Summer of the Chupacabra, Cuero, Texas," accompanied by a caricature of the creature. The $5 shirts have gone all over the world, including Japan, Australia and Brunei. Schaar also said he has one.

"If everyone has a fun time with it, we'll keep doing it," she said. "It's good for Cuero."
Scientists give wild elephants photo IDs
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Aug 17, 2007
By Ashok Sharma, AP Writer

Wildlife groups have created individual photo identification cards for wild elephants in southern India to help track the effects of poaching, conservationists said Thursday.

By being able to specifically identify animals, researchers get a better idea of elephant numbers and movements in an area. It can also help law enforcement in the event that an elephant carcass is discovered, said the New-York based Wildlife Conservation Society, which is working with several Indian groups on the effort.

The project focused on male elephants because "unlike African elephants, where both males and females have tusks, only male Asian elephants have valuable tusks, so they are specifically targeted by poachers," said WCS researcher Varun Goswami, the main author of the study.

Goswami said the researchers recently took more than 2,400 photographs of 134 elephants in reserves in the Indian state of Karnataka. Using the pictures, scientists recorded data such as tusk length, thickness, angle, arrangement, as well as other characteristics like ear shape, shoulder height, tail length, and scars, the statement said.

Indian authorities estimate that there are more than 26,400 wild elephants in the country.

The study's findings were published in the August issue of Animal Conservation, a journal published in London.

While there was the possibility of elephants migrating in and out of areas "still, you can get a fairly good idea of the survival of these elephants if you are monitoring this over a period of time," said R. Sukumar, a wildlife expert at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, a city in southern India. "The rigor of this technique can help us achieve real conservation success with the Asian elephants, which are threatened across their 13-country range," said Dr. Ullas Karanth, a co-author of the study.

Zoo shows Rare Persian leopard triplets
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Aug 17, 2007

Persian leopard triplets born in June were presented Tuesday at the Budapest Zoo. The cubs, a male and two females, were born at the zoo on June 19 and are doing well, said zoo spokesman Zoltan Hanga.

The Persian leopard is the largest of the leopard subspecies and is native to Western Asian countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan and Armenia.

The leopard is endangered, however, with less than 2,000 thought to be living in the wild. An additional 74 leopards live in zoos.

The cubs born in Hungary, sisters Bella and Bara and brother Bahar, are part of a breeding program of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria.

Their parents, father Nadir and mother Cezi, arrived at the Budapest Zoo in mid-2003. Their first offspring, Asszir was born June 6, 2005, and is now at the Jerusalem Zoo.

The three cubs will stay in Budapest for about a year, when they will be transferred to other zoos around the world.

Antelope may be too tame to return to wild
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Aug 25, 2007

Greeley, CO (AP) - A friendly young antelope found cavorting with a dog along a walking path...
was probably picked up illegally in Wyoming and may be too tame to return to the wild, wildlife authorities say. A family believed to have brought the animal to Colorado could face charges that carry fines and jail time, said Larry Rogstad, a district officer for the state Division of Wildlife.

The 3-month-old, 15-pound buck was spotted Wednesday morning, running and playing with a neighborhood dog named Skeeter along on the Poudre River trail, a path that runs through Greeley and the nearby town of Windsor.

"It's just the craziest thing I've ever seen," said Ronda Underwood. "We were just riding along the trail and saw this antelope playing with a dog." She said the antelope came up to her, nuzzled its head and neck along her leg and seemed almost to beg to be petted.

Rogstad was summoned for fear that the antelope would be attacked by the numerous coyotes in the area. The animal, dubbed "Poudre" by passers-by, was taken to a wildlife refuge where handlers will try to get it ready to return to its natural habitat.

Rogstad said that may not work. "It is totally imprinted now," he said. "The animal actually thinks he's a human." Rogstad said members of the family believed to have brought the animal from Wyoming could face charges including illegal possession of live wildlife. He declined to name the family.

Wyoming officials could also bring charges, he said. It wasn't immediately clear why Rogstad believed the animal was brought from Wyoming, about 40 miles north of Greeley. Antelope are found in both states, but the nearest indigenous antelope are about 20 miles from the city.

KS: Hutchinson Zoo reopens after flood recovery
Submitted by (south zoo) Thu Aug 30, 2007

Hutchinson, KS (AP) - Fourteen weeks after torrential rains flooded the Hutchinson Zoo, its doors opened Saturday morning.

Zoo officials say all of the zoo's display animals are back in Hutchinson and should be in their exhibits on Saturday.

More than 7 inches of rain fell in Hutchinson on May 23rd, causing the zoo's lagoon to overflow and flooding the grounds. After most of the water in the city receded, the record-high groundwater table kept much of the zoo underwater for weeks.

Zoo visitors will see a new exhibit. During the flood, workers put the zoo's beaver into the flooded aviary so the animal could swim. The beaver liked it so much, the zoo decided to make a permanent exhibit.

Groups offer reward in wolf shooting
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Aug 17, 2007

Portland, OR (AP) - Conservation groups are offering a $4,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the person who shot a wolf that migrated into northeastern Oregon.

The reward comes on top of $5,000 offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The female gray wolf, protected as an endangered species, was found last May outside Elgin.

It had apparently crossed the Snake River from Idaho, where packs were introduced in 1995 and 1996.

Steve Pedery of Oregon Wild and Noah Greenwald of the Center for Biological Diversity say the shooting highlights the need to maintain federal protection for wolves, a key to restoring healthy ecosystems, despite efforts to take them off the endangered species list.
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