A new exhibit at Phoenix member Lea Jaunakais’ Tiger World
Welcome from the President

My name is Jeanne Hall. I am the President of Phoenix Exotic. Our monthly newsletters are provided essentially for our members who may not have access to our website in an effort to keep our membership well-informed regarding organizational business and abreast of current legislation regarding private ownership.

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.”

In our monthly newsletters, you will also find information regarding husbandry, upcoming meetings, rescue, cage design, safety and much more.

If you wish to see any of our past copies of the newsletters, you may go to website, http://www.PhoenixExotics.org/. You can join the e-list at http://phoenixexotics.org/ and then click on the link for E-groups email list. ENJOY!

-Jeanne Hall

Letter From Editor

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We encourage member participation by submitting stories and photos of your animals to us with your expressed written permission to use the material for the newsletters and website. If you wish to remain anonymous, just express it with your consent. Thank you!

-Rhonda Kiker

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Wolf sanctuary at Washington University set to close
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Sep 26, 2008

St. Louis, (AP) - A wolf sanctuary outside of St. Louis is about to lose its lease with Washington University.

The Wild Canid Survival and Research Center lease is up at Tyson Research Center at Washington University as of Tuesday.

In a statement, Washington University said it gave the wolf sanctuary two year's notice and needs the space for its own research.

The sanctuary has been planning to move to land it bought in 2004. Wild Canid Center spokeswoman Kim Scott said a $20 million capital campaign is underway, but they cannot move yet. Scott said the center hopes to break ground at the new site late this year and move the wolves by the end of next year.

In the meantime, the wolf sanctuary is canceling its annual open house next month because heavy visitor traffic has begun to interfere with Washington University research.

Zoo Animals Sickened by Tainted Chinese Milk
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Sep 26, 2008

Shanghai, (AP) - A lion cub and two baby orangutans have developed kidney stones at a zoo near Shanghai, making them the latest victims of China’s tainted milk crisis.

The three animals had been nursed with milk powder for more than a year, said Zhang Xu, a veterinarian with the Hangzhou Zhangxu Animal Hospital.

The orangutans and lion cub at the Hangzhou Safari Park near Shanghai were found to have kidney stones Wednesday after concerned officials sent them to Dr. Zhang for a checkup.

The milk powder was made by the Sanlu Group, which is at the center of the tainted milk scandal. The industrial chemical, melamine, has been found in a growing range of Chinese-made dairy products, and it has been blamed for sickening 54,000 infants in China and killing four.

“The milk powder crisis made us very worried about the health situation of baby animals,” Ju Lijia, the park’s public affairs manager, said by phone on Wednesday. “We stopped feeding with Sanlu after it was found to be tainted.”

Officials at the Beijing Zoo and zoos in the other major cities of Shanghai, Guangzhou and Xian said they had no cases of animals sickened from milk powder.

An official at the world’s most famous panda sanctuary, the Wolong Nature Reserve, said the baby pandas there were not fed milk formula.

Russia’s Putin gets tiger cub for his birthday
Submitted by (lion guy) Fri Oct 10, 2008

Moscow, (AP) - There's no doubt what Vladimir Putin's favorite birthday present is this year, a rare Ussuri tiger cub.

State television showed the Russian prime minister affectionately petting the two-month-old...
female cub on Friday. The tiger weighs only about 20 pounds and sleeps in a wicker basket at Putin’s residence outside Moscow.

Putin says a good home will be found for the tiger, presumably in a zoo or wildlife preserve. He hasn’t decided what to call her, but is leaning toward Mashenka or Milashka.

Putin refuses to say who gave him the cub for his 56th birthday, which was Tuesday.

The Ussuri tiger is also known as the Siberian, Amur or Manchurian tiger. Fewer than 400 are believed to survive in the wild.

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**Polar bear falls into zoo moat**
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Oct 14, 2008

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (AP) - A playful polar bear pawing at a toy lost his balance and slipped into a moat at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Zoo spokeswoman Laura Pedriani says a net caught Zero when he fell Monday so he wasn't hurt. Zoo workers cut the netting and the 19-year-old polar bear was walking around later in the day.

Pedriani says Zero might decide to climb out of the moat when he's hungry enough.

The polar bear is now closer to visitors but his only exit from the moat goes into his regular enclosure. A fence still separates visitors from the bear and the moat.

Zero fell into the same moat 15 years ago and stayed there for nine days.
DSM Man gets Probation in Exotic Animal Case
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Oct 14, 2008

Des Moines, (AP) - A Des Moines man has been placed on probation in a case involving exotic animals.

Larry Eddinger also promised the judge that he'd scale back his collection.

Eddinger kept two pythons, a pair of alligators and other animals in a vacant house, which became a magnet for curious kids in the neighborhood.

Assistant City Attorney Kathy Massier argued the alligators and big snakes were a hazard to children, who wanted to see the other animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, birds and turtles.

Judge William Price agreed. Eddinger was put on probation for a year and fined $1,000. Price told Eddinger he can keep eight corn and king snakes and four turtles. He can also keep the pythons if he gets the proper permits.

Exotic pets, young kids a bad mix
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Oct 14, 2008

Chicago, (AP) - Warning: Young children should not keep hedgehogs as pets or hamsters, baby chicks, lizards and turtles, for that matter, because of disease risks.

That's according to the nation's leading pediatricians' group in a new report about exotic animals.

In addition to evidence that they can carry dangerous germs, exotic pets may be more prone than cats or dogs to bite or scratch and claw, putting children younger than 5 particularly at risk, the report says.

Young children are especially vulnerable because their immune systems are still developing and because they often put their hands in their mouths.

That means families with kids younger than five should avoid "non-traditional" pets. Also, kids that young should avoid contact with such animals in petting zoos or other public places, according to the report from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"Many parents clearly don't understand the risks from various infections" that these animals often carry, said Dr. Larry Pickering, the lead author and an infectious disease specialist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For example, about 11 percent of salmonella illnesses in children are thought to stem from contact with lizards, turtles and other reptiles, he said.

Dr. Joseph Bocchini, a co-author of the report, said he recently treated an infant who got salmonella from the family's pet iguana, which was allowed to roam freely in the home. The child was hospitalized for four weeks before recovering.

Hedgehogs, the report said, can be dangerous because their quills can penetrate skin and have...
been known to spread a bacteria strain that can cause fever, stomach pain and a rash.

Those who already have such pets should contact their veterinarians about specific risks and options, he advised.

Members comments to above story:
Submitted by (mbrafford) Tue Oct 14, 2008
I am on the AGS group, American Gerbil Society, and they were upset a bit. What happened to all the doctors that claimed exposure to animals reduced allergies and asthma, and women on farms during pregnancy had stronger children or something like that? Children should have some guidance, know about hygiene, but poppycock.

Submitted by (catmanwho) Tue Oct 14, 2008
You tell 'em, Mark. I lived on a farm when I was a kid and we had salamanders from the creek, raccoons, and all sorts of weird pets and I am not dead yet! But, I guess, according to these wacko, big pharmaceuticals doctors I probably should be dead by now. (I am 65 years old)

Submitted by (lion guy) Tue Oct 14, 2008
This is part of the current PC push against animal ownership. We have seen these coordinated thrusts before.

The last 7 years or so have seen a constant campaign to drum up a medical excuse to ban animals. SARS, Avian Flu, monkey pox, etc. have all been invoked to push for a ban on sales, transport, and possession.

And we have seen it before with other things, notably guns.

It's not medical or pharmaceuticals (who would rather sell a drug for it); it's political. Doctors have become one of the most politically-active groups over the last couple of decades.

NY trio charged in theft of exotic hunting pelts
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Oct 14, 2008
Pompey, N.Y. (AP) - A 38-year-old man and two teenagers have been charged with breaking into an upstate New York hunter's home and stealing his collection of big-game animal pelts, including a rare polar bear skin rug.

John Rybinski had offered a $10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thieves. Rybinski said all the pelts were returned after the arrests. He said there are people eligible for the reward money but any decision will have to wait until the case plays out in court.

Thieves broke into Rybinski's home 15 miles south of Syracuse and stole 11 animal skin rugs made from the pelts of musk ox, a zebra, two black bears, a caribou and five coyotes. They also took a compound bow and a .22-caliber Marlin rifle with scope.

Rybinski acquired the pelts over 20 years of hunting. He said the polar bear was taken in 2004 in Canada.

State police filed burglary charges against Kyle Boos, 17; Dylan Jones, 16; and Joseph Sparcino, 38, all of Manlius.

Sparcino was being held without bail and was scheduled to appear in Pompey Town Court on Tuesday. The two teens were released on bail. A court secretary said she did not know if the three defendants had hired lawyers yet.
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