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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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-Rhonda Kiker

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Recession drives job hunters wild as 3,000 chase 150 temporary posts at UK Zoo
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Mar 1, 2009

London, UK (AP) — The jobs are temporary, at basic wages, and some involve cleaning up after zoo animals. But Britain is suffering a recession, so when the help-wanted ads appeared, about 3,000 people applied, including laid-off executives and company bosses.

In fact, Twycross Zoo was overwhelmed by job hunters, who caused a five-mile (eight-kilometer) traffic jam when they all arrived for Saturday's recruitment day, said spokeswoman Kim Riley.

The zoo, in Atherstone, central England, is home to lions, elephants and dozens of primates, and it advertised for temporary cleaners, cooks and park rangers.

Riley said Sunday that people who had previously held well-paid, skilled jobs were among those who registered interest in posts that usually are worked by college students.

"It's been overwhelming, but understandable when you turn on the television and see that hundreds of jobs are being lost every day," she said.

Successful applicants will work from late March to September for basic wages, dealing with an expected upsurge in visitors as Britons chose to holiday at home as a result of the economic downturn. The zoo attracts about half a million visitors per year.

"These are roles usually taken by students. You don't expect to see heads of households, or company directors, coming to apply, but we saw all kinds of people here yesterday," Riley said.

She said applicants came from as far away as London and Wales to fill out application forms.

"It's now going to be a huge task for our human resources department, as we need people to start work in under a month," she said.

Australian zoo condemned for shooting lion
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Mar 18, 2009

Sydney (AFP) – An Australian zoo on Thursday came under fire for shooting dead a lioness who escaped from her enclosure, receiving a barrage of hate mail and abuse.

"It's predominantly emails, but we've had people ring up and swear at the staff," said Mogo Zoo's John Appleby. "Basically a large majority are saying why don't you use a tranquilizer gun? We've had people say silly things like 'Next time don't shoot the animal, shoot yourself'," he told Australian Associated Press.

Appleby defended park owner Sally Padey's order to shoot the lioness, saying she was forced to take a snap decision in the interests of public safety. "Once a lion is shot with a tranquilizer gun they will jump and can become quite aggressive," said Appleby.

"If we'd put a tranquilizer dart in her bum ... and then if she went into that public area and took 10 minutes to get put down there is a huge risk." "There is a lot of emotion and Sally is obviously quite distraught about a tough decision she had to make," he added.

Dozens of elderly visitors to the zoo were forced to hide inside buildings Tuesday morning as the lioness, named Jamelia, roamed from her habitat due to an unspecified "keeper error."

Bottle-raised from birth at the zoo, the tawny African lioness was buried Wednesday on the 26 hectare (65 acre) grounds.

Mogo Zoo was established in 1991, and is home to more than 200 animals of 39 endangered and exotic species, including white...
lions and Bengal tigers.

**Denver Zoo To Trade Cheetahs**  
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Mar 20, 2009

Denver, CO (AP) — Zoos in Denver and Battle Creek, Michigan are trading female cheetahs in hopes that both will have cubs with new mates.

The Denver Zoo said Friday it has sent a 5-year-old cheetah named Kibara to the Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek in exchange for an 8-year-old cheetah named Katili.

Kibara was Denver's only female cheetah.

In Denver, Katili will be paired with a male cheetah named Barafu, who is Kibara's twin.

The Denver Zoo says the swap was done under recommendation of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to ensure healthy populations and genetic diversity.

Cheetahs are classified as endangered by the World Conservation Union. About 10,000 cheetahs are believed to exist in the wild, and 96 are in captivity in North America.

**Designated Lynx habitat considered inadequate**  
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Mar 13, 2009

(AP) - Some environmental groups are demanding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service expand its designation of critical habitat for the Canada lynx.

The groups represented by the Western Environmental Law Center say the federal agency's designation covers too little of Montana, and should include northeastern Washington and the southern Rocky Mountains in Colorado. The groups have sent the Interior Department 60 days notice of intent to sue if the habitat designation is not revised.

The designation, announced in February, reflects about a twenty-fold increase in the lynx habitat declared during the Bush administration.

Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Diane Catzenberger in Denver says the agency does not comment on pending litigation.

**Environmental Group Says it Will Sue Over Wolf Decision**  
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Apr 3, 2009

Cheyenne, WY (AP) – Another environmental group says it will sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over its new plan for managing gray wolves in the Northern Rockies.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition says the plan filed this week by the federal agency fails to ensure thriving wolf populations. The coalition on Thursday filed the required 60-day notice of its intent to sue Interior Department.

The government's plan calls for removing gray wolves from the endangered list in Montana and Idaho while maintaining federal protections in Wyoming.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, with a group of 10 other organizations, already announced their intent to sue. The state of Wyoming is also suing because it wants to manage wolves within its boundaries.

A spokesman says the Greater Yellowstone Coalition has not decided in which court it will file suit.
Oregon Senate okays exotic pet ban; bill moves to House
Submitted by (south zoo) Wed Mar 25, 2009
By Brad Cain, Associated Press Writer

Salem, OR (AP) — A measure to ban private possession of certain exotic animals as pets won the Oregon Senate's approval Tuesday after backers said it would protect both human safety and animal welfare.

The recent mauling of a Connecticut woman by a chimpanzee underscores the need for such a ban, they said.

"These dangerous, exotic animals belong in the wild, not in people's basements and backyards," said Kelly Peterson of the Humane Society of the United States.

The measure would prohibit private possession of wild animals, including alligators, crocodiles, monkeys, lions, tigers and bears.

Under current law, people get permits from the State Department of Agriculture to keep exotic pets. The Senate bill would not force people to give up those pets but it would prevent people from obtaining new ones.

Sponsors of the bill said that often the exotic pets grow too large and too difficult to handle, and they either escape or are let loose by their owners.

During Tuesday's Senate debate, Sen. Mark Hass recalled an incident involving "Al the Alligator" in his Beaverton district.

A resident had purchased Al "when he was a cute little alligator," Hass said, "but a few years later, Al had grown to a 4-foot-long snarling alligator" who later escaped from his enclosure.

After a few "terrifying" days in which neighborhood residents were told to keep their cats, dogs and small children inside, the alligator was found sick and dying in a culvert, Hass said.

"That raises animal welfare issues," Hass said. "But also, if you're a Beaverton police officer, what are you supposed to do? Law enforcement officers are not trained to deal with alligators or any of these exotic animals."

Most states now prohibit the private possession of certain exotic animals as pets.

The Oregon bill, which now advances to the House, would not affect wildlife rehabilitators, wildlife sanctuaries, zoos, circuses or research or educational facilities.

Judge sides with environmentalists in wolf case
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Apr 3, 2009
By Susan Montoya Bryan, Associated Press Writer

Albuquerque, N.M. (AP) - Environmentalists have won the first round in a legal battle over the way the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is managing a reintroduction program aimed at returning the endangered Mexican gray wolf to the Southwest.

A federal judge has rejected a motion by the agency to throw out the case, which was filed nearly a year ago by several conservation organizations that have concerns about certain rules governing the reintroduction effort. "The
important thing to us is now that the case is not being dismissed it means we do have a valid argument and it will be heard and hopefully it will give Mexican wolves a chance to recover," said Eva Sargent, director of Defenders of Wildlife's Southwest program.

A Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman said Thursday the agency has reviewed the ruling issued this week by U.S. District Judge David jury in Tucson, Arizona.

The agency plans to argue the merits of its actions related to the wolf program.

The Mexican wolf, a subspecies of the gray wolf, was exterminated in the wild in the Southwest by the 1930s. In 1998, the government began reintroducing wolves along the Arizona-New Mexico line in a 4 million acre-plus territory interspersed with forests, private land and towns.

Biologists had hoped to have at least 100 wolves in the wild by now and 18 breeding pairs. The most recent survey shows there were 52 wolves, including two breeding pairs, scattered between New Mexico and Arizona at the end of 2008.

Defenders of Wildlife, the Center for Biological Diversity and other groups are challenging the Fish and Wildlife Service’s decision to create an oversight committee to manage reintroduction efforts. The groups claim the agency relinquished its powers to other agencies rather than maintaining final authority to recover the wolves.

The groups also are challenging a controversial rule that calls for wolves to be permanently removed from the wild or killed if they prey on livestock three or more times within one year. The agency did not remove any wolves in 2008 due to predation, but it has said illegal killings were what hampered the species’ recovery over the last year. Five wolves were illegally shot and two others suffered a "suspicious demise." However, environmentalists accuse the agency of deflecting blame from its own management.

The Center for Biological Diversity points out that the agency removed 19 wolves from the wild in 2007 through trapping and shooting. That's nearly three times the number of suspicious wolf deaths in 2008.

Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological Diversity said the pending lawsuit seeks to rescind the three-strikes rule and restore authority from the Adaptive Management Oversight Committee to the Fish and Wildlife Service. If the groups get their way, Robinson said: "At least the Fish and Wildlife Service wouldn't be able to hide behind other agencies in shirking their responsibilities. The decision would be right back in their corner and they would be held accountable on the basis of how well they perform."

The plaintiffs in the case include Defenders of Wildlife, Center for Biological Diversity, Western Watersheds Project, New Mexico Audubon Council, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, University of New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, The Wildlands Project, Sierra Club, Southwest Environmental Center, Grand Canyon Wildlands Council, WildEarth Guardians and The Rewilding Institute.
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