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

Our monthly newsletter is a compilation of articles and posts from the Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc. E-List. We are limited in the print medium to select only a few items.

Any published submissions have been granted prior permission for publication.

Our thanks goes to the Associated Press for granting a non-exclusive license to reprint materials online for the purpose of this newsletter.

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

Membership & Membership Renewal Form

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at southzoo@aol.com
Rhonda Kiker

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Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association Shopping!

Jackets $35!

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Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc. presents

**Animals, Animals 2009**

February 26th, 27th & 28th
Thu, Fri, & Sat 10am - 5pm
Yard Birds Mall 2100 N. National Ave. Chehalis, WA 98532 (I-5 Exit 79)
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- 4-H, Youth Showmanship, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs and more!
- Many Species of Animals on Display! Live Bearcat and more!
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**Fun for the whole family! Bring your camera!**

For event information: (360)767-0746 or (360)269-1488
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WA wolf hybrid public hearing
Submitted by (blconnection) Thu Feb 5, 2009
I could not attend in person, but I did watch the webcam recording. Below is what is now available as the senate bill report.
WA SB 5383 Including a wolf-hybrid in the definition of a "potentially dangerous wild animal."

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Any pairing between a wolf and dog short circuits the wiring of the dog to be subordinate. There have been advances in technology to specifically identify wolf-hybrids, wolves, and dogs. The potentially dangerous wild animal statute includes all other hybrid species. Wolf-hybrids that are currently in good homes should be allowed to remain. Proponents do not want to see animals removed from good homes, but there have been situations with owners of wolf-hybrids that escape. Wolf-hybrids that are released or escape from their owners are more comfortable with people. They are then more of a threat to livestock as they are more inclined to attack livestock.
CON: Wolf dogs require advanced training and have the same shyness and same strength as other dogs of similar size, but they are loyal to their pack. There are wolf dogs that live in homes with small animals and the dogs do not harm the small animals. There are wolf dogs that are service dogs and therapy dogs. It is important to deal with the irresponsible dog owner, not just prohibit wolf dogs. Laws in others states like this have led to dogs being killed. Wolf-hybrid confiscation occurs now. There should be legislation that deals with predation, not legislation prohibiting the ownership of a family pet.

WA HB 5383 Wolf hybrids
Submitted by (jeanneh) Sat Feb 14, 2009
This bill has passed out of committee in the House to the Rules committee as of Feb 13. Executive action was taken by the committee and a substitute bill has replaced the original. The bill is now listed as by the committee with the original sponsors included in parentheses.
It is still essentially the same.

British animal-rights activists jailed in lab case
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Jan 23, 2009
London – (AP) Seven animal rights activists in Britain have been jailed for conspiring to blackmail companies linked to an animal testing lab.
The activists were sentenced Wednesday to between four and eleven years for targeting companies with links to Huntingdon Life Sciences.
The company, based in Cambridge, England, is a long-standing target of animal-rights extremists. It conducts animal testing for the pharmaceutical industry.

Thirteen female mountain lions killed in ‘09
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Feb 6, 2009
Pierre, S.D. (AP) - Three of the last four mountain lions killed during South Dakota's 2009 season have been females, pushing the total number of female lions taken to 13.
The season ends March 31 or sooner if 35 lions in all or 15 female lions are killed.
The last two mountain lions killed were females. One, estimated at 3-4 years old, was killed Monday in Lawrence County. Another female, from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years old, was killed Saturday in Meade County.
Before that, a male lion was taken Jan. 26 and a female on Jan. 24.
Big Cat Shelter Sign: No Freezer Dumps, Please
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Jan 24, 2009

New Orleans - (AP) A large cat shelter is making a big request of its neighbors: No offerings of food, please. Signs, posted on the Web page, front gate and private gate at Yogie and Friends Exotic Cat Sanctuary in Frierson, are more specific: "Please! Do not dump your frozen food or animal carcasses at the gate."

Executive director Jenny Senier says such donations do not happen very often but can be frustrating when food is left at the gate. "I do understand that people mean well and think, 'Hey, this is going to go to waste - let me give it to the animals,'" she said.

Most people are thoughtful enough to call when their freezer breaks down, asking if the sanctuary could use the contents for its 18 big cats (6 lions, 6 tigers, 3 servals, a cougar, a bobcat and a leopard). The shelter can't use those offerings - lions and tigers don't eat hamburger, much less the frozen dinners in one lot of the four or so dumped by the gate this winter. "We give them whole muscle meat, with the bone and hide," she said.

Even if she didn't insist on knowing where meat came from, for the animals' safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture rules require her to do so, she said.

Some of the meat, bones and hide she gets comes from deer processing plants. Some comes from cattle or hog farmers. "Last March it seemed like we were getting three or four cows a week," Senier said. "If a cow steps into a hole and breaks its leg, by law they cannot put that into the human food chain," Senier said. "We work with them on in-kind donations so they don't lose everything. But we have specific people with that. And a vet who lets us know, 'Hey - we have this cow. it's safe.'" Even the freshest roadkill deer can't be taken because of the chance of embedded glass.

If an animal must be killed for some reason, the shelter works with area wildlife agents and police officers who know how to do the job so the shelter can safely and legally use it, Senier said.

Two bobcats donated to Wisconsin education
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Jan 25, 2009

Poynette, Wisconsin (AP) - The wildlife exhibit at MacKenzie Environmental Education Center in Poynette has grown to include two bobcats born in captivity.

The state Department of Natural Resources says Mark Showbolt of Wisconsin Dells donated the secretive cats, which are native to Wisconsin.

The exhibit now features 22 different animals and birds native to Wisconsin, including wolves, coyotes, mountain lions and badgers.

Wildlife technician Dan Mautz says adding bobcats to the exhibit is important because even avid outdoors people rarely get to see them in the wild, in part because they are most active at twilight and dawn.

A bobcat is about twice the size of a common house cat and is one of the most common wild felines in North America.
Animal Feed With Peanuts Recalled
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Feb 6, 2009
Port Angeles, Wash. (AP) - A Port Angeles farm commodities business has recalled peanuts that were sold as food for hogs and wild birds.

The Western Trade Group says its Roasted Feed Grade Peanuts used peanuts recalled by the Peanut Corp. of America because of the risk of salmonella.

The Food and Drug Administration says animals may become infected and carry the disease to other animals or humans. People could also become infected by handling the peanuts.

Western Trade said Tuesday its feed grade peanuts were distributed in the first four months last year to livestock and wild bird feed packers in Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, and North Dakota.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with the product.

Wildlife group, Ashley Judd take aim at Gov. Palin
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Feb 6, 2009
Anchorage, Alaska – An animal rights group is getting help from actress Ashley Judd in its campaign to try to stop Alaska's practice of killing wolves and bears from airplanes.

Judd appears in a new Internet video for Defenders of Wildlife, and targets not only the state's predator control program but also one of the program's chief supporters, Gov. Sarah Palin.

"It's time to stop Sarah Palin and stop this senseless savagery," Judd says in the video posted on a Web site operated by the political arm of the group, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund.

Palin, the former Republican vice presidential candidate, countered that the program is scientifically based and an important tool to sustain moose and caribou populations for Alaska subsistence hunters.

In Alaska, private citizens are permitted to shoot wolves from the air or conduct land-and-shoot hunting of wolves in rural areas. Defenders of Wildlife says more than 800 wolves have been killed since the program began almost five years ago.

Along with Judd's videotaped segment, the animal rights group asks for donations to help end the predator control program, possibly through federal legislation.

Palin said it was "reprehensible and hypocritical" that the group would use the state and her administration as a fundraising tool.

It's not the first time Defenders of Wildlife has targeted Palin. Last fall, when Palin was John McCain's running mate, it ran ads in several states denouncing Palin and the predator control program, and raised more than $1 million. Judd had campaigned for President Barack Obama during the campaign.

DONATIONS NEEDED!
Due to economic hardship, Phoenix Exotics is asking its members for an additional donation for the upcoming year of 2009. In the past, Phoenix has offered its services for low membership fees. Donations are now needed in order to cover postage, printing and general operation costs. Any donated amount will be greatly appreciated and will enable us to continue our services. Thank you!
Highlighted In This Issue:

- 2009 Phoenix Exotics Event!
- WA SB 5383
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