



Captive Wild Animal Report

May 2006

Human Injuries:

- Rachel Supplee, female, age 36. Mauled by a bear that had escaped from a breeder (below) and entered her home. Supplee suffered broken ribs, a bruised lung, punctures and lacerations; she was released from the hospital after eight days. Orwell, OH. Grand River Fur Exchange, breeder.
- Unnamed female, adult. Attacked by two tigers, Zeus and Nico, the woman was severely injured and underwent surgery. Kingman, AZ. Keepers of the Wild, unaccredited sanctuary.

Animals Escaped/Missing:

- 2 or more animals, possibly Patagonian caviars. Seen loose and photographed by area residents. Edgefield, SC. Unknown private owner.
- 1 black bear, male, age 9 years. A captive-raised bear escaped from a breeder and mauled a woman (above). The bear was shot by its owner (below) after the victim's daughter lured the bear away from the victim with food. Orwell, OH. Grand River Fur Exchange, breeder.
- 1 ball python. Found inside a rental car; captured and held pending identification of its owner. Paducah, KY. Unknown private owner.
- 1 alligator. A two-foot-long alligator was captured near Slater Memorial Park. Pawtucket, RI. Unknown private owner.
- Seven or more peafowl. Four peafowl belonging to Melody Halstrom of River Falls escaped and were recaptured; several other peafowl of unknown origin have been seen loose in the same area. Whitefish Bay, WI. Private owners.

Animal Deaths:

- 1 black bear, male, age 9 years. The bear was shot by its owner (below) escaping a mauling a woman. Orwell, OH. Grand River Fur Exchange, breeder.
- 1 black bear cub, 2 lion cubs. Killed when the residence of an exotic animal farm burned down; the farm was not damaged. Copely Township, OH. L&L Exotic Animal Farm, breeder.
- 1 Matschie tree kangaroo, female, age 14. Died of kidney failure. Seattle, WA. Woodland Park Zoo, accredited zoo.
- 1 Western lowland gorilla, Pogo, female, age 48. Prior to her death she had suffered from arthritis, heart disease and lower-back disc disease. San Francisco, CA. San Francisco Zoo, accredited zoo.

Animals Confiscated:

- 1 alligator, voluntarily surrendered to police by the owner's parent; transferred to Rainforest Reptile. Sutton, MA. Private owner.
- 1 alligator, seized by police for illegal ownership; transferred to Rainforest Reptile. Dedham, MA. Private owner.
- 1 cougar, Kiara, female, age 16 months. Confiscated from an apartment after her owner moved from a rural area. The owner was in the process of obtaining a permit. Arkadelphia, AR. Private owner.
- 19 wolf-dog hybrids, believed to be 85% wolf stock. Confiscated after being found chained to trees with no shelter, living "in squalor" after their original owner died. Danbury, WI. Breeder.



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International Incidents

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- 1 leopard. Escaped its enclosure by breaking through a wooden floor; had been wild-caught a month prior when it strayed into a school area. Gadag, Karnataka, India. Binkadkatte Zoo, exhibitor.

Other Incidents:

- The Greater Vancouver Zoo has been charged with two counts of animal cruelty regarding its treatment of Hazina, a two-year-old hippopotamus. The charges allege that Hazina was kept in a windowless shed with a pool too shallow to float in.