



Captive Wild Animal Report

June 2006

Human Injuries:

- Unnamed child, male, age 12. Bitten by a baby alligator that was brought to a public park by a 15-year-old boy. The animal was removed (below). Trenton, NJ. Private owner.
- Dan Roberts, male, adult. The part-time employee was mauled by a Bengal tiger that jumped an electric fence during a power outage; the victim was in intensive care for three days. Dallas, TX. Zoo Dynamics, exhibitor/breeder.

Animals Escaped/Missing:

- 1 serval, Apollo, male, age 6, and 1 savannah cat, Agapi, female. Escaped or were let out of their enclosure; the male serval was found and caught several days later. Fayetteville, NC. Lynxotics Cattery, breeder.
- 1 alligator. Found a few blocks from its home; it was caught and the owner given two weeks to find new legal homes for the alligator and a coatimundi he also owned. Caldwell, ID. Private owner.
- 1 caiman. Found in a residential backyard; captured and taken to Everglades Outpost. Homestead, FL. Unknown private owner.
- 1 African tortoise, Vito, male, adult. Went missing while in its owner's yard; a neighbor reported seeing a man in an SUV take the tortoise. Rodeo, CA. Private owner.
- 1 alligator. Discovered in a driveway by a newspaper carrier and captured by police. Pottstown, PA. Unknown private owner.
- 1 alligator. Discovered and captured by residents, then taken by police to the SPCA. Kiln Creek, VA. Unknown private owner.
- 1 tufted-ear marmoset. Discovered in a back yard; captured by an officer from the Peninsula Humane Society. East Palo Alto, CA. Unknown private owner.

Animal Deaths:

- 1 Asian elephant, Gita, female, age 48. The elephant was found in a sitting position, and died later that day; an investigation found that keepers did not begin emergency procedures until eight hours after they discovered her sitting. A necropsy was planned. Los Angeles, CA. Los Angeles Zoo, accredited zoo.

Animals Confiscated:

- 1 baby alligator. After biting a child (above), was surrendered by the teenage owner to the victim's mother, who gave the animal to a marine biologist. Trenton, NJ. Private owner.
- 1 serval, female, adult. Confiscated for illegal ownership. Holden, MA. Private owner.



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International Incidents

Human Fatalities:

- Unnamed male, adult. A man entered a lion exhibit, where he was immediately killed by a lioness. His carotid artery was severed. Kiev, Ukraine. Kiev Zoo, exhibitor.

Human Injuries:

- Adam Ockwell, male, adult. Pet shop worker was critically injured when bitten by a snake, possibly a king cobra, in the store where he worked. Bristol, United Kingdom. The Reptile Zone pet store.

Animals Escaped/Missing:

- 3 short-clawed Asiatic otters, including Jin, and adult female. Two of the three otters were quickly recaptured; Jin remained loose for one month before being caught in a trap and returned. Auckland, New Zealand. Auckland Zoo, exhibitor.

Animal Deaths:

- 1 baby giraffe, age 1 week. Died from complication from pneumonia and broken ribs sustained when its mother stepped on it. Vancouver, Canada. Greater Vancouver Zoo, exhibitor.