



Captive Wild Animal Report

July/August 2003

Human Injuries/Fatalities:

- Brunon Blaszak, male, adult. Mauled by tiger. Lacrosse, WI. Exhibitor.
- Michael Peterman, male, 48. Killed by African Rhinoceros Viper. Dayton, OH. Private owner.

Animal Fatalities:

- 150 animals, mostly reptiles, found starved to death at pet store. Mount Vernon, NY. New York Reptile Depot. Breeder/dealer.
- 1 Giraffe, age 6, struck by lightning. Buena Vista, FL. Disney's Animal Kingdom.
- 1 Lion/Tiger hybrid, shot to death, former park employee suspected. Pine Mountain, GA. Pine Mountain Wild Animal Safari.
- 1 Bald Eagle, killed by animal in its enclosure. Washington, DC. National Zoo.

Animal Escapes:

- 1 Lion, 47 days old, Wuhan, China. Wuhan Forest Wild Animal Zoo.
- 1 Alligator, Harrisburg, PA. Private owner.
- 1 Monkey, age 7, Chicago, IL. Private owner.
- 1 Bengal Tiger, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Zoo.
- 1 Alligator, Wilkinsburg, PA. Private owner.
- 1 Large wild cat (type unknown), Maui, Hawaii. Owner unknown.
- 1 Cougar, age 8, Whetstone Township, OH. Mauled neighbor's dog. Private owner.
- 1 Large wild cat (type unknown), Antrim, United Kingdom. Owner unknown.
- 1 Albino Python, Glocester, RI. Private owner.

Animals Confiscated/Displaced:

- 107 animals, mostly reptiles, confiscated in raid on pet store. Mount Vernon, NY. New York Reptile Depot.
- 2 Tiger cubs, believed to be siblings, confiscated in Dayton in separate incidents. Dayton, OH. Private owners.

Other Related Events:

- 42 wild animals, mostly endangered Arrau turtles, stolen from zoo. Caracas, Venezuela. El Pinar Zoological Park.