



Captive Wild Animal Report

May/June 2003

Human Injuries:

- Kenny Rider, male, 35. Mauled by two tigers. Serenity Springs, CO. Big Cats of Serenity Springs.
- Bo Higginbotham, male, adult. Bitten by tiger. Crossett, AR. Crossett Zoo.
- Name unknown, female, adult. Bitten by tiger cub. Red Wing, MN. Tiger Zone.
- Johnny Godley, male, 60. Critically injured by water buffalo. Darlington, NC. Farm.

Animal Fatalities:

- 1 Elephant, age 3, died after surgery for intestinal blockage (ate gravel). Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Zoo.
- 2 Bengal tigers, both age 5, euthanized after attack on Kenny Rider. Serenity Springs, CO. Big Cats of Serenity Springs.
- 1 Chimpanzee, age 4, killed by other chimpanzees. Asheboro, NC. North Carolina Zoo.
- 1 Tiger cub, euthanized after biting a pregnant woman. Red Wing, MN. Tiger Zone.
- 1 Peacock, died after being stolen by high school students as a prank. Mason, OH. Private owner.
- 1 Water Buffalo, shot by police after attack on Johnny Godley. Darlington, NC. Farm.
- 3 Emus, 3 Peking ducks, 2 Rheas, bludgeoned to death by three teenage intruders. Lacey Township, NJ.

Animal Escapes:

- 16 baby pythons. Silver Spring, MD. Animal wholesaler.
- 1 Big cat. Sighted in Westford, MA. Owner unknown.
- 1 Lion, San Antonio, Texas. Accredited Animal Facility
- 1 Polar Bear. Denver, CO. Popcorn Park Zoo. Accredited Zoo.

Animals Confiscated/Displaced:

- Dozens of horses, donkeys, goats, a llama, a cow, and cats and dogs were confiscated from Mary Spencer by Habitat for Horses for neglect. Hitchcock and Santa Fe, TX. Unaccredited sanctuary.
- 14 Wolf Hybrids confiscated from Michelle Newman for neglect. Turned over to New Braunfels Humane Society. Comal County, TX. Private owner.
- 220 mice & rats, 1 cat, 2 red-tailed boa constrictors confiscated from owner. Menlo Park, CA. Private owner.
- Over 100 rare and endangered snakes, turtles, amphibians and reptiles seized in Ohio; approx. 150 protected turtles, 20 protected snakes, and over 100 turtle eggs seized in Michigan; unknown number of reptile and amphibians seized in Indiana. Over 50 people arrested for participation in illegal reptile trade.

Other Related Events:

- 38 wild animals, including black bear, lynx, timber wolves and a bobcat, found at an abandoned wildlife park. Walford, Ontario, Canada. Private exhibitor.