



Captive Wild Animal Report

November 2005

Human Injuries:

- Sadie Hester, female, age 82. Attacked and bitten repeatedly by an escaped pet kinkajou; she received a total of 20 stitches. Pontotoc, MS. Private owner.
- Unname male, adult. The son of Sadie Hester (above) was bitten in the process of capturing the kinkajou. Pontotoc, MS. Private owner.
- Unnamed child. Bitten by a neighbor's escaped monkey at a birthday party. City not given. AZ. Private owner.
- Unnamed child. Second of two children bitten by a neighbor's escaped monkey at a birthday party. City not given. AZ. Private owner.
- Paris Hilton, female, age 24. Scratched by her pet kinkajou, Baby Luv, while shopping. Las Vegas, NV. Private owner.

Animal Escapes:

- 1 tiger, Tahan, female, age 7. Escaped her pen and was found five hours later in a neighbor's yard; captured and returned to her owners. Greenwich, CT. Ashville Game Farm and Exotic Zoo, exhibitor.
- 1 dromedary camel, Clyde, male, adult. Escaped his pen and was corralled by a Sheriff's deputy; this was the eighth time in two weeks authorities had to catch the escaped camel. Nashville, TN. Private owner.
- 1 kinkajou. Escaped from a private home and bit two people (above); the animal was captured and euthanized (below). Pontotoc, MS. Private owner.
- 1 monkey. Escaped and entered a neighbor's home, biting two children (above) at a birthday party. City not given. AZ. Private owner.
- 1 deer, male, adult. The deer, being kept as a pet, escaped and gored a miniature horse to death. The deer's owners were issued several citations by the Florida Wildlife Commission. Fort Myer, FL. Private owner.
- 1 ostrich. Captured by authorities after a two hour chase; animal's origin is unknown. St, John, IN. Unknown private owner.
- 1 ocelot, female, age 4. Captured, unharmed, by trap two weeks after escaping from a building where she was being held while her enclosure underwent repairs. Paramus, NJ. Bergen County Zoo, accredited zoo.
- 2 albino fallow deer, adult; male named Buck, female named Star. Escaped their pen and were shot by a hunter (below). Heislerville, NJ. Private owner.
- 1 alligator, juvenile. Found in a pond near downtown; caught by private citizens, the animal's future was undetermined. Longmont, CO. Unknown private owner.
- 1 capuchin monkey. Missing for three days; the animal taken to a veterinarian with respiratory problems after it was recaptures. Authorities also found a python at the owner's home; an investigation is ongoing. Covington, KY. Private owner.
- 3 wolf hybrids, two male, one female, adult. Escaped after a tree limb fell onto their enclosure. The two males were captured a three days later while the female remained at large, but nearby. All three were at this facility after being captured in the Santa Cruz Mountains of northern California. Williams, CA. Unlicensed rehabilitator (formerly licensed to hold captive wolves).
- 1 serval, Sabre, male, adult. Escaped for the second time in two months; captured one day later. Owner had told authorities the cat was in Michigan after its October escape; she was fined \$200. Greensboro, NC. Private owner.

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Animals Confiscated/Displaced:

- 2 cougars, age 13 week. A man captured three cougar cubs, keeping two and giving one away; one was found dead (below) and the other two were confiscated after authorities were alerted. Philo, CA. Private owner.
- 1 kinkajou, Baby Luv. Confiscated by authorities; illegal to own in California. Los Angeles, CA. Private owner.
- 2 boa constrictors. Confiscated from a street performer at Fisherman's Wharf. San Francisco, CA. Private owner.
- 1 python, seven feet in length. Abandon in a pillowcase in a residential yard; picked up by authorities. Dublin, GA. Unknown private owner.

Animal Deaths:

- 1 gorilla, male, age 5 days. Unknown causes; a necropsy was planned. Atlanta, Georgia. Zoo Atlanta, accredited zoo.
- 1 cougar, age 13 week. A man captured three cougar cubs; one was found dead; two other were confiscated (above) after authorities were alerted. Philo, CA. Private owner.
- 1 kinkajou. Euthanized after escape and attack on two people (above). Pontotoc, MS. Private owner.
- 1 elephant, shortly before birth. The fetus never moved into the correct birth position and died in utero shortly before its expected birth date. St. Louis, MO. St. Louis Zoo, accredited zoo.
- 2 albino fallow deer, adult; male named Buck, female named Star. Shot by a hunter after escaping from their pen (above). The hunter was charged with multiple firearm, poaching and illegal hunting offenses. Heislerville, NJ. Private owner.

International Incidents

Human injuries:

- Unnamed woman, age 24. A tiger tore off a circus worker's arm when she tried to pet the animal through its cage. Lisbon, Portugal. Circo Atlas, exhibitor.
- Unnamed male, age 9. Badly scratched by a leopard after wandering away from a school group and putting his hand on the animal's cage. Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne Zoo.

Animal escapes:

- 1 teju lizard, adult. Discovered in a toilet at a residence; the lizard was caught and taken to Bergen Aquarium. Oslo, Norway. Unknown private owner or dealer.
- 1 lemur. A subway line was closed after the lemur entered the tunnels; it was recaptured. Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon Zoo.

Animals confiscated:

- 1 lion, Baby, male, adult. Police seized a lion described as "skinny" with "signs of atrophy" after neighbors complained. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Private owner.

Other incidents:

- A man was arrested for attempted wildlife smuggling after customs officials who noticed a suspicious bulge found him carrying 5 galah (cockatoo) eggs in his underpants. The man had intended to board a flight to Bangkok. Sydney, Australia.
- Armed gunmen tied up a zookeeper and took a lion cub and two Arabic-speaking parrots. Gaza Strip, Israel. Gaza Zoo.