



## Captive Wild Animal Report

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### Animal Escapes:

- 1 fallow deer, Big Boy, male, age 9. Escaped through a hole in his enclosure's fence after fighting with a wild whitetail deer; remained at large. Wind Gap, PA. Private owner.
- 1 iguana, adult. Found dead (below) on the side of a road. York Township, PA. Unknown private owner.
- 1 red kangaroo, Jake, male, age 1 year. Spotted along Route 26; wandered about half a mile before returning to its owner, an exotic pet dealer. Colleyville, TX. Private owner.

### Animal Deaths:

- 1 emu, Curly Sue, male, adult. Killed by loose dogs. Sedalia, MO. Private owner.
- 1 iguana, adult. Found dead on the side of a road. York Township, PA. Unknown private owner.
- 1 elephant, Toni, female, age 40. Euthanized after her arthritis worsened dramatically. Washington, DC. National Zoo, accredited zoo.

### Animals Confiscated:

- 6 black bears, ages 4 to 8 years, confiscated for illegal ownership. Three of the bears were pregnant at the time they were confiscated. Tecumseh, NE. Unlicensed breeder.

### Other Animal Incidents:

- 1 eleven-foot snake and 2 tarantulas were rescued from a house fire. The animals were taken to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary while their owners find new housing. Green Bay, WI. Unnamed private owner.
- 1 African ball python and 1 Argentine boa constrictor were stolen from a classroom and remain missing. Gainesville, FL. Private owner/school.
- Kevin McMaster, 35, pleaded guilty to two counts of violating the endangered species act and two counts of selling endangered and threatened wildlife through his website, Deadzoo.com. Undercover agents had arranged to purchase tiger skins and snow leopard skins from McMaster.

### International Incidents

#### Human injuries:

- Unnamed child, male, age 12. Both of the boy's arms were bitten off below the elbow by a brown bear when he jumped over a fence and tried to feed the animal. The boy's condition was described as stable but grave. Mena, Ukraine. Exhibitor.
- Bob Bennet, male, age 54. Senior lion keeper was injured by 2 two-year-old cubs and was listed in stable condition. Wellington, New Zealand. Wellington Zoo, exhibitor.