



## Captive Wild Animal Report

April 2006

### Human Fatalities:

- Cynthis Lee Gamble, female, age 52. Killed and partially eaten by a tiger at her exotic animal farm; the tiger was also killed (below). Pine County, MN. Center for Endangered Cats, breeding farm (defunct).

### Human Injuries:

- Ronald Bergeron, male, age 62. Suffered two broken fingers and punctures to his hands after attempting to wrestle an alligator living on his private property. Hendry County, FL. Private wildlife preserve.
- Unnamed child, female. According to witnesses, the child was bitten on the ear by a small monkey being exhibited for tips at a county fair. Lake County, FL. Lake County Fair.

### Animals Escaped/Missing:

- 2 aracari toucans. Missing from an open-air exhibit; theft is suspected because no other species escaped and the birds would have to pass through five doors to reach the outside. Colorado Springs, CO. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, accredited zoo.
- 1 red panda, male. Used a broken tree limb to escape from his enclosure; recaptured approximately ninety minutes later. Cincinnati, OH. Cincinnati Zoo, accredited zoo.
- 1 veiled chameleon, Leon, age 5 years. Captured and return to its owner more than a month and a half after escaping. Woodbury, MN. Private owner.

### Animal Deaths:

- 1 tiger, Tango, male, age 10. Euthanized after killing owner Cynthis Lee Gamble (above); necropsy showed the tiger to be approximately 100 pounds underweight. Pine County, MN. Center for Endangered Cats, breeding farm (defunct).
- 1 chimpanzee, Bobby, male, age 16. Found dead in his enclosure. The animal had recently been transferred from Ohio State University following the closure of their primate research center. San Antonio, TX. Primarily Primates, sanctuary.
- 1 lion cub, Koza, male, age 5 months. Euthanized after being mauled by a lioness. San Deigo, CA. San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park, accredited zoo.

### Animals Confiscated:

- 2 Grizzly Bears, 25 years, both male; 1 Kodiak Bear, 22 years, female; 4 Black Bears: 11 year old male, 11 year old female, 14 year old male, 18 year old female; 2 Cinnamon Bears, 12 year old female, 14 year old male; 2 Asiatic Bears, 30 year old male, 15 year old male; 2 Tigers, 12 year old male, 8 year old male; 2 wild hogs; 1 gold and blue Macaw. Confiscated for illegal ownership. Gonzales, TX. Private owner/exhibitor/performing animal business.
- 1 baby alligator. Rescued from a fire at an apartment complex; authorities were trying to establish the animal's legal status. Madison, WI. Unnamed private owner.
- 1 scorpion, 1 tarantula and 1 corn snake. Confiscated along with 18 dogs; the animals' owner, Michael Gibson, was arrested for animal cruelty. Tampa, FL. Private owner.



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### *International Incidents*

#### **Human Fatalities:**

- Unnamed male, age 8. Killed by two wolves after placing his hand in their enclosure. Unnamed exhibitor, Nakhodka, Russia.
- Issa Kanu, male, adult. The taxi driver was among four people attacked by chimpanzees that escaped from a wildlife sanctuary. Freetown, Sierra Leone. Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

#### **Human Injuries:**

- 3 adult males, Gary Morris, Paul Gregory and Donald Ford. Three American contractors were attacked by chimpanzees that escaped from a wildlife sanctuary; a fourth man from Sierra Leone was killed (above). Freetown, Sierra Leone. Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary.