



Captive Wild Animal Report

March 2004

Human Fatalities:

- Tang Mingli, male, age 22. Zoo employee; knocked off wall into pen; bitten by 10 Siberian tigers. Sichuan Province, China. Bifeng Gorge Wild Animal Park.

Human Injuries:

- Tom Cahall, male, adult. Injured during cougar escape (below). East Limestone, AL. Private owner.
- Aubrey Swart, female, age 4. Mauled by caged cougar owned by victim's grandmother. Messena, NY. Private owner.
- Keisha Thomas, female, age 26. Injured by escaped gorilla (below). Dallas, TX. Dallas Zoo.
- Rivers Noah, male, age 3. Injured by escaped gorilla (below). Dallas, TX. Dallas Zoo.
- Cheryl Reichert, female, adult. Injured by escaped gorilla (below). Dallas, TX. Dallas Zoo.
- Unnamed child. Injured by escaped gorilla (below). Dallas, TX. Dallas Zoo.

Animal Fatalities:

- 1 Capuchin monkey, male, age 3. Died after being sedated during routine veterinary visit. Washington Township, NJ. Private owner/exhibitor.
- 1 Asian elephant, female, age 37. Euthanized after long illness and collapse after being pushed by another elephant. San Francisco, CA. San Francisco Zoological Gardens.
- 1 Gorilla, male, age 13. Shot by police after escape, attack on visitors. Dallas, TX. Dallas Zoo.
- 1 Giraffe, female, age 3. Found dead in stall; cause was spinal trauma after head apparently became stuck in enclosure. Racine, WI. Racine Zoological Gardens.

Animal Escapes:

- 1 Cougar, male, age 9. Escaped from pen on fenced farm. Recaptured. East Limestone, AL. Private owner.
- 1 Gorilla, male, age 13. Shot to death (above). Dallas, TX. Dallas Zoo.
- 1 Wolf, male, under 1 year of age. Found loose in city, captured by Animal Control. Philadelphia, PA. Possible private owner.

Animals Confiscated/Displaced:

- 1 Western Diamondback, 1 Prairie and 3 Canebrake Rattlesnakes; 5 Copperhead snakes, 4 Water Moccasins, 1 Alligator. Confiscated; illegal ownership. Covington, OH. Private owner.
- 6 Monkeys. Confiscated; in good condition but illegal to own in city. New York, NY. Private owner.
- 20 birds (mainly Cockatiels), 6 dogs, 2 cats. Confiscated; many with injuries or illness; owner possible animal hoarder. Farmington, MO. Private owner.

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Animals Confiscated/Displaced (cont.):

- 7 Turtles, 119 dogs, 44 ponies. Confiscated; owner possible animal hoarder, charged with 119 counts of animal cruelty. St. Tammany Parish, LA. Private owner.
- 5 Tigers, 1 Cougar. Moved to exhibitors outside Tarrant County after owners convicted of illegal ownership. Roanoke, TX. Zoo Fare, exhibitor.
- 15 birds (mainly Parrots, Parakeets), 15 Flying Squirrels, 2 Hedgehogs, 2 Chinchillas. Confiscated; owner charged with animal cruelty. Parma, OH. Private owner.
- 1 Burmese Python, 1 Caiman. Confiscated after owner brought them to Central Park; illegal to own in city. New York, NY. Private owner.
- 1 Cougar, female, under 1 year of age. Taken to Exotic Feline Rescue Center after cat grew too large for owner. Unspecified city, IL. Private owner.
- Unknown number of ostriches, emus, dogs; hundreds of horses. Confiscated; many badly malnourished. Owner faces possible neglect and cruelty charges. Lime, OR. Breeder Ivan Langley.
- 75 animals, including Sugar gliders, Chinchillas, domestic animals. Confiscated; owner expected to be charged with animal abuse. New Sharon, ME. Private owner.
- 1 African Lion, female, under 1 year of age. Confiscated; illegal ownership. Cosby, TN. Private owner.