



## Captive Wild Animal Report

October 2004

### Human Fatalities:

- Mehmet Kecibesler, male, age 38. Zoo employee, killed by tiger after failing to secure cage. Gaziantep, Turkey. Gaziantep Zoo.

### Human Injuries:

- Stephen Galagos, male, age 5. Seriously injured by grandparent's pet wolf. Central IL. Private owner.
- Unnamed female, age 14. Bitten by stepfather's coral cobra. Homestead, FL. Exhibitor.

### Animal Fatalities:

- 1 white rhino, Jesse, female, age 32. Fell into moat after conflict with a zebra. Norfolk, VA. Virginia Zoo.
- 1 wolf, Trouble, male. Euthanized after biting Stephen Galagos (above). Central IL. Private owner.
- 1 elephant, Tatima, female, age 35. Found dead in enclosure; TB suspected. Chicago, IL. Lincoln Park Zoo.
- 23 tigers, age 8 months to 2 years. Died of bird flu. Sriracha, Thailand. Sri Racha Tiger Zoo.
- 6 gazelles. Killed by a pack of stray dogs. Kansas City, MO. Kansas City Zoo.
- 2 wildebeests. Euthanized; broke legs during escape (below). Fort Wayne, IN. Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.
- 1 cougar. Dumped next to road after death in a suspected attempt to make it appear cat was killed by a motorist. Declawed, canine teeth filed. Shawnee County, KS. Unknown private owner.

### Animal Escapes:

- 1 serval. Captured after it was found loose downtown. Las Vegas, NV. Unknown private owner.
- 1 cougar. Seen loose; presumed to be escaped pet. Sumpter, MI. Unknown private owner.
- 1 ball python. Captured on Hawaiian golf course. Kahului, HI. Unknown private owner.
- 1 tortoise, Taffy. Escaped from private residence. Beaconsfield, United Kingdom. Private owner.
- 1 African Sulcata tortoise, Roseann, female. Captured, returned to owner. Apple Valley, CA. Private owner.
- 5 wildebeests. 3 recaptured safely, 2 euthanized (above). Fort Wayne, IN. Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.
- 1 serval, Nyla, female, age 18 months. Recaptured after three weeks. Columbia, TN. Private owner.
- 1 Burmese python, 15 feet in length. Found dead. Thompson, Manitoba, Canada. Unknown private owner.

### Animals Confiscated/Displaced:

- 7 Bengal tigers transferred to Wild Animal Orphanage after previous owners were charged with endangerment and animal abuse. Gravois Mills, MO. Ozark Nature Center, exhibitor.
- 13 reptiles, including four alligators, snakes, and lizards. Unlawful ownership. Bear, DE. Private owner.
- 3 alligators. Owner given one month to remove animals from property after moving to Vermont without necessary permit. Alburg, VT. Private owner.
- Over 200 animals, including iguanas, snakes, 1 monkey, many domestic animals. Owner expected to face multiple cruelty charges. Coeymans, NY. Cherokee Ridge Animal Rescue Facility, unaccredited sanctuary.
- 1 alligator, Ally, male, juvenile. Unlawful ownership; owner ordered to remove animal by December 4. Endicott, NY. Private owner.
- 1 squirrel monkey. Unlawful ownership; transferred to zoo. Makiki, HI. Private owner.

### Other Incidents:

- 1 lion accosted an actor during filming of a Nintendo commercial. No injuries resulted. Redmond, WA.