



Captive Wild Animal Report

September 2004

Human Fatalities:

- Alexandria Hall, female, age 44. Killed by pet Urutu viper. Cincinnati, OH. Private owner.

Human Injuries:

- Nancy DeFiesta, female, age 60. Seriously injured by one or more caged lions. Chicago, IL. Lincoln Park Zoo.
- Unnamed male, age 46. Zoo employee seriously injured by leopard. Trenton, ME. Acadia Zoological Park.
- Curtis Bach, male, age 27. Park employee critically injured by black bear. Peoria, IL. Wildlife Prairie State Park.

Animal Fatalities:

- 1 Asian elephant, Kimba, female, age 13. Died after a sudden illness. Houston, TX. Houston Zoo.
- Several alligators, shot after escaping during Hurricane Ivan (below). Gulf Shores, AL. Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.
- 2 cheetah cubs. Died after mother developed blood poisoning. Monarto, Australia. Monarto Zoo.
- 2 leopards. Died after being confiscated (below), cause unknown. Columbia, MO. Private owner.
- 1 wallaby. Killed by car after escape from residence (below). Bedford, NY. Private owner

Animal Escapes:

- 1 buffalo, adult. Escaped trailer on Interstate 495 en route to slaughterhouse. Shot to prevent collision with traffic. Near Westborough, MA.
- 1 wallaby, male, young. Found in residential yard, taken to Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society; reclaimed by owner. Key Center, WA. Private owner.
- 1 large cat, possible cougar. Sighted repeatedly near Lynwood, IL. Remains at large. Unknown owner.
- 9 alligators, including Chucky, male, approx. 1000 pounds. Washed out of enclosure during Hurricane Ivan. Chuck was recaptured 1 week later. Gulf Shores, AL. Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.
- 1 alligator, young. Found in residential yard; captured by police. Newburgh, NY. Unknown private owner.
- 1 Burmese python, adult, 17 feet in length. Escaped from apartment bathroom; recaptured. Bay St. Louis, MS. Private owner.
- 1 caiman, age 5 (approx.) Caught by fishermen in Mississippi River. Fridley, MN. Unknown private owner.
- 1 snake, probable Burmese python, approx. 10 feet in length. Seen numerous times near sports club. Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom. Unknown private owner.
- 1 wallaby. Escaped from residence; found three days later, dead (above). Bedford, NY. Private owner.
- 1 caiman. Captured by officials; taken to a refuge in Cincinnati. Mentor, OH. Unknown private owner.
- 1 iguana. Found loose, likely abandon by student at Green Valley State University, MI. Unknown private owner.
- 1 serval, Cleo, female, age 1 year. Still missing. Keystone, FL. Private owner/exhibitor.
- 2 alligators; one escaped, one presumed stolen. Escaped animal recaptured; stolen animal anonymously returned. Gretna, OK. Exhibitor.

Animals Confiscated/Displaced:

- 1 alligator, Boots, female, age 19. Illegal pet; transferred to Henson Robinson Zoo. Peoria, IL. Private owner.
- 1 alligator, male, adult. Removed from backyard; unlawful ownership. Royalton, IL. Private owner.
- 2 leopards confiscated; owner charged with animal cruelty. Columbia, MO. Private owner.

Other Incidents:

- Unnamed male, age 21. Entered lion's den, removed without injury. Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne Zoo.