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What: Two Wild/Exotic Animal Rescues

When: Tuesday, 1 March 2005, 11:00 a.m. PST

Where: All Acting Animals, Pahrump, NV

When: Wednesday, 2 March 2005, 11:00 a.m. PST

Where: Betty Honn's Animal Adoption Ltd., Henderson, NV

When: Saturday, 5 March 2005 (call for approximated time of arrival)

Where: Arriving in San Antonio, TX

Tigers, Lions, Leopards, Wolves and Monkeys from Las Vegas Area Compounds Being Moved to San Antonio, Texas Sanctuary

(Pahrump, NV | Henderson, NV | San Antonio, TX)— The Wild Animal Orphanage, a division of the Animal Sanctuary of the United States, has taken custody of eight tigers; three lions; two leopards; four wolves, and four monkeys from two Las Vegas area animal compounds.

The USDA license of All Acting Animals, owned by Karl Mitchell, was revoked in 2001 due to their ***failure to meet minimal federal standards for the care of animals*** as established in the Animal Welfare Act. Mitchell, the former animal control contractor for Nye County, NV has been jailed since May 2004 when he violated terms of his bail after being arrested for theft. Less than one week ago, All Acting Animals' Board member Sandy Alman's index finger was bitten off by a leopard at the compound.

"After getting the tigers and leopards from All Acting Animals much-needed veterinary care, I greatly look forward to releasing them in to spacious, naturalistic enclosures," exclaims Carol Asvestas, Executive Director of Wild Animal Orphanage.

The tigers, lions, wolves and monkeys from Betty Honn's Animal Adoption Ltd. are being relocated because the sanctuary has not been financially solvent since the demise of Betty Honn, and now has lost its lease.

Josephine Martell, a captive wild animal specialist with the International Fund for Animal Welfare, states, "It is unfortunate that Betty Honn's sanctuary must shut down, but we are pleased to be able to help these animals and make sure they are not recycled back in to the exotic animal trade."

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