

Safe Haven Screech

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Special points of interest:

- Emily Ratcliffe, our international intern from England is here for the entire month of July.
- Sunrise Animal Hospital is collecting weigh circles from bags of Purina prescription diets.
- Meet Marius and Steve from Clearly Africa in mid-August. The exact date is yet to be determined.
- Party Like an Animal with us at The Irish Pub on July 16th.

Visit us on the web:
www.SafeHavenAnimals.org

We provide educational programs for schools, scout troops, birthday parties and many other events. If you are having an event or know a teacher, troop leader or anyone else that might be interested please contact us for more information.

An African Experience by S. Nigel Platt

Have you ever dreamt of going on safari in South Africa? I have and was lucky enough to go in 2007 where I met Marius Swart and Steve Roskelly who run Clearly Africa, a guided safari tour company.

I had reservations about South Africa, as I didn't want to be herded around on a vehicle with hundreds of other tourists. I was leading a group of college students, and my fears were quickly eroded as we drove for hours into the vastness that is South Africa.

Our base was a private nature reserve, and I mean private. The only people we saw during the whole two weeks were the local workers and when we went into town.



African Elephant taken by S. Nigel

Marius and Steve are both highly passionate and professional. They will share their passion about the conservation of all the species in their realm, their enthusiasm and passion is sure to affect you, in the

same way it affected all of us. Their knowledge on all the fauna and flora is endless and is sure to make you



Spotted Hyena taken by S. Nigel Platt while in Africa.

want to go with them. They can cater to all tastes from camping to staying in modern accommodations. If it's adventure you want, they can deliver, from sleeping out (just a sleeping bag) in the bush to daily hikes on foot (I can highly recommend both!) You get to immerse yourself in their Africa, albeit for however long you go for, and I am sure you will want to return as soon as you have departed. They are both excellent wildlife photographers and will be sharing some of their photographs on their trip. To see their photography and learn more about them, visit their web site: www.clearlyafrica.com Safe Haven will be hosting Steve and Marius on their promotional tour of the US. Please come and join us for a traditional South African barbeque to learn more about the opportunity of a lifetime, you will not regret it.

Trivia Questions

1. What is the longest snake in the world?
2. Most mammals have one hair per follicle. How many hairs per follicle do Chinchilla's have?

Answers will be given in the next newsletter.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our families, friends and volunteers for all of your hard work and support. Without you, Safe Haven would not be possible.

Honorable mentions:

Judy Chiswell

Glenda Lofink

Anna Cales

The staff of Petco in Greenville

Who's New

We strongly encourage everyone to do a lot of research on the animal you're thinking of purchasing, especially when it's an exotic. The donor of our most recent rescue did exactly that. She spent many hours researching not just parrots but specific species to determine what would work best for her family. She decided an Umbrella Cockatoo, found the right one for her and brought him home. Unfortunately, there was one family member she didn't think about—the family dog. It turned out that the dog was highly

allergic, so "Buddy" had to go. After a couple of attempts at finding a new home Buddy has found his new, permanent home here at Safe Haven. He has been adjusting well and now lives among all of his new "feathered friends".

Another bird we rescued this quarter wasn't so fortunate to have someone care so much about her. Yoshi, a Quaker parrot was abandoned at a pet store in Simpsonville. Someone had spent a lot of time with her in the past as she is very comfortable

around people, so much so that she will fly from person to person. Yoshi has already done free-flight demonstrations in the classroom during some of our programs.

Also rescued this quarter were 4 more ball (royal) pythons that were known to have been wild caught from Africa. A Bull Frog, adult Common Boa Constrictor and a Dumeril's Boa have been added to our collection as well. This gives us two Dumeril's Boas that are listed as an endangered species.



"Buddy" an Umbrella Cockatoo, Safe Haven's newest resident.

What's New

We are currently making plans to expand our outdoor housing. Without adding more enclosures we will not be able to accept any more animals. The first project is to add a perimeter fence that is up to code. We will need fencing for an 8 foot high chain link fence as well as lumber, concrete blocks and other materials for the housing. We will be setting up one or two volunteer days (later in the summer or early fall so it cools down) so we will need volunteers willing to put in some muscle. We are looking into getting some food donated to feed all of the hard working people. If you or anyone you know can assist in any way with this project, please contact us.

Welcome Christi Belcher, DVM, our newest veterinarian and board member.

Congratulations to Heather Miller, DVM and her husband Shenandoah on the birth of their son, Noah.

Coming Events

- July 6th** **Adopt-a-Highway clean-up**—Help us in protecting wildlife and keeping our community clean.
- July 16th** **Party Like an Animal**—Join us for our food and fun fundraiser at The Irish Pub located on Pleasantburg in Greenville. We'll be there with some of our animals from 7PM on.
- July 24th** **Petco Adoption Day**—Visit us at Petco by Cherrydale as we educate the public on the responsibility of pet care and what animals are NOT good to adopt.
- July 31st** **Charity Yard Sale**—Donate your unwanted items and we'll sell them at our yard sale. Sale to be located at 7 Coral Drive in Taylors. Donated items are not stored at this location so please contact us for a pickup.
- Sept 4th** **Adventure Day Open House**—Enjoy tours of our animal areas, raffle prizes, a silent auction, food, games, bake sale and live animal close-up encounters. Admission is free and open to anyone interested in attending. We will be open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Contact us for directions if you would like join us.

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