



To all Exotic Wildlife Association members:

In an effort to keep our membership apprised and up to date on the three species issue the following is the latest information concerning the legal action taken by the EWA:

EWA Director, Terry Caffey and EWA Executive Director Charly Seale traveled to Washington D.C. and met with officials from the Department of Interior, Roger and Nancie Marzulla of the Marzulla and Marzulla Law Firm, as well as Bill Brewster and Amanda Hill of the Capitol Hill Consulting Group, one of the top lobbying firms in Washington. This was an extremely productive meeting and is the first in a series of meetings which will hopefully lead to a successful conclusion concerning the Scimitar Horned Oryx, Addax, and Dama Gazelle. There is nothing new to report regarding the court challenge. For the appeal to be taken to its conclusion it will take several months and hopefully will conclude sometime during the summer of 2010. That, however, is only speculation. After visiting with all the people involved in this case we are very optimistic of a successful conclusion. Our attorneys are extremely knowledgeable and are experts in all aspects of the Endangered Species Act and the Exotic industry in general.

Our office receives numerous phone calls each day in reference to the three species and inquiries as to what can and cannot be done legally. There is a tremendous amount of misinformation circulating throughout the country regarding the official status of the Scimitar Horned Oryx, Addax, and Dama Gazelle. Somewhere erroneous dates and deadlines have been placed on the buying, selling, trading, and hunting of these three species. After our meeting with the Department of Interior officials it was verified that the information the EWA office has been publicizing is correct. We are still operating under the same rule we have always operated under. The three species may be hunted, traded, and sold until further notice. Your EWA office will immediately notify our membership on any changes to these regulations should that occur. If you have further inquiries or questions concerning these or any other rules please call your Executive Director at 830-928-3158. Please do not rely on third hand information for your updates.

As we reported in the very beginning this legal battle is going to be very costly for your association. We need your support in this endeavor and as I have said on numerous occasions "think about what you have and then think about what you have to lose". It is not just about these three species, it is about your right to do what you do without governmental interference. Private ownership not governmental regulations have brought these and other species back from the brink of extinction to the numbers we have today.

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Charly Seale  
Executive Director