

Overview of Missouri's Dangerous Wild Animal Law, Incidents, and Problem Exhibitors

Missouri does not ban the private possession of dangerous wild animals and only requires a permit for certain species. Lax laws have resulted in numerous children being bitten by bears, mauled by big cats, and attacked by primates. Two especially tragic incidents in 2008 involving big cats caused a volunteer to lose a portion of his leg and left a teenager paralyzed. Missouri is host to the largest pet chimpanzee breeder in the country and the nation's largest exotic animal auction.

Missouri's Exotic Pet Law

Missouri is one of 11 states that regulate the private possession of certain dangerous wild animals lagging far behind the 34 other states that have taken a proactive approach in prohibiting the future private possession of dangerous wild animals (big cats, bears, wolves, primates, and dangerous reptiles).

In Missouri, it is legal to own or breed a large carnivore so long as the owner obtains a permit from the Missouri division of animal health of the Department of Agriculture. Large carnivores include large cats and bears that are nonnative to the state. (V.A.M.S. §§ 578.600 - 578.625)

A person possessing a Large Carnivore must be 21 years of age and have not been found guilty or pled guilty to a violation of any state or local law prohibiting neglect or mistreatment of any animal or, within the previous ten (10) years, any felony and must do the following:

- The owner must have an identification number placed in the large carnivore via subcutaneous microchip. V.A.M.S § 578.604
- The owner shall notify the department of agriculture upon the animal's death. V.A.M.S § 578.606
- The owner must maintain liability insurance in amount of not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, and provide annual verification of this insurance. V.A.M.S § 578.610
- The person who owns or possesses the large carnivore is liable for all expenses associated with efforts to recapture the large carnivore that is released or escapes. V.A.M.S § 578.610
- The facility where the animal is kept must be annually inspected by the Department of Agriculture. 2 CSR 30-9.50
- The owner must maintain health and ownership records of the large carnivore(s) they possess. 2 CSR 30-9.50
- The owner must submit a disaster response and evacuation plan to the Department of Agriculture. 2 CSR 30-9.50
- If a large carnivore escapes or is released the owner must immediately notify law enforcement and the department. 2 CSR 30-9.50

People exempt from the law are the following: animal control, animal shelters; law enforcement officers, department of agriculture employees acting a veterinarian temporarily in possession of a large carnivore to provide veterinary care, an exhibitor under the USDA's AWA, a circus, the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine, or a zoological park that is a part of a district created under chapter 184. V.A.M.S § 578.622

In addition, a person possessing a lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, Canada lynx, bobcat, jaguarundi, hyena, wolf, bear, nonhuman primate, coyote, any deadly, dangerous, or poisonous reptile, or any deadly reptile over eight feet long must register the animal with the local law enforcement agency in the

county in which the animal is kept. There are no additional requirements other than registering. (V.A.M.S § 578.023)

Legislative History in Passing Dangerous Wild Animal Laws

The Large Carnivore Act was passed in 2010. It was first introduced by Rep. Sutherland in 2004. Nonhuman Primate Act was first introduced in 2011 and sought to add primates to the requirements of the Large Carnivore Act.

Stats:

Missouri ranks 1st in the country for the number of minors injured by captive bears since 1990.

Missouri ranks 9th (tied with NC) in the country for the number of dangerous incidents involving captive big cats since 1990.

Missouri ranks 4th in the country for the number of dangerous incidents involving primates since 1990.

Missouri ranks 1st in the country for the number of minors injured by primates since 1990 and 3rd for the number of people injured (adults and children combined) since 1990.

Missouri ranks 9th (tied with WA) in the country for the number of dangerous incidents involving large constrictor snakes since 1990.

Missouri is one of 16 states with a death caused by a large constrictor snake (MO death in 1983).

Notable incidents (a full list of incidents is at the end of this document):

- a pet bear nearly severed a boy's hand
- eighteen students were nipped on the face and/or hands by a bear cub brought by a traveling zoo onto the campus of Washington University
- a teenager was left a quadriplegic after he was attacked by three tigers at a roadside zoo
- a volunteer lost the lower part of his leg after he was mauled by a tiger at a pseudo-sanctuary
- an escaped pet leopard charged a sheriff's deputy before being shot and killed
- in two separate incidents, three African lions escaped from two roadside zoos
- a cougar bolted from an unlocked cage and then ran into a house while a child was inside
- a small boy was mauled by a pet lion kept chained in a neighbor's yard
- in nine separate incidents, children have been attacked and injured by primates including macaques, chimpanzees, capuchins, and vervets
- in two separate incidents, two escaped, rampaging chimpanzees were shot and killed, including one who attacked a sheriff's deputy
- one man was killed and another critically injured in two separate python attacks

Inventory of Dangerous Wild Animals in Missouri (excluding AZA zoos)

According to the USDA's e-FOIA documents, Missouri has 3 licensees with 7 bears, 10 licensees with 92 big cats, and 23 licensees with 400 primates (includes Central State Primates with 205 macaques). The number of unlicensed individuals with big cats, bears, and/or primates in Missouri is not known.

Missouri is Home to One of Largest Animal Auctions

There are a handful of auctions across the country that sell exotic animals and Missouri is home to one of the largest.

Lolli Bros. Livestock Market, Inc., located in Macon, has been in operation since 1947. Their auctions are broken down into categories: miscellaneous, exotic animal sales, taxidermy sales, old west show and auction, horse sales, and cattle sales. Exotic Sales are held 4 times yearly. They sell animals ranging from apes to zebras.

Recently, Lolli Bros. sold a black bear (later named Boo) which ended up at a Washington University event and bit 18 college students. In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued an official warning against Lolli Bros. in 2013, for failure to provide litter to absorb and cover excrement in cages transporting rabbits and a primate.

One of the Lolli brothers is linked to the 2012 indictment of seven men for rhino horn trafficking. He evidently received money from some of the individuals.

A few of the problematic USDA licensees in MO (includes current and former licensees)

Connie Braun Casey is a notorious breeder and dealer of chimpanzees and monkeys and has pumped an untold number of primates into the pet and entertainment trade. A book could be written about the contribution this woman has made to the exotic animal crisis in this country. In 2001, three of her chimps escaped and one was shot dead by a neighbor. The sad fate of some of the chimps produced by Braun include:

- Casey was sold as a pet and lived for 20+ years in a small indoor cage before being transferred to Center For Great Apes in Florida.
- Connor, Kramer, Louie and Mikey were sold as pets for \$50,000 each. When the owner got into legal troubles because of the chimps, she dumped them at Save The Chimps in Florida.
- Kenuzy was sold as a baby to an exhibitor who toted him to malls, fairs, etc., for public photo ops. He was handed off to a Hollywood animal trainer before being ultimately being transferred to Center For Great Apes in Florida.
- Lisa Marie was sold at a few weeks of age to a traveling zoo. She is now almost 13-years-old and is likely living alone in this USDA licensee's basement facility.
- Louie and Mikey were sold for \$45,000 each at 8 mos. of age. They were used for movies, ads, etc., before they were transferred as adolescents to the Little Rock Zoo.
- Suko was sold in 1989 as a pet to a man who drove around the country with her in his semi-truck. Suko escaped numerous times and bit numerous people. After an escape in October 2010 – during which she kicked in the windshield of a police car - Suko was confiscated and transferred to the Kansas City Zoo.
- Travis was sold shortly after birth in 1994 as a pet. He was used in commercials for Old Navy and Coca Cola, and also appeared on the Maury Povich Show. In Feb. 2009, Travis attacked and severely mauled Charla Nash. He was stabbed and shot multiple times before finally dying.
- Timmy was presumably sold as a pet. In 2009, Timmy was shot and killed when he attempted to attack a sheriff's deputy after he escaped from a residence and ran amok on a state highway.

Since 2011, the USDA has cited Chimparty for repeated failure to provide environment enrichment to numerous primates with extensive hair loss over much of their bodies, filthy, foul-smelling cages covered with grime and feces, cluttered conditions, filthy enrichment items covered with slime and algae, cages in disrepair, failure to provide uncontaminated food, failure to provide drinking water to two capuchins who were so thirsty they drank more than a half-liter of water in three minutes, and rodent and cockroach infestations.

Cheryl Ullrich bred, raised, and sold primates for 20 years. In April 2013, Ullrich pleaded guilty to illegally importing a monkey into Pennsylvania and in November 2013 she attempted to sell a capuchin monkey to someone in Colorado, which was also likely illegal. In July 2014, after a rash of USDA citations that included death of a monkey and a wallaby during transport, the escape and shooting death of a monkey, and failure to provide veterinary care to multiple animals who were ill, Ullrich cancelled her USDA license. At the time of her last inspection (6/25/14) she had 16 capuchins, 7 macaques, 4 spider monkeys, 5 marmosets, and 4 tamarins.

Cindy's Zoo brought a recently-acquired 3-month-old bear cub to Washington University and at least 18 students were nipped on the face and/or hands. A decision to kill the bear cub so the animal could be tested for rabies was ultimately reversed.

Cynthia Darling dba Liar's Lake is a dealer. In January 2014 the USDA issued an official warning based on a November 2013 inspection. The inspector observed an injured lemur, who had been attacked by a cagemate days earlier, sitting in a corner with a severely swollen right leg and foot and swollen left foot. The lemur was in pain, barely able to move, and unable to reach the water bottle and had not been treated by a veterinarian. The lemur drank continuously for one minute when water was offered to her. In April 2014, Darling was cited again for failure to provide veterinary care to a lemur with red, hairless finger that was swollen to twice its normal size, as well as a rodent infestation and an insufficient number of adequately trained employees.

D-D Farm Animal Sanctuary and Rescue is a pseudo-sanctuary that has been repeatedly cited by the USDA for failure to provide enclosures sufficient to safely contain tigers, a lion, a liger, wolves, servals, and a bobcat, filthy cages, failure to provide the animals with adequate shelter and drinking water, allowing the public to come dangerously close, within 1-foot, of a tiger cage, and inadequate perimeter fencing. The USDA issued official warnings in 2011 and 2012.

Hostetler Wildlife Farm is an animal dealer that advertises regularly in *Animal Finder's Guide*. In March 2014, Hostetler was cited by the USDA for failure to provide veterinary care to an ill and/or injured tiger cub who he subsequently transported to another facility where the cub apparently died. Hostetler has also been repeatedly cited for failure to have a written program of veterinary care and to provide animals with sufficient shelter and a sufficient diet. Also in 2014, Hostetler was cited for broken, rusty wire panels in the bear and tiger cages, filthy cages, and failure to provide clean drinking water to tigers. In 2013, the USDA issued an official warning for chronic problems and in 2014 issued a \$5,286 fine.

Kirby Van Burch is a magician who performed with big cats in Branson for more than 20 years. In 2011, the USDA confiscated one tiger and in 2014 filed charges and forced Van Burch to relinquish custody of the remaining big cats. Charges included failing to provide veterinary care, unsafe and under-sized cages, transporting overheated tigers and leopards in a poorly ventilated trailer, inadequate diet, and filthy conditions.

Promised Land Zoo, a self-described exotic baby animal park recently opened in Branson and offers "pay-to-play" with tiger cubs. In March 2014, the facility was cited by the USDA for failure to have a knowledgeable, adequately trained employee responsible for an adult lion and 7-week-old tiger cub during public exhibition.

Wesa-A-Geh-Ya was a classic roadside zoo and backyard breeder of big cats with a collection of haphazardly constructed cages crowded with approximately 63 tigers, lions, cougars, wolves, and other exotic animals. Whistleblowers came forward with persistent complaints of overbreeding, inbreeding, abuse, animal disappearances, neglect, and preventable animal deaths. It was also documented that Wesa sold at least a few animals to a man who was convicted of selling and slaughtering tigers and leopards to sell their meat and skins on the black market. Although Wesa was repeatedly cited by the USDA, the agency allowed the miserable conditions to persist for years before finally revoking the facility's exhibitor license. Even then, the animals remained at Wesa for another two years until a volunteer was attacked by a tiger, resulting in partial amputation of his leg.

Wild Animal Safari advertises bear cubs and baboons for sale in *Animal Finders' Guide* and has been cited by the USDA for failure to provide veterinary care to sick animals, failure to provide adequate shelter to big cats and primates during cold winter weather, filthy and unsanitary conditions, inadequate drainage in enclosures, unsafe handling, and feeding big cats a nutritionally deficient diet.

Following is a detailed list of Missouri incidents involving bears, big cats, large constrictor snakes, and primates

Bear Incidents

April 27, 2014/St. Louis, Missouri: Eighteen students were nipped on the face and/or hands by a bear cub who was part of a petting zoo that was brought onto the campus of Washington University by Cindy's Zoo. A decision to kill the bear cub so the animal could be tested for rabies was ultimately reversed.

October 2006/Branson, Missouri: A grizzly bear at Predator World escaped from an enclosure, gained access to an adjoining enclosure, and killed an adult female tiger.

March 28, 1998/Reform, Missouri: A 600-pound pet black bear kept in a 15-by-15-foot cage for a decade bit and nearly severed the hand of a 6-year-old boy who tried to pet him on his grandfather's farm. Doctors reattached the boy's hand, which was connected by 1½ inches of skin. The bear was killed.

Big Cat Incidents

August 4, 2008/Branson, Missouri: A 16-year-old worker at Predator World was left a quadriplegic after he was attacked by three tigers when he went into the enclosure to photograph the animals for a visitor. One of the tigers jumped on the victim and knocked him to the ground before the two other animals joined the attack and dragged him to a water pool. Staff members used a fire extinguisher to deter the cats and pulled the teen from the cage. He was airlifted to the hospital and listed in critical condition with severe trauma to his neck and airway as well as a serious laceration to his leg. The family later filed a lawsuit against the animal park.

August 3, 2008/Warren County, Missouri: A 26-year-old volunteer at the Wesa-A-Geh-Ya exotic animal farm was attacked by an 800-pound tiger while cleaning cages. The man was standing on top of a cage when a tiger scaled the 12- to 14-foot chain-link fence and grabbed him. The victim's leg had much of the skin stripped off down to the bare bone, and he was flown by air ambulance to the hospital, where he underwent two surgeries to amputate his lower leg. The facility owners, who initially tried to cover up the incident by claiming that the victim had been attacked by a pit bull, shot and wounded the tiger during the attack and then later shot and killed him.

May 19, 2008/Neosho, Missouri: A black leopard approached a woman hanging laundry in her yard and then clawed at the door to her home when she retreated inside. The cat then charged a sheriff's deputy who arrived on the scene, ran past him, and turned around and charged again before being killed by several shots from the deputy's rifle and Glock handgun. Authorities speculated that the cat, who had been declawed, was a pet who had escaped or been abandoned.

November 20, 2004/Branson West, Missouri: An 18-year-old volunteer at Predator World spent the night in the hospital after being bitten on the arm by an 80-pound black leopard as he stood next to the cage.

March 2, 2002/Strafford, Missouri: Two adult lions escaped from their cage at Exotic Animal Paradise after an employee failed to secure the enclosure. One of the lions was shot with three tranquilizer darts, failed to recover from the sedation, and subsequently died.

March 23, 2001/Morgan County, Missouri: An African lion escaped from his cage at Wayne Oxford's Ozark Nature Center while animals were being loaded for transport. Terrified residents spent the next four days escorting children and keeping companion animals indoors while dozens of police officers and conservation agents searched for the animal. The lion was baited, trapped, and recaptured. In a plea agreement, Oxford paid \$5,000 in restitution, but taxpayers were still required to pay \$2,000 in veterinary care.

December 3, 2000/Morgan County, Missouri: Wayne Oxford, of Ozark Nature Center, was charged with child endangerment after a cougar bolted from an unlocked cage, killed a dog and six puppies, then ran into a house while a child was inside. Witnesses locked the house's front door, thinking no one was inside. The boy inside the home ran into a bedroom and was later rescued through a window.

December 2, 1999/Williamsville, Missouri: A 5-year-old boy required surgery after he was mauled by a pet lion kept chained in a neighbor's yard. The animal inflicted puncture wounds to the boy's throat and head. The lion was killed.

September 14, 1993/Joplin, Missouri: A circus employee lost part of her arm after an attack by a tiger on the circus' animal farm. Doctors had to amputate her arm below the elbow.

Large Constrictor Snake Incidents

September 18, 2013/Kirksville, Missouri: A resident found a dead 8-foot boa constrictor frozen in a curled-up position along a roadway. The Adair County Sheriff's Office was investigating and suspect a motorist dumped the snake.

August 11, 2013/Bourbon, Missouri: Neighbors were "on edge" after learning that two red-tailed boas—a 9½-foot male boa and a 10-foot female—escaped from a home in a trailer park. The female snake had escaped three weeks earlier. Authorities searching for the snakes only found skins shed by the snakes.

July 4, 2013/Kansas City, Missouri: A man whose truck broke down on the Interstate contacted police when he noticed his nearly 10-foot python was missing and believed to have escaped from the vehicle. Police found the snake inside the truck's dashboard.

September 24, 2012/Kansas City, Missouri: A woman parked outside a fast food restaurant was startled to discover a 4-foot red-tailed boa constrictor wrapped around the undercarriage of her car. Animal control helped remove the snake.

July 12, 2012/Caruthersville, Missouri: A man reaching into his garden to pick what he thought was a cucumber instead found a 6- to 7-foot albino python. He hit the snake with a hoe when the python began to bite at him and chased him. Police came and picked up the snake. The python belonged to a neighbor who had several other constrictor snakes and alligators. A 7- to 8-foot boa constrictor had escaped at the same time and remained on the loose.

September 27, 2011/Waynesville, Missouri: A resident called police after spotting a 10-foot python in a neighbor's driveway.

August 11, 2011/Trimble, Missouri: A couple found a nearly 8-foot red-tailed boa constrictor wandering through their backyard. The Missouri Department of Conservation was called to remove the snake.

February 17, 2011/Urbana, Missouri: Two men found a dead 14-foot Burmese python in a wooded area near Urbana.

December 24, 2010/Greenwood, Missouri: Someone abandoned a wounded 12-foot, 50-pound Burmese python at a veterinary clinic several days after trying unsuccessfully to decapitate the snake with a box cutter when the animal reportedly had gotten "out of hand." The snake received stitches for a laceration that went all the way to the vertebrae.

June 6, 2010/Kansas City, Missouri: A resident found and captured a baby red-tailed boa swimming in a lake near his apartment complex.

March 29, 2010/Diehlstadt, Missouri: An exterminator working at a home came across what he described as a large python. The snake was gone by the time state conservation agents arrived. The snake did not belong to the homeowners.

August 12, 2009/St. Joseph, Missouri: A 9-foot Burmese python was spotted at a park and captured a few days later.

August 10, 2005/O'Fallon, Missouri: A UPS driver found a 9-foot Burmese python loose in his truck. The person who ordered the snake from a Pennsylvania dealer instead received an empty box.

July 2, 1989/Kansas City, Missouri: A 24-year-old man lost consciousness after his 15-foot, 50-pound python constricted around his body. Paramedics found the man in critical condition and took him to the hospital.

April 27, 1983/St. Louis County, Missouri: A 42-year-old man was crushed to death by his 16-foot, 100-pound pet Burmese python. His body was found by his wife and the snake was located near the body under a bed.

Primate Incidents

May 2, 2014/Chillicothe, Missouri: A 5-year-old capuchin monkey escaped from a cage and then through a building vent at a pet monkey breeder's facility, leading police officers on a 7-hour chase through the city. The monkey hid for part of the day in a garage across from an elementary school, causing the school to go on lockdown. The monkey's owner, Billy Johnston, tried unsuccessfully to tranquilize the animal, who was ultimately shot and killed by authorities.

April 2012/Rolla, Missouri: A twelve-year-old girl was injured by a vervet monkey at the Cub Creek Science Camp. A staff member had the monkey on a leash when the animal jumped onto the girl, causing a puncture on her hand with either his teeth or nails. The girl received stitches and antibiotics for the wound. The monkey was quarantined for ten days.

August 12, 2011/Springfield, Missouri: An 8-year-old girl was attacked by a pet macaque monkey who reached out and grabbed her from a car in a store parking lot. The monkey bit and scratched the girl's forehead and fingers. Antiviral drugs and antibiotics were administered to the girl as a precaution.

October 19, 2010/Kansas City, Missouri: Mark Archigo's adult pet chimpanzee, Sueko, escaped from a cage inside a truck and rampaged through a Kansas City neighborhood for 40 minutes. Sueko charged at two young girls who were out for a morning walk, opened the passenger door of a sport utility vehicle that drove into the neighborhood, broke a gate and fence, and pounded on parked vehicles, passing cars, and the front door of a house. As authorities attempted to tranquilize her, Sueko charged a police car, pushed a trash can against its front bumper, climbed onto the car's hood, pounded on the roof, and kicked the windshield, breaking it. Sueko was finally recaptured when she walked into Archigo's van. Archigo has been in and out of legal trouble over Sueko since 1995 (see 2000/Jackson County, Missouri and 1995/Kansas City, Missouri).

May 8, 2009/Pleasant Hope, Missouri: Two Japanese snow macaques escaped from a private menagerie after a fallen tree damaged their cage. One monkey was quickly recaptured. The second monkey remained at large for nearly a month and was discovered dead after apparently being hit by a car.

April 14, 2009/Springfield, Missouri: A rhesus macaque escaped from an exotic-animal menagerie owned by Debby Rose. The macaque went to a nearby home, and when the homeowner knocked on a window to scare the animal off, the macaque lunged at the window.

March 30, 2009/Winston, Missouri: A 9-year-old chimpanzee named Timmy escaped from his 10 foot by 6 foot cage at a private residence and ran loose on a nearby state highway. Sheriff deputies were dispatched to help recapture the chimp who at one point opened a deputy's patrol car door, grabbed the deputy's leg, and tried to strike him. When the chimp attempted to attack the man again, he was shot and killed. The deputy suffered minor injuries and the owners of the chimpanzee suffered cuts and scratches.

July 4, 2008/Columbia, Missouri: The Boone County Health Department reported that a woman was being tested for a deadly virus after being bitten on the hand by her friend's pet Japanese snow macaque.

September 22, 2007/Columbia, Missouri: A woman known for carrying her pet rhesus macaque into stores and to public events took the animal to a local park where the macaque bit a 7-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl. The woman quickly left the park and was sought by local health officials for questioning.

June 19, 2007/St. Louis County, Missouri: Animal control officers, neighbors, and the owners spent five days searching for a 40-year-old escaped pet capuchin monkey who had been left unsecured in her family's backyard. The monkey was spotted a mile from home and was eventually captured near the St. Charles Family Arena. The animal had also wandered off several years previously and was on the loose for several months before being recaptured.

June 7, 2006/Sikeston, Missouri: Residents presented a petition with more than 50 signatures asking the Sikeston City Council to look into monkey attacks after a neighbor's pet vervet monkey had attacked several people. One neighbor reported that the monkey attacked her grandson and another neighbor stated she had been attacked after the monkey got loose.

August 2005/Jefferson County, Missouri: A child was bitten by a capuchin monkey who had been brought to a festival for photo ops with the public. The boy was treated on site by medics and later went to the hospital and underwent rabies prevention shots. Health officials were unable to quarantine the monkey because the owner took the primate to a different county a few days after the incident.

August 2005/Jefferson County, Missouri: A woman underwent anti-viral treatment after being bitten by her pet macaque. A county health official stated, "she got really ripped up" during the attack.

April 19, 2001/Jefferson County, Missouri: Three chimpanzees with Chimparty, a company owned by Connie and Mike Casey that breeds chimpanzees and supplies primates for parties and TV commercials, escaped from an unlocked cage and ran to the front yard of a neighbor two houses away. A teenage boy shot and killed one of the chimpanzees.

July 18, 2000/Jefferson City, Missouri: A 7-year-old boy, riding his bicycle, was attacked by a neighbor's pet rhesus macaque, who jumped from a tree and bit the boy's arm. The child was subjected to a two-month ordeal involving doctors, needles, tests, and the fear of contracting the deadly herpes virus. The boy later received a \$148,000 settlement from a lawsuit filed by his family.

2000/Jackson County, Missouri: Mark Archigo's adult pet chimpanzee, Sueko, injured a teenage girl by lifting her by the ankles and tossing her to the ground.

January 1995/Kansas City, Missouri: A pet chimpanzee bit a 7-year-old girl, causing her to have to undergo rabies treatment. Authorities had received numerous complaints that the chimpanzee ran loose and had attacked several people.

Fall of 1994/Festus, Missouri: A chimpanzee escaped from Mike and Connie Casey's chimpanzee breeding compound and attacked a dog before entering a home in which four adults and three children were sitting on a couch looking at photos. The chimpanzee grabbed a 2-year-old girl by her ponytail and dragged her across the floor. A man who attempted to retrieve the girl from the chimpanzee resorted to beating the animal on the head with a skillet. The man and the girl were both scratched and bruised and treated at the hospital.

February 1994/Kansas City, Missouri: A pet chimpanzee jumped on a man and bit him, causing injuries that needed medical treatment.

1992/Festus, Missouri: Mike Casey of Chimparty was attacked by an adult chimpanzee when he entered a cage at his chimpanzee breeding compound. The chimpanzee grabbed the back of Casey's head, hit him twice on the shoulders, and bit off a good portion of his nose. Casey was treated at a hospital, where his nose had to be reconstructed by grafting part of his forehead onto it.