

Ol' Musketeer dies, Auburn gets fortune

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AUBURN, Ala. — The death of Musketeer, the last of 150 stray dogs that lived off the \$12 million estate of an eccentric oil company heiress, has cleared the way for Auburn University to inherit the fortune.

The late Eleanor Ritchey, spinster granddaughter of Quaker State Refining Co. founder Philip John Bayer, adopted the pack of dogs — most of them stray or unwanted — before she died in 1968 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Except for 1,707 pairs of shoes and 1,224 boxes of stationery donated to the Salvation Army, the 58-year-old Ritchey, who had never married, left her entire fortune to the dogs — including 113,328 shares of Quaker Oil common stock, her home, numerous real estate holdings, bonds and treasury bills.

Richey's will stipulated the money would go to Auburn when her last dog died or 20 years passed — whichever came first.

Auburn officials learned Monday that Musketeer, a worm-ridden heart, runny eyes and wobbly legs.

Musketeer was the last of the pack that had been kept at a ranch in Jupiter, Fla. He lived alone in a \$26,000 concrete dog house.

Warren Williams, 61, a \$17,000-a-year caretaker for the dogs for 13 years, said Musketeer died of "just old age."

The announcement of Musketeer's death by university attorney Thomas Samford III at a meeting of the Auburn Board of Trustees brought smiles and laughter from the panel.

"We should declare this a school holiday," said Trustee R.C. "Red" Bamberg.

The fortune will be used to fund Auburn's small animal clinic, which had been receiving \$900,000 a year from the interest earned by the estate.

Richey chose Auburn on the advice of a Florida veterinarian who treated the dogs.

Friends buy chimpanzee for \$9,000

Missouri chimp goes to new home

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SAN ANTONIO — Friends of Chobe, a 3 1/2-year-old chimpanzee born at the Kansas City Zoo, raised \$9,000 to buy him back from a Texas family and find him a home with other chimps, but a zoo director said Tuesday he's not sure that's the best solution.

Margaret Cook of Kansas City, a former employee of the Kansas City Zoo who said she helped raise Chobe from his infancy, said Tuesday the chimp was being turned over to Wally Swett, operator of Primarily Primates, a San Antonio refuge for troubled animals.

Cook said the \$9,000 was raised by "upset people of Kansas City who are concerned about animal welfare."

She sharply blasted the Kansas City Zoo for selling Chobe to Tom Hunt, a wild animal dealer in Dallas who in turn sold the young chimp to a family in Texas for \$12,000 as a pet for their 9-year-old son.

Hunt's sale of the chimp, Cook alleged, was a violation of the ethics code of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums.

But Ernest Hagler, director of the

Kansas City Zoo, said Hunt violated no written guidelines by selling the chimp to the unidentified Texas family.

Hagler said the AAZPA code of ethics only states that members pledge to make sure exotic animals do not find their way into the hands

of people who cannot care for them properly.

In fact, Hagler said he is sorry to see Chobe go to Primarily Primates, which he called "a one-way street for animals."

The issue is whether private individuals can provide proper care to wild animals like Chobe.

"The dealer should have known better than to sell him into a private situation," said Swett, who has operated the shelter for troubled wild an-

imals since 1978. "The ethics of selling an animal that's going to mature at over 130 pounds — there's no way he would remain gentle."

"They're only docile the first three years of their lives," he said. "Then they turn into what they really are. The animal itself becomes neurotic because they associate with people."

"We have to work very hard to get them into a group situation with their own kind. It's a long-term commitment for sure. Chimps can live 50 to 60 years," Swett said.

"I think that facility is kind of a one-way street for animals," countered Hagler. "This little animal is a

good animal and there's no reason why he can't be used in a conventional situation."

"It's not anywhere past the point of no return. A lot of people want you to believe that this animal is out of control. I can't see it (Primarily Primates) as a constructive environment for this animal. A private person can do a better job than Primarily Primates at this point."

Hagler said when Cook made known her concerns about Chobe and the zoo staff offered to advertise in their monthly newsletter to find Chobe a home at another zoo.

"She told me they would like us to do that, but I haven't heard from her so she's apparently made a decision," said Hagler, who said the Kansas City Zoo had to sell Chobe because they had an excess of chimps.

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"I wish we didn't have this situation on our hands," Hagler said. "I would much rather have seen the animal remain in a conventional family atmosphere."

Gulf War

Saudi Arabian warjets shoot down Iranian fighter-bombers in Persian Gulf

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ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabian warjets, guided by an American-piloted AWACS plane and refueled by U.S.-supplied aerial tankers, Tuesday shot down two Iranian fighter-bombers in the first armed clash between the two countries in the Persian Gulf war, officials said.

Both nations scrambled a total of about 20 warplanes and a tense standoff "of several minutes" followed before the Iranian jets returned to their base, a diplomatic source in Washington said.

The Saudi Defense Ministry, quoted by Riyadh radio and the Saudi Press Agency, said only that Saudi jets scrambled to intercept an

"aerial target" when it ignored warnings and entered the air over Saudi territorial waters.

But in Washington, a diplomatic source with access to information from Saudi Arabia said the Saudi Air Force shot down two U.S.-made Iranian F-4 fighter-bombers over the Persian Gulf.

The diplomatic source said two U.S.-built Saudi F-15s were directed by an American AWACS plane to the two Iranian F-4s near a small Saudi-owned island about 40 miles from the western shore of the Gulf.

Along with a shipment of 400 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, President Reagan last week sent the Saudis an American-manned aerial tanker. The Saudis already had

other U.S.-supplied tankers, which they man themselves.

The Saudis fired two air-to-air missiles and both hit the Iranian F-4 planes, which were destroyed, the source said.

The AWACS radar over Saudi territory then spotted the Iranian air force scrambling three more jets. The Saudis also scrambled three more planes, and the Iranians then sent up 11 jets, which remained in Iranian air space.

Saudi Arabia supports Iraq in the Persian Gulf War, which erupted Sept. 22, 1980.

The Saudi ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan al-

Saud, told a small group of reporters, "We have tried our utmost to find a peaceful solution to this war between Iran and Iraq."

"Unfortunately, our sovereignty was violated and we reacted just as we said we would all along, in our defense," he said.

The United States is sending Saudi Arabia improved AWACS planes with radar that can spot stationary and moving objects on water to give them the ability to monitor all sea-going traffic in the Gulf, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

The U.S. Air Force has had four AWACS in Saudi Arabia. Spokesman Michael Burch said the first improved version arrived Monday but

it was not known if that plane directed Tuesday's strike.

Iranian jets attacked Saudi and Kuwaiti tankers in the northern Gulf last month. One Iranian F-4 came close to the Saudi coast to fire a missile at a Liberian-registered vessel, the Chemical Venture.

Iranian President Sayed Ali Khamenei had hinted at retaliation for a Sunday attack by Iraq that set a Turkish tanker ablaze en route to Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal.

Iran said Iraqi jets Tuesday bombed Iran's Kurdish town of Baneh, 10 miles inside the border, killing or wounding more than 600 people as residents celebrated the 21st anniversary of the uprising that led to the deposing of the shah. Iraq did not confirm the attack.

Trucks get new skirts from Ags

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In a few years, many tractor-trailer trucks on the nation's highways may be wearing grass skirts as sporting mud flaps of artificial turf much like that used on football fields.

In testing at Texas A&M University, engineers are determining whether the new devices will make safer for motorists driving along and behind heavy tractor-trailer trucks on wet roads.

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