

WHAT'S NEW ON EVERYTHING EARTH

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Legislation introduced to end mink fur sales in the U.S.

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REVENGE OF THE MINKS

A bipartisan [proposal](#) in the U.S. House would ban mink farming in the U.S., as well as the sale, purchase, transport, import or export of mink fur. The bill was introduced this month by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn) and Rep. Nancy Mace (R- S.C.) in an effort to stem possible mutations of COVID-19.

According to the [European Center for Disease Prevention & Control](#), "When the virus is introduced into a mink farm, it can spread quickly, leading to many cases among mink... the virus can accumulate mutations. Such variants have the possibility to spread back into the human population."

There have been several mink-related coronavirus cases in the United States. A number of people working on a Michigan mink farm were infected with a coronavirus that had mink-related mutations last December.

MINKS PURR WHEN THEY ARE HAPPY



Image by Derek Naulls

It takes up to 60 minks to make a fur coat. Fur farmers use gassing, anal electrocution and poisoning to kill them. Because minks have a heightened ability to detect lack of oxygen, they can linger for fifteen minutes and experience severe convulsions, pain and stress.

"Knowing that there are variants, and being someone who cares about the humane treatment of animals, this is sort of a win-win for folks. And I believe that you'll see Republicans and Democrats on both sides of the aisle work on this together." – Rep. Nancy Mace

VIDEO OF THE MONTH: HUNGRY BABY

This sweet [Video of the Month](#) is courtesy Shawn Maul, taken at Greensprings Inn, Ashland, Oregon, July 5, 2021. Thank you Shawn!

Can you guess the species? Mom is moving pretty fast, even on slo-mo, so watch closely and comment on the post with your best guess. Check back in a few days for the correct answer!

PACIFIC NW HEAT DOME NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

The Pacific Northwest "heat dome" that broke temperature records this month and killed hundreds of people from southern Oregon to Canada was "virtually impossible without human caused climate change," according to scientists at [World Weather Attribution](#).

Portland hit an unprecedented 116 degrees; Seattle 108 degrees. Power lines melted, roads buckled and sea creatures succumbed by the millions. In Lytton, Canada the temperature reached 121 degrees breaking its record by a full eight degrees for three days in a row. Fire consumed the village the next day.

More than 800 deaths in the Pacific Northwest are being investigated as heat-related and [health officials](#) expect that number to go up. Should the earth warm another 1.4 degrees, this one-in-a-thousand-year phenomenon would happen every five to ten years. "When we have an extreme weather event of this magnitude in the future...it's going to be that much worse because of the continued background warming," said Nicholas Bond, Washington's state climatologist. - Alicia Caldwell, [Wall Street Journal](#) July 12, 2021.

The World Weather Attribution [study](#) concludes: "Our results provide a strong warning: our rapidly warming climate is bringing us into uncharted territory that has significant consequences for health, well-being, and livelihoods. **Adaptation and mitigation are urgently needed to prepare societies for a very different future.**" [Emphasis added]

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: COOL BLUEBERRY PIE

Want to make sweet treat with out heating up the kitchen? Check out Everything Earth's recipe for no-bake [Cool Blueberry Pie](#).

Using naturally sweet and flavorful in-season organic blueberries allows you to add only ½ cup of refined sugar. Or choose to go sugar-free.



TAKE 3 MINUTES TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Send a simple polite message to your Representative in the U.S. House and ask her or him to support H.R. 4310 to ban mink farming. Find out who your Representative is by clicking [here](#) then click on the little envelope icon below her/his picture and follow the really simple steps to send a message.

Write your own message or copy and paste:

Please support bipartisan bill H.R.4310 - to amend the Lacey Act of Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import export, transport, sale, receipt, acquirement, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of mink.



This Month's Gratitude:

For our sweet Butterfly and all the other animals who have graced our lives with their beauty and love.

Butterfly, July 2012 – July 14, 2020



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