

# LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB Newsletter

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## TWIN OCELOT KITS BORN

We will all remember the announcement in the January 1958 Newsletter, just a year ago, of the birth on December 7, 1957 at 2:00 P.M. in Los Angeles of a tiny healthy ocelot kitten. He was called Jesus, and swelled the menage of Jack and Lillian Kirk to three ocelots. Jesus continues in good health. As he matures, he grows gentler and is full of pep. His weight is now 18 pounds.

Since domestic ocelot births are so very rare, the Kirks were overjoyed when, this year, on November 17, at 4:00 P.M., Cheeta and Sheba presented them with twins, one female and one male, weighing in at 8 ounces and 8½ ounces, respectively. Both were healthy, vocal and hungry. Sheba is an attentive mother. When they approached a week of age, disaster came to the female.

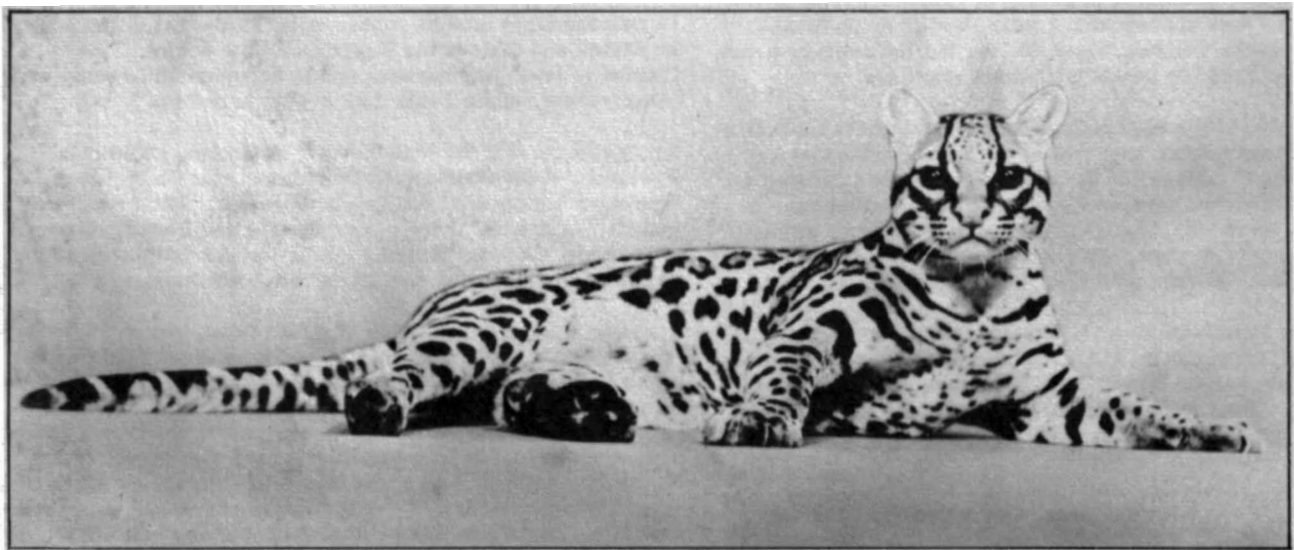
Lillian Kirk tells the story: "The baby girl ocelot died Saturday, November 22, at 10 P.M. Dr. Patterson performed the autopsy. She had a ruptured liver and a hemorage in the right lung."

"On Tuesday we heard the fall from the birth box. (An oblong wood box, open only at one end, facing a wall. The box is located in Sheba's quarters, a few feet off the floor. Mrs Kirk feels that the quiet, isolated security of this "birth box" has contributed twice to Sheba's success in bringing forth her young.) We got there in time to see Sheba carrying the kitten back up to the box. She kept her in the box until Friday then brought her down and covered her with a laprobe we had on the floor.

"She knew, but I would not give up hope. I took the little one home, kept her warm and tried to feed her. Sheba kept trying to tell me it was hopeless. She died in my arms Saturday night."

"The boy is naturally gaining wonderfully. He weighs 19 ounces (November 28). His eyes are partially open. He sat up alertly and hissed from the day he was born."

## PETS OF 1959



**Caligula** who was three years old last September, and weighs 33 pounds, is owned by James R McDonald, 53 E 64th Street, New York 21, N.Y. Jim comments: "Caligula often strikes this regal pose around the house, but away from home, he is the All-American boy."

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# ★ TLALOCELOTL TIDBITS

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Shaney

Our president, Carlotta (Cisin) has been ill. We are happy to know she has recovered.

One felis tigrina member (margay) is posing a problem for his distressed owners. We won't mention his name, but he persists in spraying beds, windows and an occasional visitor. Anyone knowing of a successful cure and/or prevention for this unfortunate behavior, please forward same posthaste, c/o Shaney B.

Tom Lane (Benton, Penna.) has twice visited me sans Felix, much to my regret. Tom is thinking seriously of getting a permanent female playmate for Felix.

Mr. Guyette (Rajah's owner) says the difference between him and Meg Merrill is "He knew he was crazy long before she made the same discovery".

Both Rajah and Monte (Meg and St Merrill) respond to a hand clap, jumping from any given point right into their owner's arms.

Rajah likes to roughhouse all day. Then when evening comes, for reasons known only to him, he becomes extremely docile and affectionate.

Dr. Zimmerman has sold his Manhattan practice, so we must now travel to Mt. Vernon, N. Y. for his kindly care. His new address is 17 W. Grand Street. Phone: MOUNT Vernon 4 2784.

Baron and Baroness have a black leopard on order! The homo sapien kitten has already arrived -- A boy. Congratulations!

Stan Sherman, who owned Lancelot, the young ocelot which leaped out a third floor window to escape military band music, has had an unfortunate introduction to humans. After the heralded incident and consequent tangle with the law, Stan had to board Lancelot in Jersey. Our luckless cousin was tied by persons unfamiliar with his habits. He jumped over a rail and strangled. Mr and Mrs. Sherman were broken-hearted. However, they hope to obtain another feline, perhaps a larger cat.

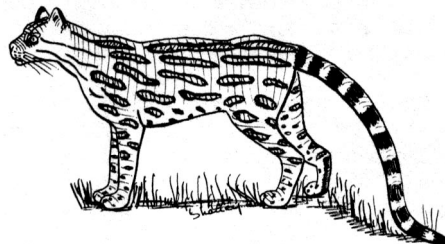
Poor Jim McDonald was swamped with letters. No more please. I heard that Jim's Caligula (he is a handsome cat) has been registered with Animal Talent Scouts.

Dorothy Marchese phoned to say her margay, Zorch, did a disappearing act one fine afternoon. Needless to say, Dorothy and her husband searched frantically until it became dark. They collapsed (exhausted emotionally and physically) in the kitchen, gazing out into the darkness which has swallowed up their most prized possession. To their utter amazement, said prized possession was sitting outside the door gazing right back at them. All ended well.

John Allen, passing through New York on his way to Europe, called to express his desire to meet members human and feline on his return trip. Sheba, his five year old spayed female ocelot is joining him in Europe and will return with him. How about a club meeting to welcome these world travellers?

Your correspondent has discovered a new passtime. Tail suckers are relatively common. There are Felix (Lane), Clyde (van der Elst) and a few others I've met. But my occupation is original! One by one, I have reduced the claws on my hind feet to non-existence. Now that Shaney has learned about it, a trip to Mt. Vernon is imminent.

OLD OCELOT PROVERB: A bird in the mouth is worth two in the bush!



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OCELOTL - tiger)

## Ocelots in Print

FELIX (Lane) "Meeting of Ocelot Club Held in New York City", Benton Argus, 10/4/58

Seven cats, Long Island Ocelot Club, In Animaland, (Published by Staten Island Zoo), September, 1958

MONTEZUMA (Merrill) "Caty-Cornered", New York Daily News, 11/7/58

MONTEZUMA (Merrill) New York World Telegram, 11/6/58

SIMBA (Mathews) "This Fearless Pair Raise Ocelots" Daily News, Garden Grove, California, 11/12/58

CAESAR (Emrick) with John Hopkins, New York Journal-American, "Feline No Pain."

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