



LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB Newsletter

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CLEOPATRA

came to the attention of Genevieve Evans, 51 Claremont Avenue, Kenmore 27, N.Y. last summer when she was sighted by one of Gene's identical twin daughters in a pet shop in Farmers Market in Los Angeles. The tiny kitten occupied an obscure little cage at the bottom of a stack of cages which housed domestic short hairs. Once the attendant had produced the kitten and she had been held and fondled by the Evanses, Cleo was a member of the family.

Cleo has since gained considerable stature. She now weighs about 25 pounds. She has conducted a relentless campaign to bend the ways of the Evans home to her way of thinking. Needless to say, she has been

(photos by John Brill)

greatly successful. Peter, the ten year old dog is her constant companion in wrestling practice, as well as her guardian. (Or is it the other way around?) The master bedroom where Cleo sleeps too, now wears aluminum bars on its windows since she once fell out of the second story window. The roses in the garden patiently bear blooms which Cleo equally as patiently consumes.

Cleo's five people are well trained to enter and leave the house under top-secret security lest a door be left unlatched. Her Thunderbird has been equipped with window screens to insure her safety while her chauffeur and fellow passengers enjoy fresh air in transit. No extended trip is ever planned without Cleo. All these efforts have certainly paid off both ways. Cleo is a very happy, well adjusted ocelot with an obvious devotion to her people who return her love. She is friendly with strangers once she has convinced herself of their friendliness towards her.



THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LIOC will be this year's final episode in the progressive picnic plan which developed after the Putnam Valley picnic in June, and the Wilson, N.Y. picnic in July.

All members and their guests are invited to Carlotta's domain (LIOC Headquarters) at Amagansett, N.Y. on Saturday, Sept 10, 1960.

The gathering will begin at 2:00 P.M. Food will be served at 5:00 P.M. During the evening Dr. Tom Griffith of N.Y.C. will show a 15 minute movie on the use of the tranquillizing drug, librium, on animals. Please advise Catherine Cisin (516 Amagansett 7 3852) how many will be in your party. If overnight accommodations are desired, reservations will be made. This will be a social meeting. Regular business meetings will resume in December.

MIXED EMOTIONS

Jayne Murray

Our club is approaching a milestone in its history, the Fifth Anniversary. Let's look back and review its beginning, its achievements and the purpose behind our unique organization.

During the summer of 1955 Carlotta, then two months old, joined the Cisin household. Catherine found herself besieged with problems, familiar to all new ocelot owners, that could not be solved by referring to printed information on the subject -- there was none. A search for other ocelot owners who could provide information and encouragement was begun. Eventually two were located, one thirty miles from Amagansett, the other one hundred miles distant. A helpful exchange of experiences, information and ideas resulted.

Little was known about the ocelot. Few people in North America had ever heard the word or were aware of the animal's existence. There seemed little hope of obtaining additional information unless more owners and others interested in the ocelot were located and the exchange of information could be continued on a larger scale. Later that same year, the founder, Catherine Cisin with Carlotta, Denise Pierron with Sultan and Jean Massey with Kim met for the first time, and the idea to form a club devoted to ocelots and margays entered the realm of reality -- the LIOC was born.

They decided the Long Island Ocelot Club would be a non-profit organization devoted to the interest of the ocelot and allied felines. All would be eligible for membership who own ocelots, would like to own ocelots, or have a vital interest in the welfare of the ocelot and allied felines.

The purpose of the club: to establish a working understanding between humans and their pet ocelots; to bring together, either by personal contact or through correspondence, people who share a common interest in ocelots, margays or allied felines, that there might be an exchange of ideas, information and experiences enabling members to be better informed about their pets; to keep members informed of new developments in the field of medicine or other data pertinent to the world of ocelots; to answer questions regarding ocelots from owners or prospective owners, regardless of whether the request comes from a member or a non-member; and to give assistance in locating an ocelot.

The club took a giant step toward keeping its members better informed by inaugurating a bi-monthly report called the Long Island Ocelot Club Newsletter, and in January, 1957 Vol. 1 No. 1 was mailed. Through the newsletter members have been informed of each other's activities, been able to share humorous, informative and sometimes heartbreaking experiences, and have discovered how many seemingly individual traits are common to most ocelots. Many and varied have been the problems solved because they were read by others who, having had the same or similar problem, were able to offer a possible solution. Many members tell of keeping the issues in a binder, handy at all times and used frequently as a reference. It is no wonder, for the Newsletter has become an eagerly awaited part of club life and has recorded much factual information pertaining to ocelots and margays in the past four years.

We are indeed indebted to Catherine Cisin who is entirely responsible for publishing the newsletter. This entails selecting and typing all the material, writing most of it (Harry Cisin proof-reads the entire project) arranging the format and getting it to the printer so the finished product will be back in time to get the copies into the mail before the first of the month. This is no small task.

In August 1957 the club adopted as its emblem the figure of an ocelot moulded from an army jacket ornament presented to the club by Mrs. Wright, widow of M/Sgt. Charles F. Wright. The ocelot was the emblem used by his group, the 65th Coast Artillery.

In five years the Long Island Ocelot Club has grown from an original membership of three to more than 150. Almost every state is represented among the members, including the 50th. Brazil is also represented with a member from Rio de Janeiro. We are the only nation-wide organization devoted to ocelots and margays. We are listed in the 12th Annual Pet Shop Management Directory.

The club has become widely known and publicized in many magazines among which are The New Yorker, All Pets, Look, Life and Our Pet World. In addition numerous articles and pictures taken at club functions have appeared in many newspapers and been given wide coverage. One such article and picture, taken at a meeting in Brooklyn, N. Y., was printed in the New York Herald Tribune and reprinted in an Australian newspaper, the Sunday Mirror. It came to the attention of the club when a woman who had seen it in her local paper in New South Wales wrote and asked how she could obtain an ocelot. The request seems a usual one, but the fact that it reached club headquarters at all was rather startling and proved how well known the club really is. The envelope was addressed simply

The Long Island Ocelot Club
America.

The fact that Long Island, N. Y. is not the only Long Island in the United States makes the entire incident even more interesting. The United States Postal Guide lists four other Long Islands in U. S. A.

The popularity of ocelots and margays as household pets has grown rapidly in the last five years. A great percentage of this increase can, I believe be contributed directly to our organization and to the love and enthusiasm each member has for his pet, but mostly to the devoted, inspired efforts of our president, Catherine Cisin. One has only to read the numerous letter in her files to know how much of herself and her warm personality she has given and continues to give in behalf of the club and the animals she loves so much.

Letter after letter says in many different ways how much her correspondence means to members, particularly those who reside outside the New York area where most meetings are held. Those who have had correspondence with her, and that must be 100% of the membership judging from the ever expanding files, feel as though they are old friends after a few letters. There is no other pet organization I know of that corresponds with its members in such a warm personal way, or takes as much personal interest in each animal as this one does.

The Long Island Ocelot Club has come a long way in five years, for ocelots and margays are slowly being recognized, the demand for them increasing all the time. We still have a long way to go. We cannot hope to achieve all the recogniti

we would like in such a comparatively short time. We have had to educate an almost uninformed and most often, a badly misinformed public. We might consider ourselves public relations personnel in this respect. We cannot afford to become impatient or discouraged at the lack of understanding, fear or "stupid" questions on the part of the general public. We know our pets, the public does not. The more we talk ocelots, margays, cheetahs or any of the various pets represented in the club, the more questions will be asked. The best way for people to learn about our pets is through us and the answers we give in reply to the questions asked. We are interested in seeing an increase in the popularity of these animals, but only when the prospective buyer, with an understanding of the animal, knows that the ocelot or margay is the pet for him.

This, then, should be our goal: To promote a better understanding of our pets by the public in general, and to those interested in buying -- before they buy -- in particular.



THE NEWS WE'D RATHER NOT PRINT

❖ **NARI** Not everyone knew her but those who did adored her. Nari was a little margay weighing only seven pounds, kind of bow-legged, kind of silly, but definitely one of the best dispositioned cats ever, and we, Sue and Peter Chisholm of Valley Stream, Long Island, so fortunately belonged to her.

On Monday, August 1st, just one year old, Nari died. She had eaten some plastic which blocked her intestinal tract. It has left an emptiness in our hearts which enables us to understand the feelings of anyone ever faced with this plight.

Be it a margay, an ocelot or a close cousin; given time to accept you your pet will love and depend upon you as much as a child. But, in the end, it is you who have come to depend upon your pet for the love and happiness it has given you.

BLOSSOM, belonging to Jean Reynolds of Summit, N.J., died in June at about 2-1/2 years. "We missed her so dreadfully we got another Blossom immediately and she is fast filling the place in our hearts".

News from Around the Jungle

Rev. H. Thomas Morrell, Seaford, N. Y. member reports: "Pinta, my ocelot, is now a year and a half old. He weighs 30 pounds. Before I had become fully aware of it, Pinta had chewed portions from towels, underwear, socks and even ate half a leather collar that was hanging from a leash. I removed foam rubber filling from a rabbit toy and refilled it with old nylon stockings. He opened it up and chewed the nylons, so I removed them. Even though he has more than plenty to eat, he just relishes a nice new shirt."

"If today had been Friday the 13th, the happenings that occurred this evening would, perhaps, have seemed more normal," writes Jayne Murray from Putnam Valley, N. Y. "I do not know what startled Jose so badly, but as I walked into the living room he made one mad dash for the window. There was a loud crash and then glass breaking as he made leaps at the window, trying to get through. Fortunately the screen had been lowered. When Mitsu-ko, his mate, heard the glass crashing she went absolutely berserk. She ran into corners and flew back and forth from one cabinet to another in utter panic.

"Jose had cut himself quite badly in two places and was bleeding profusely. I thanked God and Lillian Ward, his foster mother, and Sheeba and Cheeta, his true parents, for producing an ocelot that likes to suck an ear. How we would have fixed him up without such a ruse I won't even attempt to guess. His left leg was cut in a deep curve around the dew claw. The other cut was only skin deep, on his shoulder. Bill washed them out with peroxide and bandaged both places while Jose sucked on my ear, eyes tight shut, purring and hugging me as tight as he could with his paws.

"After Jose had been detached from my ear he went over to his water dish, wiped his chin around the edge, rolled happily on his back and started to play."

This is another story of an ocelot becoming suddenly completely frightened and the next moment equally as suddenly recovering from his panic.

From Art Mathews, Anaheim, California, comes the exciting news of plans for next summer. Art plans to take his domestic born Maja (parents Simba and Rodan -- See July, 1959 Newsletter) to San Dimas, California, where Bernard and Mildred Slator own domestic born 'Sus (parents Sheba and Cheeta, -- see January, 1958 Newsletter). Object is to attempt to breed Maja and 'Sus, in the hope of producing a second generation born in captivity.

Mass clawdectomy at 17 W. Grand Street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is reported by Meg Merrill. "Pepys (Griffith) and Montoo (Merrill) went to Dr. Theodore Zimmerman. Shadrach (Cronin) was also there and a picture of the three of them unconscious would have been a collector's item. Montoo weighs 4 lbs, 10 oz. Pepys weighs 8 lbs, 8 oz. I must say the little boys looked awfully wee compare with tremendous Shadrach who weighs about 40 lbs." Each of the cats came through the experience with minimum difficulty under Dr. Zimmerman's care. He uses incomplete general anesthesia supplemented by local anesthetic in each toe. Pepys and Montoo are under six months of age. Shadrach is about two years.

Bernard Slator, 157 W. Bonita Ave., San Dimas, California poses a question: "There is one thing I want to mention about Junga -- please do not think we are bragging. His feet and pads are completely black where others seem to be pink. One veterinarian mentioned to us that there was a variety called 'Black Foot'. Has anybody noticed any others with completely black feet?" Bernard would like to know and so would Club Headquarters!

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1960 PICNIC

Beautiful Putnam Valley, N. Y. and the expectation of meeting new members and new cats drew members from the Midwest and many Eastern states to the 1960 Long Island Ocelot Club Picnic on June 25 and 26, 1960. Hosts were Jayne and Bill Murray their son, Michael, and the Murray ocelots, Jose, Mitsu-ko and Sumi-san.

A total of 39 members, eleven guests and 20 ocelots were present. List of members and cats follows:

Gwen and Ed Butler, Old Saybrook, Conn.	ABOU
Cherie & Bernie Starr, Fort Lee, N. J.	QUITO
Barbara and Otto Albanesius, New York	CHANTICO
Gene Evans and John Brill, Buffalo, N. Y.	CLEO
Sue and Peter Chisholm, Valley Stream NY	NARI
Edith & Dan Cronin, New York, N. Y.	SHADRACH
Catherine & Harry Cisin, Amagansett, NY	CARLOTTA
Elaine & Russell Schroeder, Paramus NJ	PIXIE
Nadine Frank, Brooklyn, N. Y.	SUMAC
Earle & Michell, Paradise Point, Fla.	SAFARI
Dee and Don Wilson, Mt. Ephraim, NJ	TIGER and JOSE GONZALEZ
Jill and Ray Malyszka, Buffalo, N. Y.	TIMBA and TINKER BELLE
Bob Hunter, Indianapolis, Indiana	
Jules & Shirley Penn, Bayonne, N. J.	
Winthrop Howard, Flushing, N. Y.	
Barbara & Richard Scheid, Yonkers, N. Y.	BUDDAH
Ann & Alf Eichelman, New Market, Va.	BABEE
Jayne & Bill Murray, Putnam Valley, NY	SUMI-SAN, MITSU-KO and JOSE

By mid-day Saturday the assemblage had begun. To make introductions unnecessary and to make identification easy, each member was supplied with a "badge" which carried his name and location, as well as the name of his cat or cats. During the meetings and greetings, Jayne Murray was busy indoors putting the finishing touches on the repast. She later discovered that some of the members she had very much wanted to meet had left early.

Bob Hunter of Indianapolis, Indiana, celebrated his birthday on June 26th. While it was our intention to announce this event to the membership and join in Bob's celebration, most of the members had left before it was remembered. Bob had recently lost his margay, Rex-Ann, and was looking for a new ocelot to share his home. A letter from Bob dated July 22nd advised that he is now "the proud owner of Cali." She was shipped on July 18th from New York City by Kendall W. Clarke of Pound Ridge, N. Y., her previous owner. Cali arrived in good condition despite a five hour delay in air-freight shipment. She was born October, 1959, and had spent her early life with Cherie and Bernie Starr.

Shadrach (Cronin) made the very interesting (to him) discovery of the hayloft which was partly filled with sweet hay. He would happily have spent the whole picnic there, but was persuaded by his master to mix.

Safari, an experienced trouper who had travelled all the way from Florida, held court with Earle and Michelle in their mobile home which was parked on the Murray grounds. One might almost say the picnic came to Safari! Everyone in attendance was impelled

to personally visit him and his gracious people, not to mention his two travelling companions, the Siamese cats.

Jose and Mitsu-ko Murray were ideal hosts, showing the guests what really good swimming they had to offer in their rippling stream. None of the cats present followed their example, but Quito (Starr) got the message. He was anxious to make his way to the swimming pool at the Motel where he was staying, but it is reported that his ambitions were thwarted by the management.

Towards the end of the afternoon a lavish table of varied kinds of food was set up under the trees near the stream. Bill Murray manned the charcoal fire for on the spot cooking while Jayne and a few helpers kept everyone's plate heaped. The cats were asked to retire while people ate, but they consumed three beef hearts and a similar quantity of chicken in privacy.

Bernie Starr showed his motion pictures of the 1959 Amagansett picnic, and of Jose's November, 1959 Birthday Party. Shortly afterwards a business meeting was held, the main topic of discussion being Bernie's proposal to incorporate the club. No decision was made. Dan Cronin, who is an officer in three different corporations, failed to see any advantage to the club. Bob Hunter, after investigating in Indianapolis, feels that the most important factor would be a limited liability benefit, but doesn't see any important advantage along these lines since the club sponsors no fund-raising projects. Comments of club members are invited.

A newcomer among the cats was Jose Gonzalez, the Wilson's ocelot. Don and Dee Wilson, and Tiger, their margay have been members of the club since the summer of 1957. Jose G. is about six months old.

As the two days scheduled for the picnic began to draw to a close, frantic plans were made to continue the fun. An extension picnic was planned in the Buffalo, N. Y. area for July 31. Tentative plans were discussed for the 1961 picnic to be held in Paradise Point (near Crystal River), Florida, at the home of Safari and Earle and Michell. The time would be at the beginning of April. It is requested that members who would expect to be able to attend advise club headquarters as quickly as possible.

THE SECOND 1960 PICNIC

It was planned that the next meeting would be July 31 in the Buffalo area. Mrs. Lydia Sporelauer who had been unable to attend any of the picnics previously held (she has been a member since 1957) volunteered anxiously to be hostess. Her recent loss of Moje, her five year old Brazilian Ocelot made the presence of other ocelots in her Wilson, New York home all the more welcome.

The Cisins and Carlotta arrived in Wilson Saturday afternoon. Carlotta was made comfortable in the room which Moje had had. She enjoyed investigating the house and then retired to "her" room with dinner which included a white rabbit head. This was a new delicacy which she enjoyed thoroughly.

On Sunday, Gene Evans, John Brill and Gene's mother brought Cleopatra. Jill and Ray Malyszka brought Timba. After a lavish picnic, a few slides of the Putnam Valley picnic were shown, as well as some of the Malyszka's slides and some of Gene's movies of Cleo.

Lydia enjoyed the weekend and her guests, -- so much so that she wishes to insist that any members and their friends who happen to be in the Buffalo area, stop en route and visit with her at 4473 Lake Road. The thump of ocelot feet will soon again be a familiar sound in Lydia's home. She has on
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QUESTIONNAIRE

Further information on illnesses, fatalities, breeding habits and other pertinent facts, is being sought. It is hoped that the knowledge and experience of those who own, or have owned ocelots, margays, etc, will be useful in the future in avoiding some of the pitfalls encountered in the past.

Instruction: Please fill in and return this questionnaire to Mrs. Jayne Murray, c/o Long Island Ocelot Club, Amagansett, N. Y. She will record and ultimately summarize the data. When your questionnaire is received another copy will be returned to you so that you can continue the record of your cat. Please ask for additional copies if you need them. Please keep a continuing record of your cat. If ownership is transferred, please transfer the record with the cat. If your animal dies, return the record to the club secretary with the details recorded, and autopsy report.

DATE: _____

OWNERS NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PET'S NAME _____

Species: Ocelot _____ Margay _____ Other _____

Country of Origin _____

Coloring: Coat _____ Eyes _____ Snout _____

Age when first acquired _____ Present Age _____

Sex: Male _____ Female _____ Neutered _____

Weight: 2 mos. _____ 6 mos _____ 1 year _____ 2 years _____

Disposition: (Describe - calm, wary, high strung, with family, with other people)

Has cat been given vitamins? _____ until what age _____ Brand name _____

Food: Raw? Cooked? Canned? Fresh? Meats? Vegetables? Fish? Milk? Fowl?

Number of feedings per day: 2 mos. _____ 6 mos. _____ 1 yr. _____ 2 yrs. _____

Quantity (weight) per feeding: " " _____ " " _____ " " _____ " " _____

Immunization: List which shots given, age at time, reaction (please describe)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Surgery: Nature? Anesthetic (which kind)? Describe recovery?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Illnesses: Nature of illness? Duration? Medication (what kind)? Duration?
Temperature? Symptoms?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Breeding: Females -- Age first heat _____ Duration _____
Frequency of subsequent heats _____ Duration _____
Disposition? _____ Intense? _____
Hormone shots given? Why? _____ Which? _____

Age at first mating: Male _____ Female _____
Had animals been known to each other? How long _____ Describe disposition
towards each other, towards people, at time of mating _____

If successfully bred: Age: Male _____ Female _____
Weight: Male _____ Female _____
Duration of gestation: _____
Kits: how many? _____ Sex _____
Weight at birth _____
Births registered anywhere? _____

Other details: _____

Other information: _____

Death of your cat: Cause? Age at time? _____

Autopsy performed by: _____
Details: _____

PICNIC (Continued from page 4)

order a pair of ocelot kittens.

Carlotta had a bad moment or two when she suspected she was about to be left in Wilson. The door to her room was really a 3/4 screen gate. She watched her toilet being carried out to the car. She paced feverishly back and forth when her bed was carried out next. Convinced she was to be left behind, she scrambled up over the top of the gate and jumped into her carrier, which was then loaded into the car.

THE 1960 PICNIC WILL NEXT PROGRESS to Club Headquarters, as announced on Page 1 of this Newsletter. This will be the final episode in the 1960 picnic, after which the regular bi-monthly meetings will resume.



To Get LIOC EMBLEM:

The LIOC emblem is gold filled, 1" long x 3/4" high, showing the ocelot in a pose similar to that at the head of this Newsletter.

To get one, send name and address and \$3.00 to Long Island Ocelot Club, Amagansett, N. Y. Specify whether you want pin or lapel button.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE JUNGLE (Continued from page 3)

Don and Dee Wilson of Mt. Ephraim, N. J. send us the following happy news. "We would like to announce formally that the name of our newest member of the family is: JOSE GONZALEZ WILSON, (ocelot, of course). August 10th we figure him to be 7 months old. He tips the scales at about 15 pounds. He has taken over our Rec room lock, stock and barrel. He took over Tiger's ladder first thing. (Tiger is the Wilson margay). I had to make the top bigger for him. His front and rear ends hung over the edges. His next favorite spot is on the air conditioner; he is a very cool cat! He delights in lunging at Dee. To hear her squeal and have her jump off the lounge is his big thrill. He tried it on me but I didn't jump: I have the claw marks to prove it."

Subsequently a visit to Dr. Zimmerman in Mt. Vernon rendered Jose clawless. He came through the experience with minimum reaction.

Members abroad who have sent post cards to club headquarters are:

Jim McDonald, New York City, -- from Cannes, France -- who advises that Caligula, his ocelot, stayed home in spite of the fact that he did want to see ancient Rome. He wasn't interested in the rest of the trip.

Jules & Shirley Penn, Bayonne, N. J. -- from Rome, Italy, regretting that days go so quickly.

- * Norma Timmone of Bronx, N. Y. reported by telephone in early August, the loss of her little margay, Simba-du. He was about a year old and died from intestinal stoppage. Again, eating foreign objects. . . .
- * Norma knows she must have another margay soon.

Mrs. Floriene Brown of Grand Rapids reports: "Sheba-Cleopatra and I were on TV August 11th, with at least three million viewers. It was Mort Neff's Michigan Outdoors. I only wish the folks in Long Island and elsewhere could have seen how well behaved Sheba Cleo was!"

Mrs. Marilyn Holt, 3677 Herbert Ave., Cincinnati 11, Ohio, writes regarding her two year old margay: "We had Ozzie altered in March. The doctor used "Surital Sodium" (Thiamylol Sodium). He was put under, operated on, and out of the anesthetic within the period of one hour. However it took the rest of the day for Ozzie to be able to focus his eyes properly and get over his dizziness. We thought having it done might change back his disposition, but it seems he has turned against me completely. The only reason we can find for this is that he has become jealous of the children since Linda was born last spring, and dislikes my taking time to take care of them. He gets along well with my husband. We have to keep him penned up when Larry is not home. This has hurt me terribly because I love him so."

If anyone has had similar experience, or has any solution to offer Marilyn, please write her.

- * Lydia Sporleder, of Wilson New York returned home from a visit in Virginia to find that her 45 pound, six year old ocelot Moje (See May, 1957 Newsletter) had died while being boarded for a week at a local veterinarian. Autopsy did not reveal the cause of Moje's death.

Anita Ziolkowski of Lansing, Michigan, writes of a happy coincidence: "that the March issue of the Newsletter should happen to give the name of the owner of Senor Gato . . . Lyman Woodard of Owosso, Michigan . . . (who gave his young mountain lion to our Lansing City Zoo) who had to take out an importer's license so that he could bring his ocelot, Sr. Gato, out of Mexico City! I called Mr. Woodard and got many valuable tips from him. We are going to get together in the near future when Lance, my ocelot, is more tractable."

Art Mathews, president of the Southern California Ocelot Club, reports that his club had a meeting on August 17th at Blackford's in West Los Angeles. ("Blackie" Blackford is vice president of the club). The club now has 14 members, residents of the Anaheim vicinity, and neighboring areas.

Mid July was a time of worry for Jim Coan of Clinton, N. J. Sabu II his year old ocelot had pneumonia, one lung having become nearly filled. Treatment by injected and oral antibiotic brought Sabu slowly back to normal.

Cebu, young female ocelot has moved from her home with Ann Ulrichsen at Keyport, N. J. to her new home with Jim Coan and Sabu. Ann's daughter's newly developed allergy to cats made the transfer necessary. Cebu has gradually adapted herself, with Sabu's help, to her new routines. Great things are expected of this similarly named pair.

Declaw or Not CONCLUSION (Part 4)
by Jayne Murray

The pro and con discussion has revealed the following views concerning declawing.

Those who oppose the practice feel the animal should be accepted as is and are in general agreement that declawing is unnecessary, causes mutilation to the animal in body and spirit, robs them of their defenses and is a dangerous practice because of the use of anesthesia.

Those in favor do not feel that the animal's disposition is harmfully affected, nor that the pet is mutilated if the operation is done correctly, but find that declawing makes the pet easier to handle, more acceptable to society and does not rob it of defense since these animals are not allowed to wander without personal supervision.

As Bernard Slator pointed out, the greatest danger is the necessity for anesthetic. It is literally a matter of life or death. The warning to know your pet's true weight and making sure there is no error made when the information is passed on to your veterinarian cannot be stressed too strongly. If you are contemplating a clawectomy for your pet, make sure your veterinarian is experienced in this field, and is experienced with ocelots.

There are times when clawectomy should not even be considered, such as on an older animal, an extremely young one, or one that is highly nervous or extremely frightened. It should never be performed on an animal that will be allowed to roam free, for that would be robbing it of defenses it might need.

The purpose of this discussion has not been to change anyone's point of view, but to promote better understanding of a very important subject. Our aim has been to examine both sides of the question so that members who might be considering such an operation for their pet will be better able to weigh carefully the pros and cons before making the decision. There will always be those who will go on having their animals declawed and those who will not. It is, and should be, a personal matter between the owner and his pet.



Renewal Members

JEAN REYNOLDS, 9 Prospect Hill Ave, Summit, N. J. (new margay, Blossom II)
ART MATHEWS, 318 W. Wilken Way, Anaheim, California (ocelots Rodan and Simba, and their offspring Maja, - 1 yr. and Timba and Tyrannus, this year's litter.
REV. A. THOMAS MORRELL, 2626 Seminole Av., Seaford, New York (Ocelot Pinta)
JILL AND RAY MALYSZKA, 2 Verdun Place, Buffalo, N. Y. (Ocelots Timba and Tinker-belle)
FRANCES & DAVID TWEET, Route 3 Box 127 T, Charlotte, N. Car. (formerly of Signal Mountain, Tenn.) (Puma, Biendonada; jaguarundi, Rondi; Bobcat, Marquita)



New Members

ANN C. BARTON, 307 No. Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, California, has a new ocelot named Skoshi. "She is particularly outstanding," writes Ann, "because of her big blue eyes and lovely red markings. I have several other domestic cats, and a six month old Weimaraner puppy (who is Skoshi's best friend). She gets along well with all the cats, but now is getting just a little rough for them when she plays. Her favorite pastime is taking a bath (naturally, I am taking a bath and she leaps in to join me); bubble baths are her very favorite."

WINTHROP HOWARD, 137-18 North Hempstead Turnpike, Flushing 55, N. Y., does not have an ocelot but has a consuming desire to learn more about them.

MRS. FLORIENE W. BROWN, 1124 Sigsbee, S. E., Grand Rapids 6, Michigan, is the owner of a young ocelot. To assure herself that there will be no doubt of the cat's majesty, Floriene has named her Sheba-Cleopatra. S-C may soon be president of an ocelot club in Michigan. Will those who would like to know more about this, please write to her.

MARIA DE NOINTEL, 9040 Phyllis Avenue, Los Angeles 46, California has recently moved to California from New York City. She will continue her search on the west coast for a felis bengalensis, as described in the January, 1960 Newsletter.

MR & MRS JAY LAFFAN, 173 North Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York have no ocelot at the present time. Jay has been connected with the pet shop business, and has been very helpful to the club, sharing his experience with us.

MRS ANITA ZIOLKOWSKI, 755 South Francis Avenue, Lansing 12, Michigan owns a 6 month old ocelot, "Lance (lot)" which promises to be a big one. Anita writes: "The description of "Fury" in the March Newsletter goes for our Lance, too. He weighed 15 pounds at 5 months. Lance is a TV performer already. Martha Dixon's Copper Kettle Show over WJIM-TV featured the animals from PET HEADQUARTERS (the shop where he was purchased). When Lance sees a camera pointed in his direction he immediately poses... a natural born ham! Since his right eye was injured and his jaw broken so that the veterinarians at Michigan State University had to put a stainless steel pin into it, one can understand why Lance's reaction to people has been one of instinctive distrust. But we're gaining. The whole family spoils him and he is beginning to show signs of reciprocating."

L. O. NEZVESKY, D. V. M., 6531 Main Street, Trumbull, Conn. has had a number of ocelots at his office, and finds them very interesting.

K. MAURICE JOHANNESSEN, 1243 Yucca Place, Glendora, California has a 5 month old seven pound ocelot he calls Cezar. (Spelling is intentional) "He is good with my three children, -- boys ranging from 16 months to 6 years. When he is permitted to do so, he sleeps and plays with them," writes Mr. Johannessen. "The animal importer who sold him to me tells me he is from Peru."

MR & MRS BRUCE E. DENNING, 26390 Adrian Avenue, Hayward, California. When the Dennings get their ocelot next spring, his name will be Pepper. Bruce has made contact with many of the members in the "Bay Area" of California, as well as the southern areas. Pepper will be a very fortunate ocelot since his prospective owners are investigating carefully in preparation for giving him a proper home.