



# NEWSLETTER

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Ketzie kisses Betty, above. At right she straddles the framework of a shoji screen, a typically favorite perch of this little tree cat.

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## THE NEXT MEETING

Because the regular January meeting date (Second Sunday) would fall so closely after the holidays, the next meeting will be held at 2:30 P.M. on

Sunday, January 29th at the home of

Sue and Peter Chisholm  
169 Rockaway Parkway  
Valley Stream, L.I., N.Y.

Transportation from two points in New York City will be provided by Peter Chisholm. If transportation is desired, phone Peter at COngress 2 0256 any evening around 6:30 for complete details.

Shir-Kahn, the year and a half old ocelot which Peter gave to Sue for her pre-Christmas birthday, cordially invites her friends to meet her in her new and happy home.

## QUETZALCOATL

Ket - sal - ko - at'l

Yes, it's a lot of name for a little margay! Betty and Carl Tomeo of Manhattan Beach, California, bought her in Mexico City while they were on their honeymoon in June, 1958. They did not change her name (a male Aztec god) when it became evident she was not a male, but they have long since reduced it to Ketzie.



Ketzie has moved from her first chosen sleeping place, the kitchen cupboard, to the bedroom closet where she has more room and fewer interruptions.

Ketzie found herself in the public eye when she was about a year old. Her curiosity lured her into the great open spaces. Eventually she turned up amid the chlorine tanks of the local water works, where she was discovered by the armed guards. Fortunately for little Ketzie, the big men refrained from shooting because of the danger of exploding the tanks.

When she was about two years old she gave all indications of being ready for a mate. Betty and Carl provided her with a male margay, Petronius. During the five days Ketzie and Pete were together, they were neither friends nor lovers. Ketzie was preoccupied with defending her home and herself against the intruder.

## PICNIC

KEEP IN MIND the Paradise Point Picnic in Florida which will take place in early April. Tentative dates of either April 3, 4, or 9 have been considered. What is your preference? Final details will appear in the next (March) Newsletter.

# MICHIGAN NEWS

By Sherri Brown, Correspondent

(Mrs. Sherri Brown, 661 Six Mile Road NW, Comstock Park, Michigan, tours schools with her ocelot, Sheba-Cleopatra and answers the barrage of questions about our cats posed by the eager children to "Miss Sheri and Sheba". Between lectures and TV appearances, she finds time to gather news about Michigan doings, which she has volunteered to share with us all. Michigan Members please keep in touch with Sherri!)

The battle of Detroit has been won. This action first came to the attention of the club when a telephone call was received at headquarters from Miss Edith McNeal of 27930 California Drive, Lathrup Village, Michigan. Edith had received a summons to appear at night court in Detroit on October 24th because she "harbors an animal that is not a common household pet, to wit, one ocelot."

Michigan members were alerted to Edith's plight, material was supplied which it was hoped would prove that ocelots are pets. Preparations were made to defend Edith's right to keep her ten month old ocelot, Wendy. Anita Ziolkowski of Lansing, Jerrie Hollenbeck of Dearborn and I were among the fifty Michigan ocelot owners who appeared in court. One ocelot owner from Washington, Mich. brought her cat, Apollo, into court, too.

On October 26th, the Detroit News carried the story with picture: "Ocelot off the Spot -- Wins Court Battle." This victory came about on a technicality (the officer who issued the summons stated: "I saw a large cat through the window, but it could have been one of Miss McNeal's house cats". Edith's attorney moved that the case be dismissed, which motion was granted.

I want to remind everyone that we are not out of the woods here on the Edith McNeal & Wendy thing. We have only won a delay. People in Lathrup Village believe Wendy an undesirable pet, and it's hard to teach them what they don't want to believe.

After court we went over to Anita Ziolkowski's house. We all had very warm feelings. We had won, and we had met a bunch of very nice people.

Edith McNeal wants to say "Thank you" to LIOC. "Truly the people you sent to me helped me win my case."

Sheba got her first taste of snow and wasn't too pleased with any of it. She really told me off for taking her out in it. But I just laughed at her and washed her face in the pretty white stuff. I'm going to teach her to like it or bust trying.

We had some good publicity for our cats in our paper yesterday. "Sheba Shows Off for Pupils" -- Grand Rapids Press, Tues. Nov. 20, with a picture of Sheba, my sister, Helen Riley, Miss Sandra Elias, third grade teacher, and a group of pupils from Campau School.

Here's part of our schedule: December 5: Visited Immaculate Heart of Mary School, had 34 or 35 - 11 & 12 year old students. Only one question threw me for a loss: "How fast does an ocelot run?" Also visited 27 - 9 & 10 year old students at West Leonard School. Boy! Either I'm getting old or the children of today are smarter. Dec. 6: Visited Junior High School students; spent nearly 3-1/2 hours giving out the word. December 7: Saw a group of "Brownies" 33 little gals with the best manners I've seen in youngsters at that age group. Many things planned for after January 1.

# Meeting Report

The November 13th meeting was held at Bell Sound Studios, 237 W 54 Street, New York City. The Club extends thanks to Dan Cronin for the use of his offices and to SHADRACH who kept a watchful eye on proceedings.

In attendance were:

Jayne and Bill Murray, Amawalk, N. Y.  
Armand Kechejian, Jamaica, N. Y.  
Dan Cronin, New York City  
Lillian and Richard Nasman, Rye, N. Y.  
Jerry Heywood, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Meg Merrill, New York City  
Tom Griffith, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Sue and Peter Chisholm, Valley Stream, N. Y.  
Norma Timmoney, Bronx, N. Y.  
Winthrop Howard, Flushing, N. Y.  
Catherine and Harry Cisin, Amagansett, N. Y.  
(These fifteen members brought five guests.)

Jayne Murray, Club Secretary, reported that 25 questionnaires have been received. She wishes to thank those who have sent their information and to request that those who have not done so please do, promptly! Jayne wishes to begin compilation of the data on vital statistics of the club cats. If additional copies are required, please ask for them at club headquarters.

Those whose memberships are about to expire will receive notification of this fact with their last issue of the Newsletter. One issue will be sent after expiration with another reminder.

Meg Merrill has kindly accepted the responsibility of the job of publicity adviser. When any member is approached by free lance or other writers and photographers, her able guidance will be helpful. Contact her at 2 Horatio Street, New York 14, N. Y., CHelsea 2 6269.

Dan Cronin brought "greens" into discussion. He displayed a house plant to which Shadrach is particularly attached. Although lighter in color and not quite as spiny, it resembles a pineapple top. Meg Merrill at this point advised that Monte is very fond of pineapple tops which she encourages to root and remain alive for his benefit.

A summary of domestic born kits was reported as follows: In the history of the club nine kittens have been born in five litters. Of these kittens, three are dead and two are unreported.

Sheba and Cheetah (Lillian Ward, Los Angeles, Calif.)

12/5/57 - 1st litter - 1 kit (Don Primp Jesus)

11/27/57 - 2nd litter 2 kits (Don Segundo Jose) and a female which died within a week)

Rodan and Simba (Art Mathews, Anaheim, California)

6/10/59 - 1st litter - 2 kits (Maja, f. and one male which was killed by father shortly after birth)

5/2/60 - 2nd litter - 2 kits (Simba, Jr., and Timba, m. who died October, 1960)

Thumper (Jewel Carr, Los Angeles, Calif.)

5/59 - 2 kits, f., born to female serviced by Thumper. No record is available of these two kits.

Next summer (1961) it is planned to try to produce a second generation domestic, mating Maja, who will then be two years old with Don Primo Jesus, belonging to Bernard Slator of San Dimas, Calif) who will be three and a half.

Three eastern pairs belonging to Murray, Sporleder and Coan are expected to breed. One pair is of breeding age, the other two, mating.

## News from Around the Jungle

From Bruce Denning of Hayward, California, comes the following report which might be read with great care:

"Howard Ackers of San Leandro had some hard luck with his cats Sunday (December 11). He has four ocelots and two jaguarundis. It seems that he fed them horse heart as usual, and they started dropping like flies. He rushed them to the veterinarian. The vet said that when they kill wild horses which they sometimes butcher for dog food, they inject a barbiturate (in this case I think he said phenolbarbital) to quiet them down before killing them. The heart Howard was feeding his cats had quite a concentration of this drug and it succeeded in killing Peewee, one of the jaguarundis. The rest of the cats are expected to recover, but it sure knocked them for a loop. From now on, Howard and I are both going to stick to beef. The veterinarian said it was for this reason he never used horsemeat."

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### DEATH OF A DOMESTIC-BORN

From Art Mathews, Southern California Ocelot Club, 318 W. Wilken Way, Anaheim, California:

"October 28, 1960. Both good and bad news from here: A wonderful showing at Bullocks and the death of Timba, second son of Simba and Rodan.

"Ocelots at the show were Simba, Maja and Timba owned by me and Simba, Jr. owned by John Gill of Buena Park, and Baby, margay owned by Henry Moser.

"Timba probably contracted his fatal illness at the show. He seemed perfectly all right until the following Wednesday when he refused his breakfast. We took him to the vet when he had a temperature of 103. We got a shot to bring it down. By evening he was eating slightly but was very thirsty. Next day two more trips to the vet. We started dextrose feeding as he was refusing food altogether and by nine o'clock that night he came out dragging his rear legs. Darlene rushed him to the vet again, but he was D. O. A. An autopsy showed all internal organs normal except a slight liver enlargement, but a lack of red blood corpuscles. Timba had had his enteritis shots two months before. The symptoms of paleness of the nose and mouth, dryness of the mouth, vomiting and diarrhea were all the same as for enteritis. After discussion with several veterinarians we decided it was what they call "Feline Infectious Anemia, which can be treated by shots of 1 cc per 4 lbs of weight of "Injectible Iron Dextrose Complex" which is made in England and distributed by Armour in the U. S. A."

Art further informs us that the Questionnaire which accompanied the September, 1960 Newsletter, has been copied by the Southern California Ocelot Club. It has been distributed to the members in triplicate, with the requirement that all three copies be filled out, one copy for the cat owner, one copy for So. Cal. Ocelot Club and the third copy to be sent to L. I. O. C. to assist in the compilation of vital statistics of pet felines which is being undertaken by Jayne Murray.

## Immunity

### FELINE ENTERITIS

The recent loss of ocelot, Napoleon, belonging to S/Sgt and Mrs. Marlin Koch of Point Arena, California, prompted the club to ask Dr. Theodore Zimmerman, 17 West Grand Street, Mount Vernon, N. Y., for an explanation of lasting immunity from Feline Enteritis. Dr. Zimmerman's reply follows:

"It must be difficult for the lay person to understand that individuality is manifested not only by apparent traits such as length of tail, type of disposition, general state of health, quality of coat, color, etc. etc., but also in a myriad of other invisible characteristics. Examples are size of chest cavity, heart capacity, the ability to reason, and in this case the innate ability of the blood to maintain a high and therefore protective measure of immune bodies or antibodies.

"These may be found in blood in a certain few animals due to natural or inherited immunity. In the majority of animals it must be stimulated. Natural infection and vaccines are the two ways that blood is stimulated to produce these antibodies. Should the animal survive an attack of enteritis immunity is high and lasting.

"Vaccines also stimulate the blood to produce antibodies, but not to quite as high nor as long-lasting as natural infection levels. A small percentage, perhaps 1/2 to 2% do not have the ability to maintain a high safe immune level of antibodies for life. We can't tell which animals are in the safe 98% or those which just happen to be in the unfortunate 2%. To protect the few we advise booster shots yearly for all. Many think the odds are good enough to take a gamble, but I'm sure they could never face themselves if neglect cost the life of a beloved pet."

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### THE BIGGER PROBLEM

Since Robert Hunter of Indianapolis, Indiana, acquired Cali, adolescent ocelot, last July he has taken her to the veterinarian twice. The first time she received her booster shot for enteritis and treatment for two types of worms. The second visit was for treatment of a minor skin irritation.

Bob's bigger problem has not been with Cali's health. He writes: "Her indoor enclosure was quite a problem for me. You have no doubt heard about the fellow who built a boat in the basement only to find out upon its completion that it was too large to exit through the basement doors. I can now tell the reverse of this story. I had Cali's pen constructed in six 6-foot square sections. All I had to do was to bolt the sections together in our basement. Much to my dismay I couldn't get the pieces to clear the basement door. We finally dismantled the basement staircase to enable me to get the pen into the house.

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### THE LAST OF RAJAH GUYETTE

Familiar to everyone in the club since he was the cover boy on "Pet Ocelot" and since he has been so often mentioned in Newsletters, was Rajah. On October 20th, Rajah underwent surgery to remove portions of his fur and hide which he had bitten until he had continuously open sores. Mr. Guyette witnessed microscopic examination of the tissue removed. It was alive with sarcoptic mange mites. Rajah recovered, but the infection spread. Mr. Guyette writes: "I am sorry to report that I had to put Rajah to sleep last Monday. He was in torture from those mange mites. They were all over him and I couldn't see any hope for him, -- no use letting him suffer further. He had four good years with me for which I'm thankful."

LONG ISLAND COUGAR CLUB? ? ?

"On October 15th I acquired a 6 month old, 50 pound mountain lion," reports K. Maurice Johannessen of Glendora, California. "He is a beautiful South American Puma. When I got him last week no one was able to handle him. Yesterday I took him out for a drive and he loved it. He eats out of my hand and walks on a leash. Last night he sat on the couch and watched television with me. His name is Diaglo. He gets along fine with Cezar, my ocelot and Niki, my dog." **Diablo brings the puma membership to five.** Others are: 1 year old Tawney of Oakdale, L.I., N.Y. (Mehl), 2-1/2 year old Bien-donada of Charlotte N.C. (Tweet), cubs: Dawn of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. (Brook) and Winnie the Pooh of Phoenicia, N.Y. (Ovington).

THE COMPACT CAT

Most of the members, and literally millions of others have seen the November 20th issue of THIS WEEK Magazine of the Sunday Newspaper. One of the most appealing Chandoha pictures in color of a margay appeared on the cover. Credit was not given to the model for this picture, Mr. Pepys, owned by Tom Griffith. **Inside with the story were pictures of Montezuma and Meg Merrill.**

The story has stirred aleuopniles across the country to such an extent that the editorial office of This Week has received well over 200 requests for more information about the margay. These have been forwarded to Meg who is painstakingly answering each one. Meg's enthusiasm and energy are limitless. **Mont, seeming to sense her time for him** has been limited is indulging in his most destructive margay mischief. Does he fail to understand this is for the benefit of margays everywhere?

CHANGES OF LAIR

Mr. Lovely, 4 month old ocelot who formerly belonged to Margaret Carol Trevillian of Charleston, W. Va., has now joined the household of Lydia Sporleder in Wilson, N.Y. Lydia already has an adolescent female ocelot, Rebel, in addition to two Siamese cats. Judging from a newspaper story with picture of Lydia and Mr. Lovely, they are very happy together. **His progress with his bride to be (Rebel) is somewhat slower**

Shir-Kahn, 1-1/2 year old ocelot has left the home of Richard Riss in Saddle Brook, N.J., to join Sue and Peter Chisholm of Valley Stream, N.Y. All are very happy.

NEW CAT

Lillian and Richard Nasman of Rye, N.Y. have a new margay kit, AKU. The animal dealer insisted he was a margay; Dr. Zimmerman thinks he may be an ocelot. The Nasmans say: "Who cares if he is an elephant? We love him."

We wonder how many members are aware that the air tragedy in Brooklyn on Dec. 16 happened outside of Beautyland, Inc, where so many LIOC meetings have been held. Jerry Heywood and her shop are safe. They were thirty feet from disaster.

ADOLPH L. DAMMERAU, Sr. 401 Newman Avenue, New Orleans 21, La., who is an animal dealer does not have a pet ocelot at the present time. He had joined the club in order to learn more about ocelots,

MR & MRS ROBERT MEHL, 207 Brook Street, Oakdale, L.I., N.Y. especially their son, David, are owners of TAWNY, the year old South American puma. This young cougar was the belle of the last 1960 picnic. She has been often pictured in local and national newspapers.

MICHAEL L. PIEL, Sharga, Scottsville, Virginia, owns, among many other animals, TIGR. He is a young ocelot who, at the age of only five months, killed a copperhead (an eastern poisonous snake) one Sunday afternoon in the Piel bedroom. Mike says: "He is an excellent pet. We are so pleased with his quiet, yet humorous deportment."

LEONARD BROOK, Dawn Animal Agency, New York, N.Y., has a new Puma which he calls DAWN. It is hoped she will be both a pet and professional animal.

DON KELSO, 5721 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming, had not received shipment of his ocelot at the time he became a member.

RICHARD ZABALAUSKAS, Bronx, New York, has recently become the owner of TIKI, a 9 pound, 5 or 6 month old ocelot. "I saw my first ocelot at Shaney Frey's apartment. Ever since that day I knew I had to have an ocelot of my own," writes Richard.

STEPHEN LUCIANO, 41 America Street, Providence, R.I. does not have an ocelot at present, but expects very soon to have one.

Renewal Members

- MURIEL WHITE, New York, N.Y.
- C. GUYETTE, New York, N.Y.
- JERRY HEYWOOD, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- ROBERT HUNTER, Indianapolis, Indiana
- RUSSELL & ELAINE SCHROEDER, Paramus, N.J.



Jayne Murray

**MIXED EMOTIONS**

Jim Coan

**TRAINING YOUR OCELOT**

INSTEAD OF THEIR COLUMNS FOR  
THIS NEWSLETTER, SEND LONG AND  
LOUD HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
FROM

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