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MAHARAJAH

by Mrs. Quinn Baird, Centerville, Cape Cod, Mass.

In November, 1951, a couple of pounds of fur and eyes, coat pocket size, arrived in Centerville, Mass. as a gift to Spencer L. Baird III. Now, two years later, "our" margay who still, incidentally, shows his first allegiance to his master but who has become the whole family's pet, is nine pounds of eyes, claws, teeth, and most of all, heart.

The raising of Rajah followed the usual path often described as "the hard way" i.e. finding out what you've done wrong after you've done it. He very nearly lost his life when he was castrated as the local veterinarian was not aware of these animals' sensitivity to phenobarbital and Raj was in a coma for a week, (Continued on page 5)

MIXED FELINES

William T. Deacon
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For the past three years we have fortunately been able to obtain many copies of the LIOC Newsletter. These along with the book, *Pet Ocelot*, have been of considerable interest and help -- and amusement when comparing the experiences of others in discovering the rare combinations of personality and intelligence found in our remarkable pets.

Our family has experienced a rather remarkable growth since our arrival in California 4-1/2 years ago with one daughter. The first increase was represented by two Siamese cats, Abelard and Eloise, followed by Oscar (ocelot) 3 years ago, then by two daughters (human), then finally by Gwendolyn (puma), early this year. Friends and family have sometimes been somewhat confused by who was what and which in the Deacon family.

Our first bigger cat, Oscar, was 6 months old when we bought him and was unfortunately rather nervous and distrustful of the human species. He had been in a pet shop too long. While willing to play at times, he was very slow in placing his trust in us, but after three months he finally accepted me with sudden and complete affection and in turn, the rest of the family, but to a lesser degree. Unfortunately we had to move shortly after Oscar was enjoying his new security and the move from familiar surroundings so upset him that he withdrew completely. He refused for a week to move from the car used in moving. When he finally realized that new house was equipped with the same people, he returned to the fold. He has, however, never lost his distrust of new places or strange people and to this day will not stay in the room when friends are visiting, the only exception being a baby sitter he has finally agreed to accept, with certain reservations, after three years. With the family he is as affectionate, playful and clever (fiendishly, at times) as other ocelots we have seen and heard about.

Because we felt that Oscar's anxiety about strange people was due in large measure to his exposure to the not always kind ministrations of the curious in a pet shop, we went to considerable effort to secure a very young puma. A local pet shop finally located a very young cub in Columbia, S.A. Unfortunately her flight to California was delayed in Panama for three days during which she received no food or water. Gwendolyn finally arrived, a very weak 6 pounds. Her rear legs were so weak from nutritional deficiencies that she could hardly walk. Copious amounts of calcium and other mineral and vitamin supplements brought her back to strength and normal growth in several weeks. Her appetite was fortunately ravenous from the time she first arrived.

For the first 6 weeks of Gwendy's residence, we were somewhat shocked at her complete rejection of us, and in no small despair, felt that possible pumas were not like ocelots. We even reread "Born Free" seeking reassurance of a large lion's loving ways. In the end, Julie's (wife) understanding and insistence that our fierce baby puma needed to love and be loved proved correct. Gwendy suddenly changed from a frightened stranger to the most loveable and affectionate pet we have.

The Importance of Allowing Time to Learn Trust

For the benefit of others seeking the many rewards of a lasting relationship with cats such as ocelots and pumas, I cannot stress too much the importance of allowing these acutely sensitive and intelligent animals time in which to

learn to trust their new "Foster Parents" and environment. Too often, new owners force themselves into situations resulting in painful lacerations and hurt feelings. Unfortunately, the cat can't sell the new owner and the opposite occurs with mutual disenchantment.

Gwendy is now 10 months old and has grown from 6 to 45 pounds. We hope that this is at least half her final weight. Please understand that this is from the point of economics only. Her delightful disposition is such that I am sure she would be a manageable pet at 300 pounds. We have learned from various sources that the South American puma female rarely exceeds 75 - 90 pounds as compared with her North American counterpart who usually reaches at least 125 pounds.

In closing Gwendy's portfolio, I should add that she has a "very favorite" in the family -- my wife, Julie, who is mother, friend, nurse and trainer. The remarkable relationship between the two was further cemented during a long recovery from an accident which left Gwendy paralyzed in the hind quarters for three weeks. A nerve was severely pinched when she slammed her back into a chair leg while chasing a favorite toy. Traction was even used in her treatment (no me at feat with a puma). She never left a couch for three weeks. I know that the constant care and love given by Julie aided as much as the limited medical treatment. When she finally was able to move about in a limited way, we felt most lucky, but we never expected the complete recovery which finally came after six weeks.

Our Cats Collectively

We at first thought that any relationship between ocelot and puma would be impossible. Oscar was naturally very jealous when Gwendy first arrived and would certainly have done her great harm during the first six months had he had the opportunity. After one attempted introduction, we kept them carefully separated until Gwendy had surpassed Oscar 25 pounds by ten more of her own, a minimum handicap to compensate for his maturity and superior coordination. Oscar is basically a most pragmatic cat, and when faced by the new and larger Gwendy, approached with the expected discretion. There has been much hissing, puma snarls and ocelot grumblings, but with the exception of a few stabs on Gwendy's long and frequently unguarded tail, a mutual truce has resulted. Both cats are left free in the house every evening. Any temporary breach of the peace results in banishment to the garage pens. This is all the punishment required for future good conduct as neither cat can stand to be left alone. Both cats love the male Siamese, Abelard who returns the sometimes too playful friendship with extreme caution.

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Editor's note: The next (March) Newsletter will continue Bill Deacon's report, summarizing some of his observations.

WANTED: Male South American Puma (declawed) to be Gwendy's mate. Please contact Bill Deacon, 205 Mark Twain Avenue, San Rafael, California. Phone: GLenwood 4 3186.



News from Around the Jungle

MICHIGAN

By: Sherri Brown
661 Six Mile Road NW
Comstock Park, Michigan

The biggest news in the Michigan area seems to be Thor, African Lion which belongs to Woodrow W. Woodhouse, 2146 Dean Lake Road NE, in Grand Rapids.

Thor was one year old November 21st. It all started when the county prosecutor received a complaint about wild animals being allowed inside the city. Thor's owner then started a campaign for a new law. I was present at the mayor's office on October 31st and can report that we have won another moral victory. The city commission passed a new law allowing exotic animals inside the city limits. People who wish to own exotic animals inside the city limits must get a permit from the City Manager. No fee is charged. Any exotic animal may be kept on this permit under proper sanitary and housing conditions. I feel this is good for the cat and for the owner. This way we know cats will be properly cared for. Pet owners will know their rights and the requirements the law makes of them. Most important, there is now an ordinance which permits them to be kept.

Edwin Justman, Detroit member, now has a four month old African lioness, Elsa. They were here at Comstock Park with a friend to visit. It seems to me lions are catching on in this state. Now I want one, but it costs between 25 and 30 dollars a week just to feed them. For a year old lion, eight pounds of horsemeat, four cans of condensed milk and about eight eggs will last one day. I'll have to wait!

MASSACHUSETTS

By: R. A. Roberts
37 Forest Street
Needham 92, Mass.

Little Chip, who resides with the Sleepes in Marlboro, paid a visit to Dr. Wolf's office (Hyde Park) in November for clawdectomy. The operation was apparently successful and Chip is raring to go. He came over to pay our Samantha a visit and show off his new velvet pads. Chip is about the talkingest cat I ever saw or heard. He told the story about a local Marlboro politician seeking a certain post in the local election. He appeared at the Sleepes' residence to solicit votes. He did not see Chip posted in the yard and came upon Chip quite suddenly. Upon seeing Chip he took off, falling and scrambling out of the yard. It was reported later to a neighbor the would-be politician stated: "What one has to go through to get elected. . . . I wonder if it's worth it." Chip just retained a smug look and acted as though nothing had happened.

Samantha enjoyed a weekend in the White Mountains with her humans (us) and of course attracted much attention. Many of the camera enthusiasts who went to capture the beauty of the Fall foliage, took advantage of the opportunity to take in Sam. She is a ham where cameras are concerned and loves the attention. She was no problem at the motels and settled down to the routine of travelling very nicely. She sleeps most of the time while riding in the daytime but at night she is on the rear window ledge.

Sam had to return to Dr. Wolf's office on November 30th for a post-operation on her dew claw. It seemed to have re-rooted and had curled up under the skin. It kept healing, then breaking open and we decided to have it taken care of. While there, Dr. Wolf found evidence of two or three others which needed attention. Now she has her bandages off and is roaming about me, occasionally leaping up on the desk to watch the typewriter fingers strike the paper. This fascinates her greatly. Sam is quite a girl.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

By: Bruce Denning
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Hayward, California

Since the last Newsletter report, Mrs. Muriel Ackers and I have compiled a list of about forty persons who have expressed interest in exotic cats over the past year or so. Club information and sample copy of the Newsletter was sent to each of them. Active response has been about 25%.

One letter from Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Karwick, Rt. 1, Box 341, Tunitas Creek Road, Half Moon Bay, Calif., extends an invitation to use their home for a picnic. They have ten acres of property in some very beautiful country. They used to have a male ocelot, Koanga. He was mated twice and fathered two kittens that eventually died. He is now a resident of the San Francisco Zoo. His owners parted with him reluctantly rather than have him declawed when their baby was born. He thrives in the Zoo and still likes to play with the family when they visit him. He is six and a half years old.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first Sunday in January at Mrs. Ackers home, -- 572 Beverly Avenue, San Leandro, California. Reconstruction in the home has been the delay in preparing for this meeting. Local members will be individually advised when the meeting is firmly scheduled. The newspapers are interested in our activities and are very cooperative.

Pepper, our own ocelot, was off his food for a couple of weeks, had diarrhea and lost weight. He ate a little each day and never had any but a normal temperature. Everything seems normal now. He is eating like a pig and has regained his lost weight.

New members of LIOC listed on page 8 who are members of the Northern California Group are keyed: "NorCal".

NEW YORK

By: Catherine Cisin
Amagansett, N. Y.

The November 12, 1961 meeting of LIOC was held at Bell Sound Studios, 237 W. 54 Street. Thirty-five people from the metropolitan area attended with seven ocelots and three margays. List of attending members follows.

Jayne and Bill Murray, Amawalk, N. Y. with Don Segundo Jose
Jim Coan, Trenton, N. J., with Lancelot
Dan Cronin, New York, N. Y., with Shadrach
Suzanne & Paul Scharwenka, Chatham, N. J. with Luanda
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Syzdek, New York City
Mr. & Mrs. A. Cavale and Tim, New York City, with Sketch

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Things Worth Knowing about Ocelots and Margays *

All veterinarians know a lot about the domestic cats but when it comes to the wild ones, they often need more information. Roughly, wild cats can be placed in 2 groups: the smaller cats, such as the ocelot, margay, lynx, bobcat, caracal and many other exotic breeds, and the larger cats, such as the lion, tiger, leopard, jaguar, panther and cheetah.

This will deal only with 2 of the smaller breeds, ocelot and margay. They are more adaptable as pets and becoming increasingly popular because of their beauty and attraction. The ocelot and margay are 2 smooth, short-haired cats native to Mexico, Central and South America. The ocelot is about twice the size of the common domestic short-haired cat, while the margay is about common domestic cat size. Both resemble miniature leopards and are often called tiger, little jaguar or leopard cats by the public. It is not easy to differentiate the ocelot and the margay while kittens. The ocelot (*Felis Leopardus*) weighs from 18 to 45 lb. when grown and stands about 16 to 18 inches high. His name is derived from the ocelli or eye-like spots on the back of the ears. His color ranges from a dark brown to orange to yellow-grey with black, a broken pattern that is an ideal camouflage in the jungle. The margay (*Felis [Noctifelis] wiedii*) is much smaller than the ocelot.

Unless one understands a little feline psychology it is impossible to get along with either the ocelot or the margay. Cats are fundamentally springing, leaping, stalking animals. Cats have the longest, sharpest canine teeth of any of the carnivores. They also have the sharpest claws of all mammals. With exception of the cheetah, these claws are retractile. Cats hunt mostly at night, have a keen sense of smell and sight, and have the largest eyes of all carnivores. A light-amplifying substance called guanin is present in the eyes, which produces the familiar green glare in the dark.

Ocelots and margays usually are captured as kittens from south of the Rio Grande to Paraguay. They are exceptionally affectionate for members of the cat family after becoming adjusted to people. They like to mouth or nibble and even bite as a means of expressing affection. Knowing this helps to get along with them and understand how to handle them. Because of their wild origin they are very susceptible to disease. Therefore, extra care in housing and handling is imperative. Ocelots feed on nearly any kind of animal life, such as rats, rabbits, birds, snakes and most meats. They usually like fish and seafood of any type. In fact, they are not even afraid of water, which is unusual for members of the cat family. Their diet should be varied to prevent shortage of necessary minerals and vitamins. Feeding bone meal and glandular organs such as heart, kidney, liver, etc., allows nature to pick out needed ingredients. External parasites (fleas, ticks, lice) and internal (hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms) should be checked for and treated. Parasites tax the vitality and prevent good health in any pet.

Of the infectious diseases, the feline family's commonest and deadliest virus is infectious enteritis (panleucopenia). Proper vaccination with modern vaccines should be insisted upon, though much remains to be desired in preventing this disease. Good sanitation with isolation from carrier animals is the basic protection.

Phenol in any form is especially toxic to felines as are many of the modern insecticides, especially chlordane. Because cats commonly lick themselves to stay clean, they ingest any chemical on their skin.

Feline surgery such as declawing, removal of the canine teeth, desexing, etc., in no way differs from procedures in the domestic dog and cat except anesthetic and general restraint require extra attention and

caution. Ether is the safest anesthetic, although in proper hands, many tranquilizers and injectable anesthetics are entirely satisfactory. Too little rather than too much is a good motto in using anesthetics.

If ever a bedside manner pays off, it is in dealing with cats. Veterinarians should be felinophilistic, as cats can sense a person who is ailurophobic.

The heat period in the ocelot and margay is usually evidenced by a change in character. The cats' disposition will actually vary from normal. This is natural and needs recognition, or a mistaken diagnosis can result. A history of slight discharge, frequent urination and swollen vulva should help in diagnosing the condition. I have known felines in heat to appear nervous, unsettled, restless, rub against objects, meow constantly, roll on their backs and act as if in pain. The gestation period is 63 days. The average litter is 2 kittens.

Many difficulties have arisen in commercial attempts to raise ocelots and margays. This has kept the supply low and the demand high because of the challenge and rarity of owning such an exotic pet. The value of these beautiful animals should be recognized by veterinarians who handle them and the owners and patients will respond to this extra attention.

* *Edwin J. Frick, D.V.M.*
Manhattan, Kansas

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Dr. Edwin J. Frick is "chief" at the Veterinary Department of Kansas State University at Manhattan. He is, as well, director of the Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, Kansas. The above article is reprinted with his authorization.

It is suggested that members of LIOC present this reprint to their veterinarians when their cats need attention. This is especially recommended if the veterinarian is unfamiliar with ocelots.

HOMECOMING

MAHARAJAH (Continued from page 1.)

as told by Bobby Kerle
5 North 7th St. Trafficway
Kansas City 1, Kansas

(Ed. note: Bobby, the bobcat, is only three or four months old. Please bear with her. We think she has mastered people language surprisingly well. Perhaps she is over-zealous in orthography.)

Dear frends: please reed four thot nott four grammer.

i hav moved round sew much in thee las 3 weeks i dont know ware 2 begin. 1st my mommy told me i was goen away, 2 bee a gud girl an cum bac a sea her sum time. i was with lott of other little boys and girls four a while until 1 night i was putt inn an old box an told i wuz goen away again. i thot knowbody loved me.

i heard someone say she will bee there tomorrow an then a big noise. i didn't hav any bed sew i sat up awl night. later i heard that noise again an sum people talking and as it has rained i was cold and hungry. i walked in my box, scratched an tryed two tract attention. i wanted my mommy an tryed two sleep and then thee top of my box opened and i crawled upp sum ones arm, lade my head on there shoulder an went two sleep. I wuz tired. wen i woke upp my new mommy had sum warm cream four mee an i drank it awl. i wuz wrapped inn a blanket an buy a stove.

i felt warm again after my meal an my new mommy an daddy lett me sea my new home. i went everyware. they showed me my bed, litter box, new sister (gosh shes big) an they had a piggy bank for mee. after my siteseaing they picked mee upp put mee on a table an told mee what i had two do. i was two uz my litter box, buy my own food. an pay 50¢ a night four my bed. i only had 39¢ inn my bank sew i slep with them. Mommy and daddy puts awl there pennies inn my bank sew i guess i can stay.

my bed iz built like an igaloo an just room enough two crawl inn. It is dark an warm inside an i sleep in it inn thee day time when they dont look and with mommy & daddy at night. mommy got upp 2 times in the night two feed me four 4 days butt now I get chicken wings, necks, milk, liver, steak and drank sum coke. My sister, Pepper, eats a lb. ov peanuts a week. she is silly. mommy lett mee look in the mirrow today and i thot i was pretty. daddy says i am ugley and makes mommy mad. daddy bought mee 2 nice collars with sparklers on them just like peppers. 1 two ware inside and thee other two sea people. i took my 1st car ride sunday an itt is fun. daddy says wee went 200 mil es but i wanted two keep going.

We stopped once were there was a lott of cars like mine an lots ov lites, green, red, yellow, oh a hundred ov them they sure looked pretty but daddy said a word i never heard. My big sister wants two play two rough sew daddy had a screen door put between rooms. i get two play in kitchen an bedroom 3 days and living and bath room 4 days. pepper just thee opposite. anything to keep pease in thee family daddy says.

i took a taxi ride two thee doctors as my little legs gott tired an mommy gott worried. i heard the doctor say aer back middle of january. i think they are upp two something. i heard he iz a mean man. mommy kisses me on the feet, ears, nose an stoack awl thee time an i try to return them. daddy says he is goen two take us two sea a si-ah-ki-trust what ever that iz.

this iz awl i no. i sure got a gud mommy an daddy an i am going two bee gud. "BOBBY"

requiring intravenous feeding and catheterization. Our pet has failed to grow to average margay weight but we find this has some advantages.

When he playfully leaps from the top of the breakfront, some eight feet high, and lands on your neck while you are writing at a table nearby, you appreciate his small size. It certainly doesn't keep him from getting on top of anything in our house, tops of doors being no exception.

His favorite sport is retrieving, but he quickly gets bored with an easy throw from one side of the room to the other. If there's a challenge like a toss to a high bookshelf or between the shutters and the window, he is actually grinning when he returns the ball. Raj prefers to play at night and sleep in the daytime on the highest shelf.

One box for sleeping was put as high as a sloping ceiling permitted. Raj would not go in the box but slept on top until a false front was put above the box tight to the ceiling. At the age of about one year he developed toilet habits that required the building of sand boxes with backstops. Four of these are strategically situated around the house. His claws were clipped weekly until he became a year and a half old, when it grew to be too big a chore for both Raj and the clipper, but especially the clipper. The job is now left up to him entirely and he seems to be doing a fine job using two tree trunks that have been set up in different rooms, the tops of which lead to sleeping shelves and boxes. He doesn't like to get into water if it comes up over his paws, and always drinks lion fashion, in a prone position.

As far as we are concerned Rajah is housebound. He has other ideas and several times has managed to elude us. His most spectacular foray was at the age of nine months. We were out for the evening and when we returned Rajah was gone. Enlisting the aid of friends and even two of Centerville's finest, we scoured the village 'til 3:00 A.M. After another hour of searching the next morning, we had about given up when we heard four or five jays scolding like mad at the top of a nearby tree. Looking up, there in the topmost branches was Rajah.

Rajah's first chance to meet a fellow margay, at least since he was six weeks old, came last Fall at the LIOC picnic at Amagansett. He played quite nicely with Mr. Pepys until the latter started to investigate his "cave" (carrying case), whereupon Raj became quite anti-social, scrambled inside and just sat at the entrance and growled. When they first started to play Tom Griffith, Mr. Pepys master, stated it wasn't quite fair as Mr. Pepys was de-clawed but Mike Baird, Spence's brother came back with a quick: "Yes, but he's bigger than Raj!"

BEST HOLIDAY WISHES

from

LIOC STAFF:

The Cisins and Carlotta
The Murrays and Sumi-San,
Mitsu-ko and Don Segundo Jose
The Coans and Lancelot,
Sabina and Sabu

NEWS FROM AROUND THE JUNGLE (Cont'd.)

NEW YORK (Continued)

Griffith, Brooklyn, N. Y. with Mr. Pepys
& Mrs. Jos. Anatra, Brooklyn, with Tabu
Marcia McMartin, New York City, with Flower Pot
Peter Chisholm, Lynbrook, N. Y.
Efrain Gonzalez, Baldwin, N. Y., with Sheba
Catherine and Harry Cisin, Amagansett, N. Y.
Meg Merrill, New York, N. Y.

Discussion started at 3:00. The first item was the proposed club postcard. The enlarged color picture of Aku provided by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nasman, was displayed and approved by those present. (Three thousand cards have since been ordered, but will not be ready in time for a sample to accompany this Newsletter, -- unless the printer surprises us.) Details for obtaining cards will be found on page 7.

Jayne Murray, Secretary of LIOC, reported on Newsletter mailing procedure, as follows. In effect a year membership brings each member 9 copies of the Newsletter instead of the six Newsletters which issue during any given year. With the issue preceding expiration, the first green expiration notice is sent warning the member that his year is up. Three additional notices are sent with the following three Newsletters (expiration plus two). If membership is not renewed after these three notices, the name is dropped from mailing list. When it is renewed, membership continues from the issue with which it would have expired. If a year or more has passed since expiration, renewals are treated as new memberships.

Those who want to know when their membership will expire can discover this by examining the envelope which brings a Newsletter. The labels are keyed to show the month and year of expiration. Example: 1/62 would mean January, 1962.

Jayne made a special plea for submission of questionnaires to her. She repeats the plea here to all members everywhere, -- particularly to those who own older cats. Information about these older cats is especially valuable. Please request additional questionnaire blanks if you need them. The time is drawing nearer when sufficient information will have been received to make a significant summary possible.

Jim Coan of Trenton, N.J. brought Lancelot, the 1-1/2 year old ocelot who so recently received nationwide publicity when he was expelled from Princeton University. Lance now officially belongs to Jim. Jim invited the club to meet at his home for the January gathering, but has since asked us to postpone Trenton as the meeting place until the March meeting. Jim's pair of cats, Sabu and Sabina, may possibly become parents at about meeting time. There is, as this Newsletter goes to press, no positive assurance that Sabina is pregnant, but we are all "expecting". Announcement of the next meeting (January 14th) in the metropolitan New York area is on page 8.

LIOC wishes to thank Dan Cronin for providing his lions for the November 12th meeting.



SPENARD, ALASKA

Richard A. Neitz writes us this "what is it" story. "I was rather tired of telling people what Tiny was and about ocelots. So many didn't have the slightest idea what he was or what an ocelot was. One night while on vacation we stopped at a tavern. Two young men sat at a table and naturally one of them asked me what he was. So, to save a long drawn out explanation I said he was a baby leopard. The other guy pipes up and says: 'That's funny, I thought he was an ocelot.' Man, I was sure embarrassed. I guess the truth isn't so long and drawn out after all!"

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Edwin Justman, renewing his membership, advises us of the growth of his feline family. "As you may not know, King, our first ocelot died at the age of 9 months with a liver ailment. Since then we have acquired four other ocelots: Mehow, 7 years old, Onza, 3 years, Prince, 1-1/2 years and Sabu, 5 months. Also we have a Jaguarundi, Rondi, 3 years old. The newest addition is Elsa, the lion. She is now 5 months old. We received her from Africa two months ago. She appears on WJBK, TV Channel 2. We are hoping by the first of the year to get a mountain lion which should be born by late January. Some of our other pets are Willie the Chimp, Mickey the Monkey and Nosey, the raccoon, -- also Red, the fox."

SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK

Carlotta found the following note in her Amagansett letter box from Shir Kahn in Southampton. The note was interpreted by Dr. Daniel Duberman, her "owner".

"Hello! Never say die, old girl! We ocelots never give in. I damned (Ed: Shir Kahn is rather outspoken) near shrunk to 5 pounds to do it but I won! I get chicken and beef to eat now -- not that old wholesome, nutritious, well-balanced, nauseating (Ed: UNTRUE. It's delicious.) dog food. Ugh!! So persevere, all you ocelots. Spread the word!"

MC COMB, MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Leigh Klotz, 119 Harmony Lane, McComb, Miss. writes as follows:

"I extend a most cordial invitation for any club member to visit with Shere Kahn (not to be confused with Shir Kahn of the preceding item) any time they are in this vicinity. We are located 120 miles north of New Orleans, 75 miles south of Jackson, Miss, 60 miles east of Natchez and 140 miles northwest of Biloxi. Now that almost pinpoints McComb.

"Shere Kahn is something of a celebrity here. People whom I do not know will stop me on the street to ask about the 'lion,' 'cheetah,' 'leopard,' or what have you. She frequently has visitors, both strangers and friends drop by our home to see her.

"Once I took her to Jackson, Miss. to show her to my friend, Irl Bennett, Director of the zoo there, and there was a larger crowd around to see Shere than to see the zoo animals.

"Another time I parked my car in Brookhaven, Miss. and went inside the store leaving Shere in the car. When I came out a huge crowd had gathered. A policeman was directing traffic around the people who had overflowed to the center of the street."

BELLEVEUE, WASHINGTON

The saddest news we've heard is from Mr. & Mrs. Harold Johnson, 2413 - 127th N. E., who had three ocelots, Sheba who had been theirs for nearly two years, and a 3-1/2 year old mated pair, Jade and Topaz who had been given them by a Seattle member Carol Kirkendall. Esther Johnson writes: "Two of our ocelots, Jade and Sheba, died late in August. We do not know what caused their death: They both died about the same time on the same night. Autopsies were not performed, but their stomachs were checked. They did not die from enteritis, nor were they poisoned since the stomachs were empty.

"We felt very sad at our loss. Our small boys missed their "Sheb" as they called her, quite a bit at first, but have almost forgotten her now as small children do.

"Topaz, Jade's mate, was very lonely. My husband was worried that Topaz might die of loneliness, so we gave him back to Carol Kirkendall. This morning we were again saddened by the uncalled-for death of Topaz. Mrs. Kirkendall had leashed him outside. Somehow he got loose. The Seattle paper reported that Topaz was shot by the sherriff who was called by a frightened neighbor."

Esther and "Bud" Johnson are now looking for someone who has a small ocelot kitten for sale. Will anyone who knows of one please contact them directly?

KENMORE, NEW YORK

Mrs. Gene Evans reports that Cleo, her 2-1/2 year old ocelot (cover girl of the September 1960 Newsletter) has been on the sick list. The veterinarian's diagnosis was infection in the uterus. Her temperature was 102.2 and she responded to injected penicillin and oral medication of chloromycetin.

It is quite possible the infection will recur. Gene is hoping that Cleo will continue in good condition until the Spring when she expects to have Cleo spayed, provided it is then necessary, and Gene can summon the courage to order it.

COLOR CLUB POSTCARD

Color postcards are now available, showing on picture side a young ocelot lying on beach facing camera, one paw on a small piece of driftwood. His paws are wet from recent submersion. In the near background is beach grass, blue sky above. **On the address side of card is a brief statement of the purpose of LIOC.** Sample on request.

Cards are available at Club Headquarters, Amagansett, N. Y., at cost, in lots of 40. Send \$1 for each lot wanted.

Back Newsletters

For the benefit of recent members who wish to avail themselves of the wealth of information contained in previously published Newsletters, as well as those who wish to fill in their files, back issues of the Newsletter are available at a cost of \$1.00 per calendar year.

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Long Island Ocelot Club
Amagansett, New York



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.

"EXCHANGE"

Long Island Ocelot Club maintains a continuous list of "available" and "wanted" cats. Beginning with this issue, the list of ocelots, margays, pumas, etc. in each category will be published whenever a Newsletter goes to press. To make this service effective, close cooperation of members is needed.

Tell LIOC when you have an animal you wish to sell or to place. Tell us when you want a cat. In either case give complete information: species, age, special requirements and price. MOST IMPORTANT tell us when your requirements have been met, since the list will reissue until the Club has been advised either that the cat is no longer available or no longer wanted. If buying or selling, giving or taking, please contact people concerned directly.

Available

RANI - 7 month old male ocelot, 15 pounds, no surgical alterations.
Jeff Ricardeau, 28 W. Warren, Detroit 1, Michigan (Phone: TYler 5 8536)



Wanted

OCELOT AND MARGAY for exhibition at SUNSET PARK ZOO. (donation) Dr. Edwin C. Frick, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

PUMA - South American, male, 1 year, declawed but not castrated. Bill Deacon, 205 Mark Twain Avenue, San Rafael, California (Phone: GLenwood 4 3186)

OCELOT KITTENS - please see "New Members", page 8; See item upper left, this page: Mr. & Mrs. Howard Johnson

NEXT MEETING

BEAUTYLAND, INC.
329 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.

SUNDAY, January 14, at 2:30 PM

Beautyland, Jerry Heywood's shop, is close to subways (Call Jerry at NE 8 5258 for specific directions) and for those who will be driving, Flatbush Ave. is a main artery: 329 is in the "downtown" section of Brooklyn. If transportation from Long Island is desired, contact Peter Chisholm, 200 Atlantic Avenue, Lynbrook, for details. Peter will bring you.

PLAN TO COME! Bring your felines and your friends. The meeting will be devoted to cats and people with a minimum of club "business". New postcards will be available.

WHERE TO GET HIM

The September, 1960 Newsletter (Vol. 5 No. 5) carried notice that Ambassador Aquatic and Bird Company of Johnstown Penna. was prepared to supply LIOC members with ocelot or margay kittens at a cost of \$75, including a serum shot, -- life of the animal guaranteed up to 72 hours after arrival.

At that time this source was unchecked. Since then have had confirmation from Mr. George A. Griffith

AMBASSADOR AQUATIC AND BIRD COMPANY
1098 Confer Avenue
Johnstown, Penna (Phone: Johnstown 77-888)

who advises that during the winter months shipments are made from Ambassador's Florida Compound, and otherwise from their Pennsylvania Compound. They have been in business since 1948.

A McComb, Mississippi member, Harold Causey, ordered a female ocelot from Ambassador in November. The cat proved to be very satisfactory -- docile and healthy. However laxity in informing Harold when the shipment was to be expected to arrive caused her delivery to be delayed three days at the Express office.

LIOC does not know what accounted for the delay, but we strongly urge anyone who orders a cat, regardless of where it is ordered, to follow his transportation very closely and carefully.

Renewal Members

LEONARD BROOK, New York, N. Y.
PETER CHISHOLM, Lynbrook, N. Y.
JAMES E. COAN, Trenton, N. J.
CHARLES GUYETTE, New York, N. Y.
MR & MRS LARRY HOLT, Cincinnati, Ohio
MR & MRS EDWIN JUSTMAN, Detroit, Michigan
MR & MRS RICHARD NASMAN, Brooklyn, N. Y.
IN NOAKES, New York, N. Y.
& MRS RUSSELL SCHROEDER, Paramus, N. J.
& MRS BERNARD SLATOR, San Dimas, Calif.
MR & MRS KEN WEATHERBY, Green Cove Spgs., Fla.
MURIEL WHITE, New York, N. Y.
MR & MRS STAN YALOF, Escondido, Calif.

New Members

ROSWELL W. BONNELL, 24 Corsi Road, Bloomfield, N. J. as yet has no ocelot. He is investigating.

HAROLD D. CAUSEY, P O Box 691, McComb, Mississippi, is no stranger to ocelots. His cat, "Podner", has recently been provided with a female ocelot named "Sheeba".

MR & MRS BILL DEACON, 205 Mark Twain Avenue, San Rafael, California (NorCal) have quite a feline family. Oscar, four year old ocelot shares his home and play with Gwendolyn, South American Puma. Please refer to page 2 of this Newsletter for Bill Deacon's own story.

MISS N.GAIL DRINNEN, 44 Glenwood Drive, Napa, California (NorCal) has a pair of young ocelots, "Willow" and "Judah". Willow is slightly older than her mate, but weighs ten pounds less.

MR & MRS KENNETH I. HATFIELD, 3200 N.W. 79 Street, E-536, Miami 47, Florida, own a nearly mature margay which they call "Mittens", who was brought from his native Peru by a friend.

MR & MRS STEVE ORDEN, 2 Center Drive, Flower Hill, Roslyn, L.I., N. Y. are the proud owners of a 7 month old ocelot who bears the villainous name, "Iago". When last heard from he was hiding in a paper bag scheming.

MR & MRS JOHN PEARSALL, 3931 Bayo Street, Oakland, California (NorCal) have recently lost a pair of ocelot kittens. Cause of their death was not determined.

MISS BARBARA PERRY, 2157 Atlas Peak Road, Napa, Calif. lost her large male ocelot a year ago. He did not recover from anesthetic administered for clawdectomy. She is looking for another ocelot now.

MR LIEGH L. KLOTZ, 119 Harmony Lane, McComb, Miss. has a 2-1/2 year old ocelot named "Shere Kahn". Intimate pictures of Shere, taken during a visit to her veterinarian are scheduled to appear in an early Newsletter. Please refer to page 6.

MISS MARCIA MC MARTIN, 25 West 13th Street, New York, N. Y. owns a young ocelot with blue gray eyes, and with the unusual name, "Flower Pot".

MATTHEW F. MINICHELLA, 2524 So. Camac Street, Philadelphia 48, Penna. is investigating the possibility of owning an ocelot in the near future.

MR & MRS RICHARD NEITZ, 3801 Artic Blvd., Space 9, Spenard, Alaska own a young cat (judging from pictures we think he is a margay) they call "Tiny". For Richard's story, refer to page 6.

MR & MRS ROBERT B. TAYLOR, 369 Winding Way, San Francisco, 24 California (NorCal) own "Circe", fifteen pound, year old ocelot.

MR & MRS DION VIGNE, 1503 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, (NorCal) have "Sir Lancelot" who promises to be a big ocelot. At thirteen months he weighs thirty pounds.

MRS D. L. WILLITS, Star Route, Box 1512, Tacoma, Wash., purchased "Bombon" as an ocelot, and is anxiously waiting to see whether he will be an ocelot or a margay. "Like any graceful jungle cat, he capers and scampers up and down a madrona branch -- down to eat, up to sleep," writes Mrs. Willits.