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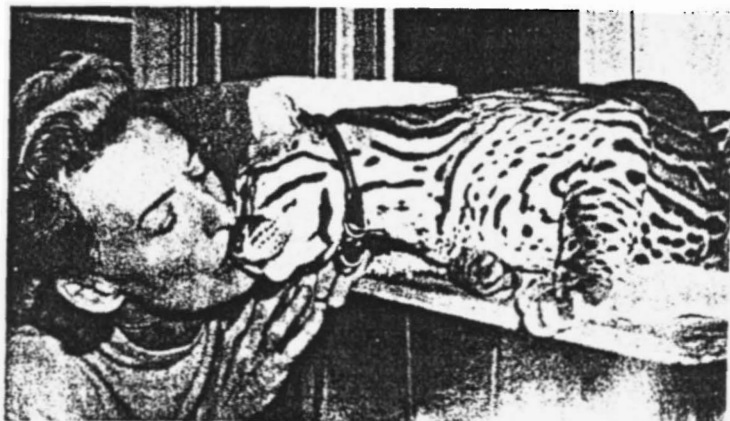
# NEWSLETTER

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CARLOTTA came to reside with the Cisins at Amagansett, New York when she was a kitten nearly seven years ago. She is sometimes confused. Harry named her "Carlotta" partly because the syllable "lot" occurs in "ocelot" as well as in "Carlotta" and partly because it suggests her latin origin and regal appearance. Since then she has been called by many names. Currently Harry calls her "Sweetheart" and Catherine calls her "Love Doll".

All names seem to be temporary and Carlotta is oblivious of such human noises unless she hears her proper name, or the noise best described as a "kiss" noise. To either of these she promptly comes running, expecting either a dish of her favorite beef heart (with blood), or a "smooch".



Carlotta was directly responsible for the formation of the Long Island Ocelot Club. She has since been its guiding force, ready at all times to share her experience with her friends everywhere. She has travelled to many parts of the country to greet them personally and is always ready for another invitation to travel.

People who see her unanimously agree on her beauty. Most are surprised by her striking eyes which are silver-gray by daylight as the irises stretch and tawny by lamplight as they contract. Her sleek, short coat has rusty overtones. As she approaches seven years of age, her figure becomes "matronly" even though her weight does not exceed thirty five pounds well distributed over her large-boned frame.

## CARLOTTA and Catherine Cisin

### NEXT MEETING

at the photographic studio of  
BILL SYZDEK  
305 E 45 Street  
New York, N. Y.

Sunday, March 11  
at 3:00 P.M.

Please come prepared to tell us all about your favorite subject (your cat, we'll wager,) -- and with suggestions as to how the club can best serve you.

# MIXED EMOTIONS

By: Jayne Murray  
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## WHAT CAN BE DONE ?

The shocking news concerning the shooting of Topaz, Carroll Kirkendall's ocelot, by the police has raised the question, "What can be done to prevent this kind of incident?"

It has been suggested that the licensing of these animals might afford protection. Perhaps it would, against police shooting. The idea certainly deserves consideration and should not be cast aside, but licensing offers no protection against shooting by persons other than the police. An ocelot or margay on the loose has many human enemies, for the hunter considers them game and a rare trophy, the greater portion of the public believes they are vicious animals from which they need protection. This is paradoxical because our exotics need to be protected from the public and will continue to need protection as long as people are unfamiliar with their domesticity, falsely classify them as wild and fear them.

It is human nature to fear that which is not known or understood. We must take that into consideration because we can dispel people's fear, disprove superstitions and beliefs more effectively if we know and understand their apprehensions. We know and love our pets. We know how affectionate they are, what wonderful pets they make when properly handled and trained. We know these things: a majority of the public does not. The markings of the ocelot and margay which we think are so very beautiful, mean "wild" to most other people, for such markings are commonly associated with tigers, leopards and jaguars, all feared for generations by man. The fact margays and ocelots are much smaller never seems to enter the public's mind.

Although more and more people are learning about our "exotics" there is still a vast number who have never heard of them, or are unaware of their status as pets. An incredible number of people believe that these animals will attack a stranger and are terribly afraid of them because of this false conviction. Having no understanding of feline behavior they are not familiar with the known fact that felines (even the big ones) prefer to run away and will use a channel of escape, if it is available, rather than attack a human. This is an important fact we should stress when discussing our pets with non-owners.

For countless generations common cats, dogs and certain farm animals have been considered domesticated. All other animals have been considered wild no matter how or where they live. The public judges an animal wild by species without consideration of the disposition, training or habitat of the individual animal. This is not a realistic way of judging an animal "wild", and we should try to correct it. It is sometimes difficult to explain the difference between a wild animal and a domesticated animal, but the "How and Why Wonder Book of Wild Animals" written by Marlin L. Keen, edited under the supervision of the U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, Washington, D. C., gives the following definition of a wild animal which will help tremendously:

"A wild animal is one that lives entirely without the aid and care of man. It does not depend on man for either food or shelter or protection. A tiger in a jungle, a rabbit in a field, a polar bear on the Arctic ice -- all are wild animals. If you think carefully about this definition, you will see that any living thing that is

not a plant and is not taken care of by man is a wild animal. This would include a fish, an oyster in the sea, insects and even the tiny one-celled animals that we can see only under the microscope."

It is not going to be easy to change the public's conception of a wild animal as opposed to a domesticated pet. It is going to take time, patience, restraint and understanding. But if we ever hope to have our pets understood instead of feared, accepted instead of rejected, -- it is a job that must be done.

Every owner member has been asked the same questions countless times, -- questions that, because of repetition perhaps seem foolish to those of us who know these animals so well. We can't afford the questions put to us about our pets, or permit the urge to give a curt or smart reply to creep in. We must be willing to give intelligent answers no matter how many times we are asked the same thing. Each time the questions are asked by a different person. Each time we answer we are giving information to one more person who may be interested enough to discuss what he has learned with others. We are the only ones who can give facts instead of fiction. It is the only way we can slowly but surely get the truth across to the public.



REBEL (German Shepherd) and ROBERTA (S. A. Puma) are playmates and friends. They are both Domesticated Animals.

Photo by Bruce Denning taken at the 1/14/62 meeting (See page 7) of the NorCal Branch of LIOC at the home of owner, Howard Ackers in San Leandro, California.

## MIXED FELINES (CONCLUSION)

(The January Newsletter carried Bill Deacon's account of his feline and human family, -- two Siamese cats, an ocelot, a South American puma and three children. Bill, himself, describes this account which concludes here, as an "orgy of self-satisfaction.")

By: William T. Deacon  
205 Mark Twain Avenue  
San Rafael, California

A few observations in general for the benefit of those contemplating the acquisition of such pets:

With Children - We have found that it is quite possible and safe to raise these cats and children simultaneously, with supervision of course. Our cats seem to have an instinctive understanding that the children shouldn't be roughly played with, and an exceptional patience when the children fail to treat them in like manner. They will "stalk" the babies at times, a natural form of play, producing a natural form of hysteria on the part of grandparents, but otherwise harmless.

Pens or Cages - Starting out with Oscar (ocelot) I first built a huge pen, 12' x 8', complete with tree and other decorations to provide a jungle milieu, but with three moves since then, and the observation that Oscar much preferred our furniture, tables, icebox, etc., pens are now of minimum size to contain bed, toilet and shelf, easily kept clean. Since the cats refer to sleep most of the day, these sleeping pens work out quite well. Plenty of exercise for them (and us) is provided by allowing them complete freedom in the house and sometimes yard, for the entire evening. These pens are combined in the garage and take up a total area of 6' x 8' x 6' high.

Pets Age at Acquisition - As I stated before Oscar was six months old when we got him and has always been terribly nervous around strangers. Gwendy (puma) was much younger, six weeks, and is now never disturbed by strangers in the house, remaining very calm, although somewhat reserved, and is even now manifesting a considerable interest in bridge and the players. I would suggest acquisition at the earliest possible age, but it should be recognized that there is much greater risk of fatality during the first three months.

Puma Peculiarities - A rather shrill "tweet" or "chirp" as a call or greeting. When first heard, a lengthy search for a bird in the house is made, but after much investigation is traced to the puma. First begun at about three months and getting louder and more frequent at ten months. A most incongruous sound, along with the conventional growls and purring, and a source of continual amusement.

**OBITUARY** Many of us well remember Baron Leon Van der Elst who was active in LIOC until he went to Brazil three years ago after attempting to start a Belgium Branch. All of us are shocked to learn of his demise after a motorcycle crash. Leon was 32 years old. He and his wife, Arianne and young son, Gabriel, lived in Guapi Mirim-Mage, Brazil.

## OPEN LETTER to the Sheriff

(on letterhead of  
The Animal Crusade Group in Everett

written by  
Mrs. Carrol Kirkendall  
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Seattle 55, Washington)

Sheriff Tim McCullough  
County-City Bldg.  
Seattle, Washington

December 16, 1961

Dear Mr. McCullough:

I have always had faith in our law enforcement officers. In situations of amazing variousness the citizen could call on the sheriff or police and rest in the comforting assurance that these men, always ready to be of service, would answer that call and handle the problem intelligently and adeptly. Stalwart men -- dedicated men -- men of understanding and action. These men have our respect.

But I find that not all officers of the law fit into this category. The officer or officers concerned in the very recent shooting of this family's beloved pet ocelot, TOPAZ. Men of action? Definitely! Unthinking, brutal action. Doubly shocking in that it was absolutely unnecessary. And this fact cannot be denied.

I did what I thought was my duty to do and what I thought was the first thing to do to protect Topaz when I found that he was missing. I called the Sheriff. I also called the humane society, a television station, two radio stations and alerted all the neighbors in this vicinity. I asked your help to find him and to insure his not being hurt if he was seen. I gave you all the information you asked for and what I thought you needed to give me help in this matter.

TOPAZ was four years old. He had at least fifteen good years left to live. Four years of intensive training had gone into making him what he was -- a thoroughly domesticated and gentle animal. (You will recall, I'm sure, that I told you this.) His gentleness is attested to by scores of people who knew him including children for whom he had a special affection. I have talked with everyone directly concerned in this matter and find that Topaz proved his training in this situation as I knew he would. **What happened to your trained man?**

I don't know how much time and money, some of which I provide as a taxpayer, are spent to train your officers. I don't know how well trained they are generally, but in this specific situation this officer either wanted to kill the animal in question, or he is a man who is unable to function intelligently when confronted with a basically minor problem. In either case, he most certainly should not be entrusted with **a gun or any other kind of weapon.**

Even if, under the trying circumstances, Topaz had been aggressive, it was not necessary to shoot him. Was the officer afraid of this small, lost animal. Then why did he not call the zoo or the humane society since, for some strange reason, the owner was not considered. All that was needed was a phone call that would have taken only a moment and an inoffensive animal's life would have been spared along with the owner's request for help being honored. Did the officer think he was on safari bravely dispatching a charging tiger? He told me that Topaz did not show signs of being aggressive. Then **WHY DID THE OFFICER SHOOT HIM?** I just can't understand this, nor can anyone else. But most of all, I can't

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## Another Side of the Picture

By Elise Denning (NorCal)  
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Hayward, California

\*It sometimes seems to me that too ideal a picture of ocelots as pets is presented in the Newsletters, with mostly such things as medical problems discussed. I know that each owner knows the problems of keeping his pet (destructiveness, housebreaking, danger to other pets and possibly, superficially, to persons) and if he is willing to tolerate them, so be it. The prospective owner often doesn't know the seriousness of these problems and finds them difficult to cope with when he encounters them.

Even knowing what to expect in advance, these problems are difficult to cope with and more problems than one expects are likely to turn up. Whether or not a situation can be created which gives both a good life for the ocelot and tolerable conditions for the owner is a question that could probably be discussed for a long time.

I want to give an accurate account of an episode of Pepper, our ocelot and our female Siamese cat, Soo-si, and express myself on some of the less pleasant aspects of ocelot ownership. I made a mistake and it seems that with ocelots your first small mistake is likely to have serious consequences. I was feeding Pepper a piece of fish through the wire of his outdoor cage and had a chicken head to give him afterwards. He had been off his feed for several days but fish was something different and he ate it eagerly and became quite excited. I opened the door a crack to throw in the chicken head, not noticing that Soo-si had come into the yard and was sitting only a few feet behind me. Pepper started to push out of the cage and I pushed him back quickly. He bit my hand hard, leaving two punctures about a quarter of an inch deep. Somehow I was not able to get the door closed and he squeezed out. I recall having the flash thought that he might go after the chicken head but he went after Soo-si. He caught her half way across the yard and jumped on her, growling and biting. Somehow she got loose and ran to the patio where she tried to climb the fence, but was stopped by the chicken wire we had strung at the top in a 45 degree angle to keep the cats in our yard. Pepper fell on her again. By this time I was screaming for him to stop and trying to pull him off. Finally he let go. Fortunately I was standing next to the sliding doors that open onto the patio and quickly put her inside the house.

I was amazed that she was not injured worse than she was. She had one eye bruised and two bad tears on her left front leg which had to be sewed up by the vet. She recovered well, fortunately.

Other less important bad aspects of ocelot ownership are the constant undivided attention that must be given if the ocelot is loose in the house in order that loved possessions not be destroyed. This led eventually to Pepper's being confined to his cage much of the time. Also there is the problem of housebreaking. In one case I have personally observed people could not furnish their home with carpet or permanent drapes because their margay was not housebroken. Pepper is fairly good, but on occasion he would "goof" on the wallpaper or curtains. A moderate allergy of mine which occasionally got bad, made it necessary to move Pepper completely out of the house.

Pepper spends most of his time in his cages (indoor and outdoor) although my husband plays with him often and has him out in the yard.

I am not convinced that such an animal is better off living as a pet than in his natural environment except that once it has been done to a particular animal, it can't be undone. Undoubtedly an ocelot does form a dependent attachment to the person who feeds and cares for it, but what else does it have in such a life? Only in special circumstances are they well off.

The furtherance of ocelot ownership appears to me to be in many cases more for the pleasure of the owner than for the best interest of the cat. From observation of Pepper's behavior when we got him, I know that getting used to a new environment is very difficult for these animals. Popularization of ocelots as pets is also one of the causes of the commercial trade in ocelots which is responsible for the deaths of so many young kittens.

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### OPEN LETTER (Continued from Page 3.)

understand why, in four instances in which your men knew of Topaz's whereabouts, there was not the slightest effort made to contact me. Yet, and this is food for thought, the moment that he was dead I was called and informed that you had shot him. There was no trouble remembering my name and my phone number and that I had called in. Explain this to me.

Did the officer who shot Topaz receive his orders and simply disregard them? Or did my message, my call for aid go no further than the officer to whom I appealed for help?

From a monetary view your department destroyed valuable property. No amount of money would have bought Topaz from me. If he were for sale on the market he would command a good price taking into consideration his training, his proven disposition and his complete adjustment.

What is your office doing to guard against a thing of this kind happening again? I am sure that you are aware of the public reaction to this affair. One thing you can do for me personally. You can help me obtain another ocelot. As I see it this is no more than right. The officer who shot Topaz should be held accountable and anyone else in the department who is at fault.

In all sincerity,

(Signed) Mrs. Carroll Kirkendall

## 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.

There are six issues per year: **Vol. 5 - 1961**  
Vol. 1 - 1957, Vol. 2 - 1958, Vol. 3 - 1959, Vol. 4 - 1960  
Send request and remittance to club headquarters:  
Long Island Ocelot Club  
Amagansett, New York

# Report of Meeting

January 14, 1962  
Beautyland, Inc.  
327 Flatbush Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

Approximately fifty people attended, with five ocelots and one margay. Members present were:

Jayne and Bill Murray, Amawalk, New York  
Lillian & Richard Nasman, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
H. W. Johnson, Bellevue, Washington  
Dorothy Marchese, Floral Park, New York  
Barbara and Peter Piechochniski, Hollywood, Cal  
Michael P. Balbo, D. D. S., Long Island City, N. Y.  
Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Anatra, Ridgewood, N. Y.  
Daniel Cronin, New York, N. Y.  
William J. Syzdek, New York, N. Y.  
Armand Kechejian, Jamaica, N. Y.  
Marvin and Marion Winter, Bronx, N. Y.  
John & Stella Mercer, Jersey City, N. J.  
J. E. Coan, Trenton, N. J.  
Marcia McMartin, New York, N. Y.

A letter from Art Mathews of Arlington, Calif. reporting another domestic ocelot birth, was read. This letter is printed in its entirety on page 7. Jim Coan reports Sabina's pregnancy to have been false.

The date of this eastern meeting coincided with the meeting of the NorCal Branch of LIOC at Howard Ackers' home in San Rafael, California. It was a coincidence that Bud Johnson of Bellevue Washington (neighboring northern California) was in attendance at the Eastern meeting. Bud Johnson was a former owner of Topaz, the ocelot which was shot by the Sheriff's deputy in Seattle. Bud submitted for inspection a brochure setting forth the injustice of this killing. The brochure has been widely circulated in the area where Topaz had lived.

Jayne Murray read an "Open Letter to Sheriff Tim McCullough of Seattle from Carroll Kirkendall, the last owner of Topaz relating to this killing. This is printed on pages 3 and 4 of this Newsletter.

Jayne reported the story of the death of her beloved ocelot, Sumi-San, telling in quite complete clinical detail, the findings of the veterinarian who performed an autopsy. Sumi-San was one of many club ocelot to have died during the past year of indefinable causes. Eve (Frey), Felix (Lane) and Circe (Tayler), Jade, Sheba (Johnson) It was suggested that the club request that autopsies be performed on member cats which die from mysterious causes. **THEREFORE: LIOC WILL PAY FOR AUTOPSY REPORTS.**

Members hesitate to think of their pets in terms of autopsies. But ocelots do die and the reasons why are invaluable in keeping others healthy and happy until they have had opportunity to complete their natural life-span. **TO THIS END, WHEN YOUR OCELOT, MARGAY OR OTHER "EXOTIC" DIES, IF CAUSE OF DEATH WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL (FALL, COLLISION WITH CAR, SHOOTING, OR NOT RECOGNIZABLY FROM ENTERITIS OR FAILURE TO DETOXIFY ANESTHETIC) PLEASE ASK**

**YOUR VETERINARIAN TO PERFORM AN AUTOPSY, INCLUDING NECESSARY LABORATORY TESTS.** This is particularly important for mature animals where the causes of death are not readily recognizable.

Report should be mailed to Dr. Daniel Duberman, Blue Cross Animal Hospital, Southampton, New York, or to Dr. Duberman c/o Long Island Ocelot Club, Amagansett, N. Y. Invoice (not in excess of \$25 except under unusual circumstances at the discretion of the veterinarian) should be mailed to Long Island Ocelot Club, Amagansett, N. Y., for prompt payment.

A letter from Jim McDonald of New York City and Texas was read. This letter invited a responsible potential home for his six year old neutered male ocelot, Caligula. This cat was shown on the cover of the Newsletter, Vol 3 No. 1, January, 1959. Jim does not want to part with Caligula. Changes in his pattern of life make it necessary. Any interested member, please write James Mc. Donald, c/o J.M. Jacks, Box 153, Hamilton, Texas.

Sultan (Winter) who made the acquaintance of all at the meeting, is currently appearing in the Avianca ad (South American Airline) in such magazines as Newsweek, New Yorker, etc -- a beautiful ocelot in a beautiful ad.

The Kitty-Wink Kollar, manufactured and marketed by Kitty Wink Products, P O Box 665, So. Miami 48, Fla. under the direction of new member, Dorothy Stavig was shown and tested. It is a continuous black "velvet" collar studded with rhinestones. It is designed to be ornamental rather than a restraining collar. Its closure is unique and while very strong, it has not been tested in action, or over a period of time, on ocelots.

The new club color postcard was very enthusiastically received, much to the impish delight of Aku's mistress. Here lets clear up a point. Several people have concluded that the appealing ocelot which gazes out of the postcard as though asking someone to caption the picture, is Carlotta HE IS NOT! He is Aku, owned by Lillian and Richard Nasman of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harry Cisin read aloud the sad detailed letter from R. H. Kerle and Dolores Kerle of Kansas City, Kansas, reporting the events which lead to the death of their young bobcat, Bobby She caught a claw in a bed-spring, twisted and broke her leg. She was taken to the hospital at Manhattan, Kansas for treatment. After ten days, Bobby was returned home without the leg having been set. During this time she had contracted enteritis which, two days later, caused her death.

From Bobby's misfortune we can all learn that while it isn't always possible to protect a cat from accidents, the risk of exposing them to highly contagious enteritis can be minimized to almost non-existent by taking the precaution of having young cats immunized and by having older cats protected by yearly "booster" shots. Catherine Cisin recalled that Carlotta's case of enteritis occurred a few days after she had been taken to a veterinarian at a zoo for examination. Carlotta is one of the relatively few ocelots which now enjoys permanent immunity having recovered from enteritis .

Next meeting -- March 11. See page 1.



## Publicity Begins at Home

By: Frances Tweet  
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Charlotte, N. C.

What can be done if an animal gets out accidentally and is lost? Probably various members will have suggestions as to what to do. I think we ought to explore the possibilities so that some sort of plan can be put into effect immediately if an animal is lost.

The worst danger, as I see it, lies in the fact that the animal is "unusual" which in the eyes of many people immediately makes it suspect. This makes quick action all the more necessary. And -- the pet animal will be trusting.

A. One problem is getting the word to "the right person."

A lost animal is almost sure to be seen by someone. But that person may not read the "Lost and Found Column" or may not listen to the radio and so on. The best chance of alerting that particular someone is to use as many different means of "publicizing" the loss as possible. Since newspapers are too slow and the radio reaches only a limited number of people -- make handprinted notices and post them around the area where the animal is lost. In an urban or suburban area, post notices everywhere in ever widening circles. Put them on telephone poles, at bus stops, school entrances, grocery store fronts and at any place where many people will see them. Most people will be attracted and curious about handprinted signs where they wouldn't notice a regular commercial one. An 8" x 12" sheet with colored inks, crayons or markers can be used.

B. Many people do not have the vaguest idea of what an ocelot (or other exotic pet) looks like. Even if they hear that one is lost they may not be able to recognize it. A picture or likeness on the notice will not only attract attention to it but also will help people to identify the animal. A picture which clearly conveys that the animal is a pet will help dispel fear. If the aid of police is asked, I think it would be well to get permission to post a notice in the police station so that the police will know what they are looking for. The notice also may provoke discussion so that many will soon know about the particular animal that is lost.

C. Then there are those who wouldn't be bothered unless it was worth their while. But if enough money were involved they would be willing, even anxious, to exert considerable effort to rescue the animal. A substantial reward -- a specific amount -- creates more interest than just a vague "Reward Offered," which some people might interpret as, say, \$5.

Will all members please address their reactions to my suggestions to me, so that a standard, effective procedure for recovering lost animals may be evolved. My address appears at the top of this column.

### COLOR CLUB POSTCARD

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

Available at Club Headquarters, Amagansett, N. Y. at "cost", in lots of 40 cards. Send \$1 for each lot.

## News from Around the Jungle

A NEW CAT IN BATON ROUGE, LA. arrived at the home of Al and Eileen Mechana (4075 Fleet Drive) on Wednesday, December 20th. She had been in shipment from New York City since the previous Sunday, "so you can see why we named her PATIENCE", writes Eileen. "Of course, our patience was worn much thinner than hers. She is an adorable pet and has been from the moment we picked her up in New Orleans. We just did not realize how affectionate an ocelot could be. Patience comes up with something new each day. She weighs ten pounds at three months and is growing each day."

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ATHENS, GREECE -- from Mrs. Hope Naylor (Houston, Texas when at home). "No wait! Don't judge me as one of those monsters who go to Europe and must get rid of their pets. "O-child" (margay about which Hope Naylor wrote in the November, 1961 Newsletter) is safe at home with the other half of his family while I spend a few weeks in Europe with my mother. But frankly -- I miss Bob and that adorably affectionate margay more than I imagined I ever would."

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LOKI, advises Mrs. Peg Kessler, derives his name from the Nordic God "Loki" meaning mischievous demon or god of destruction, depending upon which reference is used. Ocelot, Loki, has been trying to live up to his name, hampered from time to time (he is now 2-1/2 years old) by intermittent bouts with osteo which developed after removal of his claws, as readers of the Newsletter will remember. He has had some of his toes removed, but seems not to miss them at all. The Kesslers are hoping soon to add a puma to the family which now includes three children and Loki.

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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS -- an obituary -- "Bobby" Kerle, Born July, 1961, Died December, 1961. "With heavy heart and tears in our eyes we convey to you the fate that was dealt our pride and joy, -- our little bobcat, Bobby. Loved by all, with the most wonderful disposition, well mannered and a beautiful companion, we will miss her always." R. H. and Dolores Kerle.

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DALLASTOWN, PENNA. -- JoAnne Zimmerman reports about her cats. "Our Dandy Lion is living out side this winter. She is in the best of health, has a beautiful coat and is a wonderful pet. She 'squeaks' to us when she wants attention. She loves to be brushed and fussed with. She is 75 pounds now. Our new puma cub is named 'Little Lion'. I feed him occasionally by hand but he is very hesitant about humans. With time and patience he should be as good a puma as our Dandy Lion. About our ocelot, my first love, Dandy, -- after a whole year now I have finally found a toy that is safe for him. An ice cube! He plays as long as he can with it and has a wonderful time."

## ANOTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA KITTEN

Art Mathews, 3488 Halsted, Arlington, California, reports:

Simba and Rodan did it again. This time 2 male kittens were born December 20th. First born and smaller of the two didn't last overnight, but the other one, quite noisy the first day or two, only cries occasionally now (two weeks later) when he wants more dinner. Rodan doesn't seem to mind our handling her new baby, but doesn't want more than two persons around at a time.

The little kit opens his mouth and hisses when you pick him up and makes a tiny growl which seems to come in chunks and after a few moments quiets down with a little stroking on his head. He shuts his eyes with a bored attitude.

Simba and Rodan are five and four years old respectively. Counting their new litter, seven kittens have been born to them, Maja and a little brother in the first litter (6/10/59), Simba and Timba in the second (5/2/60, and a little male in the spring of 1961. Only Maja, the first born, and the newest kitten are alive today.

We nearly lost Maja with bad **anemia again (her second attack)**. After two blood transfusions from an ocelot, "Artie" borrowed from Blackie Blackford in West Los Angeles, and numerous iron shots, we finally pulled her through. She has gained a lot of weight -- very active -- but has lost the use of her right rear leg. We keep massaging it but with no effect. **But she has such a strong will to live** we just don't have the heart to put her to sleep. Even so, she might be expecting in March. Simba (her father) saw to that.

## NEWS FROM THE NORCAL BRANCH OF LIOC

Bruce Denning, 26390 Adrian Avenue, Hayward, California reports:

We held our second get-together Sunday, January 14th at the home of Mrs. Muriel Ackers, 572 Beverly Avenue, San Leandro. Present were eleven people and eight cats, as follows: Muriel and Skip Ackers, -- Eta-tan (0), Tuffy (0), Roberta (ML), Juan (J) and Cocoa (J); Bill and Shirley Deacon, Jessie and Jeff Metz -- Rajah (0); Loralee and Dion Vigne -- Lancelot (0) (a big one); Bob and Pat Tayler, Bruce Denning -- Pepper (0).

The occasion was Tuffy's birthday and Roberta's anniversary with the Ackers. The guests began to arrive at 2:30 and stayed until 7:30. Unfortunately Dr. Lorber was unable to attend. We were anxious for him to take a look at Cocoa, the jaguarundi. She is developing what looks like a maternal bulge and this would be one for the book. HER CAGE-MATE IS ETA-TAN, an ocelot. We were wondering what to call the kittens if she has any, jaguarots or ocelorundis? Has anyone heard of this type of offspring? Dr. Lorber says it is possible since they have been cage-mates since they have been in the same family. Flu and widespread changes in telephone numbers in this area reduced expected attendance. So far our meetings have been social in nature. We will postpone election of officers until we have better attendance and are better acquainted.

Dion Vigne is an excellent movie cameraman and is working up a series on our cats for possible use on television. The Taylers advise Circe (0) died of hepatitis. Symptoms are very similar to enteritis. She is the second ocelot in this area to have died a week after enteritis shots. The first was thought to have had enteritis, but now hepatitis, too, must be suspected.

## NEW ENGLAND NEWS

Reported by Al Roberts, 37 Forest St. Needham 92, Mass.

I understand that Sleepe's (Marlboro) ocelot, "Chip" had to return for treatment of his dew claw to Dr. Wolf in Mattapan. Nothing serious, but annoying. Chip now should have no further trouble. He is fast becoming a mature cat. Well I remember how I held him in the palm of my hand when he first arrived, sound asleep on his back.

Our own Samantha is still having trouble with one dew claw even after a second operation. Dr. Wolf states that as long as there is the least bit of "seed" or tissue it is possible that a form of claw can re-occur. However, it doesn't seem to bother Sam for she uses the paw like a boxer, making lightning-like jabs to my face when she feels coy.

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Stafford of Cambridge have given shelter to Simba, the ocelot formerly owned by Roland Telleiere of New Bedford, Mass. Simba will be seven years old in March. Rick was a member of LIOC in 1960.

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# "EXCHANGE"

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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

PODNER - 2 year old, 30 lb. untamed ocelot, surgically unaltered, \$25. -- Harold Causey, P O Box 691, McComb, Mississippi. Phone: 9134-2242-J.

LANCELOT - 16 month old, 25 lb. ocelot, \$70, (Princeton "graduate"), surgically unaltered, gentle, exceptionally well adjusted -- J. E. Coan, P O Box 2099, Trenton, N.J. Phone OWen 5 7747

## Wanted

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

PUMA cub -- very small, in exchange for moderately tame year old lioness. Careful about using her claws. 180 lbs. Leigh L. Klotz, 113 North Broadway, McComb, Mississippi. Phone 2818.

## From the DOCTOR'S OFFICE

Dr. Morton Wolf  
745 River Street  
Mattapan 26, Mass.

Phone: Hyde Park 3 4205

### A TECHNIQUE OF ANESTHESIA AND DECLAWING OF OCELOTS

The patient must be in good health, vaccinated, and free from parasitism. Prior to surgery the owner places the patient in a small air tight carrying case or light shipping crate. This crate must have a small window and one or two ports which can be opened and closed readily. Ether soaked cotton is placed in the case and additional quantities may be administered through the ports which are then closed. The patient must be observed very closely, and after a short excitement period will enter a light plane of anesthesia. At this stage the patient is removed from the carrier and the anesthesia is continued via the open cone method.

The toes are thoroughly washed with phisohex, rinsed off and then alternately swabbed with alcohol and zephiran 1:1000 for three applications. I use a white nail trimmer and make certain that the nail removed including the unguis crest of the distal phalanx. Kerospray or furacin powder is dusted on the operative site and to control any bleeding a mild pressure bandage is applied. The owner is instructed to remove the dressings on the following day. As a prophylaxis I administer 1/2 cc of bicillin and 1/2 cc of conbiotic. There is apparently no evidence of pain or discomfort postsurgically.

- Advantages:
1. Rapid recovery from anesthesia and no hangover effect.
  2. No need for a preanesthetic drug.
  3. No need for elaborate restraint.

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IF YOUR VETERINARIAN HAS NOT HAD EXPERIENCE WITH EXOTIC FELINES, please ask him to consult with a club veterinarian. The life of your cat may be at stake. Exotic cats differ in many phases of diagnosis and treatment from common cats.

If nearer to the East Coast, have him phone

Mount Vernon 4 2784  
Dr. Theodore Zimmerman  
17 West Grand Street  
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

If nearer to the West Coast, have him phone

Atlantic 3 2571  
Dr. Joseph Lorber  
3703 Mount Diablo Blvd.  
Lafayette, California

PLEASE !!!

## New Members

MICHAEL P. BALBO, DDS, 21-04 - 46 Street, Long Island City, N. Y. hopes soon to have an ocelot. In the meantime he would like to either buy or borrow 35 MM slides showing an ocelot 1. -- full face and 2. -- entire cat, -- to assist him in his hobby. "I like to paint and would like to do an oil of an ocelot for my collection." Michael adds: "I have also done some research on ancient civilizations of Mexico and South America trying to find a special name for my cat. I was amazed to find out in Aztec and Mayan civilizations the cat was worshipped."

MR & MRS DONALD HARPER, 1115 N. W. Gilliam, Pendleton, Oregon have the distinction in being the first Oregon LIOC members. Their young ocelot, Sinbad, has already received acclaim in the local paper, the "East Oregonian".

MR & MRS EUGENE KLEIN, 47 Tudor Court, Springfield, New Jersey. "Every time the phone rings, we jump in hope that it is news of our ocelot," writes Vera. "If it is a girl, she will be called 'Ixtacihuatl' after the Mexican volcano. If it is a boy he will be 'Popocatepetl'. We have decided to name our animals after volcanos that we have seen or climbed."

MR & MRS JOHN MERCER, 19 Kensington Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. will call their ocelot kitten "Simba" when he arrives. He has been on order for over a month.

MR & MRS HENRY G. RIEGNER, 503 Fourth Street, Brooklyn 15, N. H. will not be ocelot owners in the near future due to the fact that they travel constantly.

MR RICHARD A. SEITZ, 40 West Columbia Street, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.

MRS. DOROTHY STAVIG, (KITTY WINK PRODUCTS) P. O. Box 665, So. Miami 43, Fla. manufactures collars which she suspects are being worn by many ocelots since the sizes being ordered are much too large for common cats. Her cat, Yo-Yo, is a Manx.

## Renewal Members

HOWARD ACKERS, San Leandro, California  
DANIEL CRONIN, New York, N. Y.  
ROBERT HUNTER, Indianapolis, Indiana  
MR & MRS ARMAND KECHEJIAN, Jamaica, N. Y.  
MR & MRS JOHN KESSLER, Shavertown, Pennsylvania  
DR. GERARD NASH, Farrell, Pennsylvania  
L. O. NEZVESKY, DVM, Trumbull, Conn.  
DENISE PIERRON, Wantagh, L. I., N. Y.  
LYDIA SPORLEDER, Wilson, N. Y.  
MR & MRS CARL TOMEO, Manhattan Beach, Calif.  
E. LYMAN WOODARD, Owosso, Michigan  
JOANNE C. ZIMMERMAN, Dallastown, Pennsylvania

