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SAFARI

Safari is a miniature margay. At full growth he is about the size of a small Siamese cat. He lives and travels with Earl and Michell and two Siamese cats. Their home is in Paradise Point, Crystal River, Florida. -- See Page 3 for Safari's story.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, January 13, 1963
2:30 PM
BEAUTYLAND, INC.
329 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.
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EVERYBODY WELCOME! Bring your cats, your cameras, your friends and your problems. Subjects for discussion will include review of the dental problem covered at the last meeting; longevity in exotics in domesticity; pouch which most of our cats develop -- its cause, its purpose; the problem which perplexes you as an owner of an exotic. Please come prepared to share and enjoy discussion!

NUTRITION

PART I of three parts.

By: Frances Tweet,
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If there is much that is not known about nutrition of domestic cats, there is an appalling lack of knowledge about proper feeding of cats of the wild varieties that have been transferred from their native habitat to civilization.

Human Nutrition

Since there is little information about cat nutrition but a mass of information about human nutrition, let's look at a bit of that in order to get an insight into the result of diet deficiencies.

Deficiency Diseases

"Many nutritional deficiencies, such as partial hungers are called, have no external symptom, although they compromise health. Others reveal themselves openly as typical diseases -- the deficiency diseases. The number of such deficiencies is very great, their intensity is variable and their possible combinations practically infinite. The commoner deficiencies are those that result from an inadequate supply of proteins, of certain fats, of mineral salts and of certain vitamins."

"Hidden hunger poses complex diagnostic questions. It is often very difficult to identify specifically the lacking elements because others are, at the same time, abundantly present."

"At the same time in history that social progress was making ever more infrequent the famines that had been so common during the Middle Ages, attacks of specific hunger were becoming more frequent and more serious. Today hidden hunger constitutes the most typical form of man-made hunger."

Dietary Monotony

"There are various reasons why latent deficiencies have developed so disastrously among the more civilized human societies. First, there is the dietary monotony which results when civilization leads man to base his alimentation on a restricted number of food elements. If the diet of primitive groups is compared with that of civilized man, the most notable difference is in the variety of foods available."

"A study of the primitive populations of the Gold Coast showed that the inhabitants of one small community in that region of Africa included in their diet some 114 species of fruit, 46 species of leguminous seeds, and 47 species of greens. This spectacular variety of foods differs sharply from the limited habitual diet of any European or North American group."

"In thus limiting his diet civilized man has increased the likelihood of chronic shortage of certain essential nutritional factors, a situation that a widely varied diet would tend to correct. When many different foods are eaten, specific deficiencies that may develop one day are made up in the next, while on a monotonous, never-changing diet the deficiencies are consolidated, and grow worse as time goes on."

Hunger for Minerals

"An otherwise complete diet which lacks a proper quantity of calcium for example, or of iron, will seriously upset any living thing that consumes it."

"The fact is that the mineral content of a given food is extremely variable, depending on a number of factors, but principally on the local soil type."

"Students of nutrition recognize more types of deficiencies than starvation . . . These other forms are less spectacular, perhaps, but they are of much greater social significance. They affect a greater number of people and their action is continuous, working from one generation to another."

"It is true that larger protein rations for parents bring about a better resistance to disease in the young and an increase in the percentage of those that survive."

Result of Diet Deficiencies

"Malnutrition works indirectly by reducing the organism to a state of debility in which it is no longer able to resist fatal infection."

(For those who want to read more about the phenomenon of hunger, I recommend THE GEOGRAPHY OF HUNGER, from which the above quotations were taken, by Josue de Castro, of the University of Brazil. The book is published by Little, Brown and Company. 1952)

Nutrition of Exotic Cats

With this bit of background on the seriousness of diet deficiencies in humans, let us turn to the problem we are concerned with here -- proper diet for certain of the exotic cats.

One of the first things we should realize about the cats we have brought into our homes is that while we may have changed their behavior into that of tamed animals, we cannot effect a change in their physiological requirements.

We often talk of approximating the diet that an ocelot, for instance, would be able to obtain in the wild, but this isn't an easy thing to accomplish and I'm afraid in many cases our efforts in this direction aren't very successful.

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In PART II which will appear in an early Newsletter, we will discuss natural and unnatural diets for cats.



NEW CATS

TOP CAT

A Cheetah Among the Easterners

"A month ago (in October) I finally got my cheetah!" writes JoAnne Zimmerman of Dallastown, Penna. "She is eight months old, 45 pounds and close to five feet. I have already taught her to come to me, sit and shake hands. She is very jealous of Dandy Lion (puma) so I have to keep them separated. Poor Dandy has to take a slight back seat, but TOP CAT hates being caged. She has the run of the house. She is really spoiled but she is a wonderful pet and we all love her."

(Ed: TOP CAT shares the Zimmerman hospitality with a pair of pumas: Dandy Lion, two year old, 110 pound girl and Little Lion, one year old 125 pound male.)

JEHTU & LISA

Jaguarundi and Canadian Lynx, Respectively

"There are two newcomers to our group," writes Frances Tweet, Box 66, Indian Trail, N. C. "One is from the 'far south' and the other from the 'far north.' The first, a red jaguarundi, is from Ecuador and the other is a lynx from Canada. It would be difficult to imagine a greater contrast in appearance as well as personality, than that of these two kittens.

"Jehtu, 4-month old Jaguarundi (he was 5 weeks old when we got him) has a 'long'nose and pointed face, long neck, very long, streamlined body with a long tail. His fur is short and sleek, paws dainty, head exquisite with delicate features. His personality could be described as volatile. His impulsive action is unbelievable fast. **In a jump he can change direction in mid air by jumping toward an object and then using his hind feet to propel himself forward in another direction.**

"Lisa, the Canadian lynx at 2 months (six weeks on arrival) with her thick fluffy fur, is roly-poly. **Her face has a 'flat'look, nose not projecting, no neck (it seems), body short and compact, legs long, paws 'oversize'.** At first we thought she had left her tail in Canada -- but no, she has a very abbreviated tail with the black tip that characterizes the lynx in Canada. Calm and placid in disposition, she conducts herself in a dignified, deliberate manner. She loves the domestic cats and 'talks' to them in polysyllables. **At least it sounds that way.**

"On both cats we used a series of serum injections (every two weeks) until age 3 months, which is the age we think best for enteritis vaccine."

SNOOPY

A very well Educated Bobcat Tells his Own Story

Hi! My name is Snoopy. I have a big sister (domestic cat) named Pepper. She used to go riding everywhere but now I get to go. I think she is jealous and wants to leave home all the time. I took my first ride on the cycle last week and it is fun but I like the car better because I can sleep on the way. I started to school about 3 weeks ago but learned so fast the language that I am now in high school. Sometimes Daddy calls me a "little lummix" and Mommy calls me "peep, peep the road runner and stinkweed." What do they

mean? I got so many playthings the place looks like a bomb shelter. I got 2 nice collars, both black to match my clothes. They have rugs in every window sill for me to sleep on so I won't catch cold. The vet says I am the best little boy he has ever had come to see him. I have taken all of my shots and he says I have no rickets or worms and will grow up to be a big boy.

Mommy kisses me all the time and I can't wait for Daddy to come home to romp with me. He kisses me too. And I am a boy. Funny people, these humans. Every time I roll over they say I am worth a \$100. They should be pretty rich pretty soon. Daddy says I am going to break him because I eat like a pig. Pepper says she's going to turn them over to the humane society for the way they treat us.

(Snoopy neglected to say he is about four months old and lives with C. and D. Kerle at 5 N. 7th St. Trafficway, Kansas City, Kansas)

SAFARI'S STORY

(Ed. Safari has been across the continent several times. A rough estimate of the mileage he has accumulated during the six years he has lived is 15,000 miles, counting only his "big" trips. His latest jaunt from Florida to Minnesota and return is reviewed by Safari, himself.)

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I'm back home again after a 4,000 mile trip. I didn't do anything important to distinguish myself but I did meet some very interesting people. It took me over three weeks to come home from Minnesota because I stopped so many places to visit ocelots.

In Charleston, W. Va. I visited Pokey (Trevillian). He is a beautiful, very fat, sleek ocelot. And a very lucky one too. He has a perfectly beautiful home. And that Margaret Carol is a doll!

We went to New Market, Virginia to see Baby (Eichelman). I was almost afraid to go there for Michell has always been so crazy about Baby. And he was just as loving and adorable and beautiful as ever.

Then we went to the Tweets' "Cattery" in Indian Trail, North Carolina. I have never seen so many cats in my life. All kinds. The cutest one is Lisa, a Canadian Lynx. What a personality! I know we would have brought her home with us but the Tweets were crazy about her too. And I know Frances is the most kind-hearted person in the world. And she's pretty, too. They even took me to Biendonada's (puma) doctor to get my nails clipped and a booster shot. They had been told how I shriek and scream just to get my nails clipped (the shots I don't mind) so Frances and the doctor were very surprised. I didn't!

My Siamese sister had her 20th birthday while we were gone. She stood the trip fine. I sure love that cat! I hope she'll be ready for our next trip when the time comes. I will. I love to travel.

The Live Trap

By Catherine Cisin

An ocelot is missing! This startling discovery strikes terror in the heart of the owner. Many LIOC cats have suddenly found themselves confused by separation from their customary haunts. Suggestions have appeared many times in the Newsletter as to what to do to get them back safely. However, recent experience which involved the recovery of Jose, domestic-born four year old ocelot owned by Jayne Murray, secretary of LIOC was so rewarding that an age-old "new" suggestion is made here.

José had been at large in a rural, but populated area hundreds of miles from his home for nearly a week. During this time he killed fifteen chickens. He had been seen during this interlude in the vicinity of the nearby chicken yards. At one of these, after José had been sighted, a conventional veterinarian's device, the noose, was used. This was literally within two inches of being successful, but the cornered cat turned and walked straight up a wooden wall and again disappeared. Jayne, in whom he has complete confidence and to whom he might be expected readily to respond, could not be present. He deftly retreated from all who tried to catch him. He successfully dodged three police bullets. But he was hungry. It was then the live trap which rescued Jose, was set.

Because this device is so extremely simple and can so readily be built by anyone with a hammer or screw driver and a few boards, generalized details are given here. I emphatically suggest that every owner of an exotic cat either make a life trap or have one made to fit his cat.

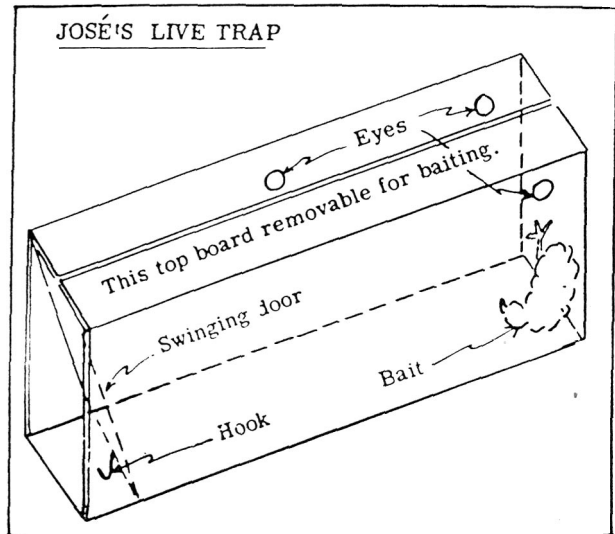
José's live trap looks as much as anything like a coffin. A trap for a 35 pound ocelot would measure approximately 6 feet long, 20 inches high and 16 inches wide. This may seem somewhat longer than necessary but this length gives assurance that the animal will be well inside the trap before he touches the bait. One end of the box is the entrance where a comparatively heavy, gravity actuated door is held lightly open by means of a conventional hook used independently of its matching eye, poised at the raised end (bottom) of the door. To this hook is attached a nylon cord, light but strong. This cord passes through two or more "eyes" spaced along the inside top of the trap, and it is tied to the bait which is on the floor at the end opposite the door. The bait must be just far enough away so that the cord is taut enough to hold the door open until the slightest tug at the bait will dislodge the "hook", allowing the door to swing shut. Jose's trap was baited with one of the chickens he had killed.

If the owner is fortunate enough to learn approximately where his pet is, there will be no question about where to set the trap. If he has no clue, he must remember that experience has shown an ocelot at large will not wander far from familiar territory. A well covered spot should be chosen with the door facing away from any open areas. There should be a hidden watcher or other alarm so that the animal may be recovered as quickly as possible after the trap is sprung and the cat, in his trap, may be taken home.

Regular dress rehearsals after the live trap has been perfected and before it becomes necessary to put it to use, will familiarize the cat with his trap. His food can be given to him in his trap without setting it so he will be led to expect he can find food where his trap is. Local law enforcers should be advised that the trap is in use so they can know recovery is imminent.

Those who saw the film, "Hatari" will remember the live trap used to catch a leopard. Comparison of the strength of a 300 lb. leopard with, say, a 10 lb. margay may seem ridiculous, but the margay in the mind of the average neighborhood resident represents a leopard.

To be prepared to recover an errant pet when the occasion demands can mean the difference between his life and his death.



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.

MEETING REPORTS

The Long Island Ocelot Club met Sunday afternoon, November 18th at Beautyland, Inc. 329 Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn, N. Y.

Members in attendance were: Jayne and Bill Murray, Amawalk, N. Y., Roy Weiss, Seaford, N. Y., Harry Malcolm, Seaford, N. Y., Richard Seitz, Hempstead, N. Y., Mike Balbo, Long Island City, N. Y., Jerry Heywood (hostess), Dorothy Marchese, Floral Park, N. Y., Catherine and Harry Cisin, Amagansett, N. Y., Lillian and Richard Nasman, Brooklyn, N. Y., Barbara McGinley, Jamaica, N. Y., Anne and Mel Becker, Elmhurst, N. Y., May and Tim Cavale, New York, N. Y. -- and Vera and Gene Klein, Mountaintop, Penna.

It was a first meeting for the Kleins, the Beckers and Barbara McGinley. The Kleins had hoped to meet member ocelots and margays after travelling in from Mountaintop, but because of inclement weather, seven ocelots and two margays did not come.

Teeth

Discussion of alteration and removal of canine teeth as outlined on page 2 of the last Newsletter, was under the direction of Michael Balbo, D.D.S. Mike read a letter he had received from American Museum of Natural History, Dr. Anderson, Assistant Curator, as follows: "Like you, I find it hard to believe that there is no serious risk of infection from cutting the canine teeth to the pulp cavity. This is, of course nothing more than my own opinion, and your experience as a dentist probably qualifies you to guess what the result would be."

Mike reported having phoned Harris Groten, DVM, of Uniondale, L.I., to ask him to file down his ocelot's teeth. Dr. Groten felt it was a dangerous procedure which might result in infection. Mike checked with Dr. Zimmerman who told him that when teeth are filed and the nerve is exposed, nature had a way of taking care of it. Mike, himself, favored just slight rounding of the tips of the canines, but not sufficient to expose the pulp, which Dr. Zimmerman had done for Mike's Brutus.

Complete removal (only if necessary) was favored by some. Daniel Duberman, D.V.M., who was not present but who heard the tape recording of the discussion, favored removal rather than severe cutting. Jayne Murray later stated: "I agree with Dan about complete removal. I am still not convinced that such an opening as is left in the ground tooth would not cause infection at some time in the animal's life." Removal of canines at the "bud" stage (before the tooth emerges from the gum) was not considered since when the cat is young enough to have buds, it is too soon to know whether his canines will need alteration. No comments had been received by mail from members or their veterinarians.

Air Purifier and Deodorizer

Jayne and Bill Murray who had attended a cat show the previous evening, brought with them a machine they had purchased there which seems to be the answer to Jose's spray odor. Jerry Heywood tested the machine with various perfumed sprays, the scents disappearing almost immediately. She further tested it with an open dish of permanent wave lotion, a most obnoxious odor. It, too, was deodorized. It is suggested that anyone who seeks solution to cat

odor investigate the negative ion producing machine tested here. They are available in the small electrical appliance department of the local department store or discount house. They are not to be confused with "Puritron" -- principle of operation is much simpler, and price is lower.

Two members who have tested the negative ion producing machine have found it valuable. Jayne Murray's house, when it is in use, "smells like a breath of spring" in spite of Jose. Dot Marchese reports that a member of her family who has an allergy to margay, Zorch, so intense that she could not stay in the room with Zorch, has no problem while the machine is in operation.

Members everywhere are invited to suggest subjects for discussion. Please forward your problems and "puzzlements" to headquarters.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH

The Northern California Branch of LIOC met Sunday, November 18th, at the home of Muriel Ackers, 572 Beverly Avenue, San Leandro, California.

The following is a partial list of members and guests present: Lewis Melton, San Francisco; Ruth Kreiss, San Francisco; Dion & Lorelee Vigne, San Francisco; Bob and Pat Tayler, San Francisco; Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Beckley, Santa Rosa; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Harris, Milpitas; Charles Lake, San Francisco; Delbert Cheers, Sacramento; Mr. & Mrs. Ben Ford, Milpitas; Mr. & Mrs. John Allen, San Diego; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Haldeman, San Leandro; Jean Grimes, Hayward; Paul James, San Leandro; Mr. & Mrs. Delmar Brengman, San Jose; Mr. & Mrs. Owens, Pendleton, Oregon; Nina Eames, Frances Hill both of Antioch; Mike Gallagher, San Francisco; Milton & Leona Roberts, San Mateo; Mrs. Hartzel, San Mateo; Muriel and Howard Ackers, Jeff Metz and Bruce Denning.

In all there were better than fifty persons during the afternoon and evening with 11 ocelots, 3 jaguarundis, 2 pumas. The meeting was largely social, consisting of much visiting and discussion. Bruce Denning conducted discussion of exotic felines in domesticity. Delbert Cheers gave a talk on ocelots and jaguars in their native jungle. Several persons are interested in obtaining bobcats. We have had much trouble in obtaining healthy kittens, and as a result, Mrs. Ackers is ordering some directly from South America at about three weeks of age. She will bottle feed them until they are old enough for their new owners. Most of the older kittens have died of enteritis or intestinal parasites shortly after arrival.

Plans are not quite ready for the next meeting. It will probably be held in February. Notices will be distributed locally since details will not be coincident with the March Newsletter.

Reported by -- Bruce Denning



News from Around the Jungle

VITAMINS ??

Suzanne Scharwenka, 78 Pine Street, Chatham, N. J., relates the experiences of her margay, Luanda, suggesting that other members might recognize some of Luanda's symptoms and appreciate how important vitamins are to the well-being of their pets.

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For a couple of weeks prior to her complete "breakdown", Luanda stopped jumping to her favorite resting places such as the top of the refrigerator. This culminated in a complete inability to jump, even to a chair. She also limped pathetically, cried, and her legs twitched.

We took Luanda to Dr Zimmerman's office in Mount Vernon. He examined her and though her physical appearance was normal and her legs were not bowed, the symptoms indicated a vitamin deficiency. For the past two months I had not been giving her Vi-Syneral and Per-vinal. She was enjoying her food so much more without the vitamins, but I was really sacrificing her health so that she might enjoy her meals more.

I wonder how many other ocelot owners may be negligent in this area?

Dr. Zimmerman attributed Luanda's condition to a lack of calcium and Vitamin D. He gave us some vitamins, additional to those I mentioned above, and also told us that sun lamp treatments might do Luanda some good. In the summer she gets sun on our enclosed porch, but in the winter she spends most of her time indoors. (Ed: The beneficial rays of the sun cannot penetrate ordinary window glass). So now when Luanda watches television, we turn on the sunlamp so she can get her "winter tan."

Her nervous twitches and complete inability to jump only lasted that one day. Now she does her normal broad and high jumps with only a little hesitation. She doesn't relish her chicken as much as she did when it was "vitaminless", but when the vitamins are mixed in well, she doesn't seem to mind too much. The additional vitamin pills which Dr. Zimmerman gave her I disguise inside little balls of chopped meat.

Luanda is nearly two years old.

RUFUS APPEALS FOR STAND-IN BOBCATS

Jim Yoakum of Reno Nevada has sent LIOC the synopsis on his bobcat's new motion picture. This was found to be very entertaining, especially since one of our club bobcats will have the leading role. "The title is THE WAHOO BOBCAT," writes Jim. "It is to be released by Disney Productions. The movie is currently being filmed and will be in the making until the beginning of 1963. The location is a 40 acre island in a swamp down in Florida. As I understand it, the movie plot is built around the daily life of an adult wildcat living in the swamp. He is a large animal with many experiences in fishing, meeting other wild animals, evading alligators, etc. After the location filming is completed, it will

probably take another year or so to edit the finished product. It is interesting to note that after completion, over 200 man YEARS labor will go into this movie! Quite a chunk of man-labor to show the magnificance of one of our 'wild' felines.

"Substitute bobcats are needed, for the weather is warm and often filming may last only 15 minutes a day with only one animal. They need both kittens and adults. Should anyone care to help Rufus, I would greatly appreciate hearing!" (Jim Yoakum, 1345 Princess, Reno, Nev.)

BACK FROM SAFARI

"I am back safe and sound," writes Lydia Sporleder, Wilson, New York, who spent a good part of last summer visiting Europe and on safari in Africa, "but with a lot of work piled up waiting for me. To turn my two ocelots, Rebel and Mr. Lovely, loose in the house for two and a half months is to invite a drastic cleaning up process.

"I saw and photographed countless thousands of animals of many species. In Nairobi I chartered a Piper Cub and flew in to Serengeti with the pilot. That day I saw 26 lions, 1 leopard, 4 cheetahs, hundreds of gazelle and many zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, etc. The tsetse fly has been killing off lions and I had bad luck seeing others the days we were in some of the game preserves, but the day in Serengeti made up for it. I told the Game Warden what I wanted to see were Simba (lions) and within 5 minutes we came across two big lionesses basking on a rock beside a stream. That was only the beginning!

"At Lake Manyara lodge they had the autographed pictures of the movie stars who had made Hatari and used this area; at a nearby crater we came across the rain forest jungle where many Tarzan films were made. It was a surprise to see "The Nile", a recent TV presentation, had used the very area up to and including Murchison Falls where we had our launch rocked violently by a hippo beneath it.

"In the perhaps distant future I hope to have a cheetah. The young cheetahs I saw were still with their mother and it would be a while before the adult came in season again. There is no reason to believe that in Ethiopia or Somalia it would be any different and that is where my cheetah would have to come from since where I saw cheetahs (in Kenya and Tanganyika) they were in game preserves.

"To keep my safari fresh in my memory, I brought home many souvenirs. Among them are zebra, lion and leopard skins and native bead jewelry. I have a little statue of a warthog. This creature is so ugly he is funny, especially when they run away and -- up goes his tail."

Ed: Lydia has been shopping among domestic dealers for a cheetah, and has arranged to have one shipped to her by a wild game hunter in Africa, should a cheetah become available there.



CARLA

A little over a year ago, in the hurricane season last year, Carla arrived in LaMarque, Texas. Mr. R. T. Fuller, Jr, who named her after the then current hurricane, writes the following report.

"We have had much experience with our girl ocelot, 'Carla'. She doesn't live with us now, but lives in an outside cage in back of the house. She seems to be very content living outside.

"We have had her declawed and plan to have her teeth filed down some. We used ether as the anesthetic with no ill effects. Carla was awake and alert within thirty minutes of the surgery. Her vet, Dr. Robert King, is a past master at declawing. I helped with the surgery and agree that it was more painful for me than for her. Dr. King used an electric needle and cauterized each toe after taking out the claw. There was not one drop of blood shed after coming home and no apparent pain.. Carla recovered completely within a few days and hasn't missed her claws.

"During the last winter she fared very well in 18 degree weather with no ill effects. She was quite active during the cold and didn't seem to mind it at all. Her bed is in a pickle barrel which we have filled with straw. She seems to stay warm there in the coldest of weather. I do believe that our hot summer was harder on this cat than the cold winter.

CONNIE HATFIELD AND PLAYMATE, MITTENS

Pictorial report of the friendship between the first "baby" of the Hatfield family, -- margay "Mittens" who is now two and a half years old -- and daughter Connie, who is considerably younger.



"I don't wish to give the wrong impression," writes Jean Hatfield of Miami, Florida, "I never leave the baby and Mittens alone, but they do get along very well in my opinion. Connie recognized his name first, and she will break out in a big grin and laugh when she sees him. Mittens adjusted as well as any animal who is the baby until a real one comes along."

Margay "Baby" Moser has had his name changed to "Tom", according to his owner, Henry Moser of Los Angeles, Calif., "...by reason of his being a full-fledged 'tomcat', never having neen changed one bit from the way nature made him. I did some close calculating and it came out that his birthday would either approximate mine, or come out exactly on the same date, so why not both of us celebrate?" Tom will be six years of age on January 2nd. Henry hasn't spoken for himself? He was the 92nd member to join LIOC in September, 1959.

INCIDENT AND SUGGESTION

Harry and I were driving along Southern State Parkway in Long Island, when suddenly a small military jet whooshed over our heads so close the violence of its passing rocked our two and a half ton station wagon. It barely cleared the utility pole which we were passing at the moment. In that split second we realized that in the next we might have been a mass of flaming wreckage and a statistic.

In the minutes thay followed we began to speculate as to what might befall our animals should we be suddenly removed from our animal dependents. Diesel, our common cat and Hannibal, our mongrel dog, who were at home at large in the house would have presented no problem. But Carlotta, our ocelot, at home in her cage would be very difficult for anyone who would not know how to handle her. She would fear strangers and feel it necessary to protect herself against them.

We decided as soon as we got home we would post a prominent notice near her cage. We would advise: "For assistance in an emergency, phone Dr. Daniel Duberman, AT3 1094,

This has been done. The suggestion is here passed to LIOC members owning exotics, especially adult animals, that it would be well for them to post a similar notice. It need not necessarily be the animal's veterinarian to whom "strangers" are referred, but perhaps to some friend familiar with the specific animal, or to a nearby LIOC member who is familiar with the species.

DO IT NOW ! ! !

-- Catherine Cisin



BIRTHDAYS

DON SEGUNDO JOSE DE SHEBA Y CHEETAH DEL ANDES. Jose, owned by Jayne and Bill Murray, Amawalk, New York, was four years old on November 17th.

DON PRIMO JESUS DE SHEBA & CHEETAH DEL ANDES. 'Sus, Jose's senior by almost a year, is owned by Bernard and Mildred Slator of San Dimas, California. He was five years old on December 17th.

(Ed: Listed here are only those cats who have "birth certificates" i.e., those whose births were witnessed by LIOC members. Other such birthday cats which occur at other times during the year will be listed as they occur.)

"EXCHANGE"

LIOC plays no part other than "advertising" cats which are available and cats which are wanted. If buying or selling, giving or taking, please contact people concerned.

AVAILABLE

Ocelot, male, two years old, unaltered surgically, weight: 30 pounds, \$100. -- Mr. George Reio, 632 Gerrard Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Margay, female, 2 years old, declawed. Would sell, reasonable, -- Mrs. Michael J. Kaschak, 19 Center Drive, Cedar Cliff Manor, Camp Hill, Penna.

WANTED:

Ocelot, over six months old. Either declawed female or declawed, altered male. "We have so much love to give an ocelot, I can't begin to tell you how much we want one." Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Klein, 32 Garden Avenue, Mountaintop, Penna.

"EXCHANGE" RESULTS:

Pair of Ocelots, advertised in the last Newsletter, were taken by Mr. & Mrs. C. V. Chester, Rt. 5, Dutch Valley Road, Clinton, Tennessee. This pair, Flower Pot and Tough Stuff, have joined Sabu and Sabina (previous Newsletter). The Chesters hope to find a breeding combination.



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 per calendar year. There are six issues per year. Vol. 1 = 1957, Vol. 2 = 1958, Vol. 3 = 1959, Vol 4 = 1960, Vol. 5 = 1961, Vol. 6 = 1962.

Send request and remittance to club headquarters:

Long Island Ocelot Club
Amagansett, N. Y.

New Members

MR & MRS FRED C. BAILEY, Harrisburg (Penbrook), Pa. Their ocelot, Prince, is now 6 months old, an import from Columbia, S. A., weight: 12 lbs. "He is a very wonderful animal. Everyone loves him and he is most gentle. Very kind with children."

MARGARET A. DALSON, Mamaroneck, N. Y. Her young ocelot is known simply as "Willie". He is the only ocelot in a household of many poodles.

MR. & MRS PETER MCGINLEY, Richmond Hill, N. Y. Ocelot, Andamo, shares his home with an adult parrot who has learned to say "MAIOUW". Andamo is the newcomer. His reaction to the parrot is somewhat more enthusiastic than the parrot's.

MR & MRS S. J. PASQUINELLI, Compton, California. Mayme Pasquinelli solicits information on the mating of ocelots. She has four adult cats (two pairs) named Fang, Tisha, Tiki and Cindy. She offers suggestion for deodorant: made by Pet Chemicals, Inc., Miami, Fla.

MICHAEL SCHAMROTH, New York, N. Y., does not have an "exotic", but is interested in an ocelot.

T. STANLEY, South Miami, Fla. shares an understanding relationship with his young ocelot, Rufus. He has taken many photographs of all species of cats and, of course, many of Rufus. Perhaps one day one of these will appear in a Newsletter.

MRS ELIZABETH V. WILSON, Reno, Nevada owns Rama VI, her 22 lb, 13 month old ocelot. She explains that he is her ninth cat.

(Local addresses of members listed here are available on request.)

Renewal Members

Michael P. Balbo, Long Island City, N. Y.
Spencer Baird III, Cape Cod, Mass.
Harold Causey, McComb, Mississippi
Delbert Cheers, Sacramento, Calif.
Peter Chisholm, Lynbrook, N. Y.
Dan Cronin, New York, N. Y.
R. T. Fuller, Jr., LaMarque, Texas
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hatfield, Miami 47, Fla.
Bob Hunter, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. & Mrs. John Kessler, Shavertown, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Klein, Mountaintop, Pa.
Art Mathews, Orange, California
Mrs. David Millar, Meriden, N. H.
Henry Moser, Los Angeles, Calif.
Dr. Gerrard Nash, Farrell, Pa.
Joan Noakes, New York, N. Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Orden, Roslyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Denise Pierron, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Riegner, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Slator, San Dimas, Calif.
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Tomeo, Manhattan Beach Calif.
Mrs. D. L. Willits, Tacoma, Washington
Jim Yoakum, Reno, Nevada
JoAnne C. Zimmerman, Dallastown, Pa.