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ROMMEY

owned by Roy Weiss, 4011 Ralph Street, So., Seaford, N.Y., was nine months old when this picture was taken. It served as the inspiration in the preparation of the LIOC decalcomania. Roy attended to and carefully watched all details of its production. Today Rommey is a very handsome two year old ocelot who weighs forty pounds.

The decal is reproduced at the right in black and white. As supplied, it comes in color. One decal is distributed to each new LIOC member. Additional decals are available from Long Island Ocelot Club, Amagansett, N.Y. 11930, at original cost of 25¢ each.

Suggested uses: In the rear window or rear side windows of the car, perhaps one for each side. In some states, rear license plates only are required, leaving the naked space where the front plate would be, an ideal spot for a decal. Of course there are hundreds of other spots where members will want to display the decal.



EASTERN SUMMER PICNICS

#1 -- Buffalo, N.Y. (encompassing southeastern Canada and the Eastern Great Lakes areas)

Sunday, July 12 at 12:00 Noon
 Hostess: CLEOPATRA at home with
 Gene and John Brill, 51 Claremont Avenue, Kenmore, N.Y.
 Telephone: AMhurst 8106

#2 -- Lennox, Mass (including the New England States)

Saturday, August 29th at 2:00 PM
 Host: ZAPATA at home with
 Brenda and Stan Duprey, 793 East Street, Lennox, Mass.
 Telephone: 637 3347

Of course cats and people from everywhere are welcome!
 Attendance is by no means limited to the local areas! Come to either picnic: COME TO BOTH!

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EDITORIAL

The busy telephone at LIOC in Amagansett rings at all hours heralding joy, sorrow, promise and problems from members everywhere. Among recent callers was Pat O'Shea from Los Angeles whose ocelot, Himo, was so sick Pat thought he might be dying. He could not reach any of his local vets. We suggested he contact Bill Engler in San Fernando. Two weeks later a letter from Pat reported: "Himo is fully recovered and is again the world's best behaved ocelot. You don't know the confidence I feel with Bill behind me and Himo, who apparently feels the same way. Bill is kind, thoughtful, helpful, generous and capable."

There was Barbara Bond from Miami who needed a temporary home for her pair of breeding ocelots. Suggestion that she contact Marilyn Chester of Clinton, Tennessee brought about the solution of her problem for the coming year. ---- There was the early morning call from Marilyn Holt of Cincinnati whose margay, Ozzie, was having seizures. Marilyn suspected epilepsy. We do not know the outcome. ---- There were the several calls from Esther Cerone of Brooklyn, N. Y. telling of her joyful experiences with her young ocelot, Talus, replacement kitten from Pat and Martin Towne of Massapequa, N. Y. after the death of their first kitten.

More recently there was the call from Frank J of Orange, N.J. Sam, his nine month old cat was at large. We do not know whether the wide Radio, TV and newspaper coverage of his disappearance and local searching recovered the popular Sam. ---- And the call from Bobbie and Larry Russo of Las Vegas who were en route across the country with year old Tom-Tom, ocelot. They were vacationing, trying to find as many LIOC members as they could. Their visit at Amagansett was most memorable. Three "real nice" people!!!!

Long may the telephone ring !!!!

REPORT -- FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By: Art Mathews, Orange, California
(Received too late for the May Newsletter)

We had an ocelot club meeting 4/26/64 at the home of Paul and Gloria Moore, 1701 South Manchester, Anaheim. They are the owners of TEKA, female ocelot which is the ninth offspring of my Simba and Rodan. Tekka was born last May at my home at 4152 N. Sunset Street, Orange. Simba who was at the meeting played all afternoon with his daughter.

Also present was "Senorita" a 15 month old male ocelot owned by Helena Bart of Costa Mesa, and a 6 month old female ocelot, "Cheena" owned by Joe Pasquinelli from Compton. Blackie Blackford of West Los Angeles was also present as was John Gill of Buena Park, Margaret Morgan from Artesia, Mary Barnes from Orange and Tod and Dot Leuthold of Anaheim. Display ocelots and bobcats were assigned for the Long Beach Hobby Show.

For nearly five years now we have been taking for granted the carefully coded labelling of the envelopes which carry our bi-monthly Newsletters. We have watched the familiar green slips which in up to a possible three out of six mailings per year, announce imminent and final expiration of membership. We receive our membership cards on joining LIOC and now on renewal of membership, each card bearing the membership number.

These wonders do not just happen. They reflect the devoted, unselfish application of our Secretary, Mrs. Jayne Murray of Amawalk, New York. Through the years she has donated invaluable service to LIOC. It has been, and can only be, a work of love. And it is work. The installation of the system which Jayne devised makes possible the continual smooth operation of membership and mailing procedures.

The performance of these secretarial duties has not always been easy. A heavy work schedule both on her job and at home has made necessary the burning of much midnight oil in Amawalk. Close maintenance of the membership record and of the mailing list which includes complimentary Newsletters to veterinarians and others, accounts for the preparation of between 250 and 300 labels for each mailing.

We are aware that the magnitude of this operation can be properly understood only by those who have had direct contact with statistical or clerical work. The others who cannot understand, but appreciate her untiring application will be ready to join publicly in a long, loud

THANK YOU, JAYNE !

We are grateful and we are honored that Jayne elects to give so much of herself to LIOC and that her enthusiasm has never waned.

Catherine Cisin

(Printed without consent of the Secretary)

HELP !!

There is a dramatic item which we cannot print until there is the happy ending -- the reunion of Margaret Carol Trevillian and her baby ocelot. Most readers will remember reading items from and about Margaret over the years. Lovely Khan, her baby ocelot was born on 1/17/64 in Wilson, N. Y. and given to Margaret on 4/13/64 by Lydia Sporleder, owner of the father who had previously been owned by Margaret.

Margaret has been in the hospital since 4/15/64. You, LIOC members can speed the happy ending by sending encouraging cards or notes to

Margaret Carol Trevillian
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Charleston, West Virginia

RICKETS

By Wm. Engler
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San Fernando, California

Rickets is by far the condition met most frequently in growing exotic cats. It is doubtful if any of them go through their stages of rapid growth without evidencing some manifestations of the condition. This may not be apparent to the casual observer but blood tests would undoubtedly show depletion of the serum Calcium-Phosphorus level and X-rays would show the walls of the bones as being somewhat thin. It has been estimated by some naturalists that half of the cats born in the wild die as a result of this condition before they reach one year of age.

In captivity, the most usual ages for the condition to occur are four months and nine months. These are the ages when the most rapid growth takes place.

Rickets is a deficiency disease due to either inadequate intake of, or deficient absorption of the elements, Calcium and Phosphorus. They are normally ingested with food and absorbed into the blood stream through the villi (hair like projections of the mucous membrane) of the small intestine. They are utilized by the growing bones to make them hard. The proteinous (gealtin-like) material of the bones continues to grow whether or not there is a sufficiency of these elements to harden them. In the case where they are insufficient, the walls of the bones are thin and weak. They break easily or bend and become deformed. Also, in the joints this proteinous material grows and without hardening into its proper shape, grows out into tongue like projections and makes the joint a more or less amorphous area of the cartilage and bone protein, making the joint incapable of holding its proper alignment.

Causes

The condition is caused by lack of calcium and phosphorus, surplus of phosphorus, lack of vitamin D, the presence of which is necessary in the small intestine in order that the villi are able to absorb these elements, or the inability of the organism to absorb these elements even though supplied in adequate quantities along with sufficient vitamin D.

Many times the owner of a cat, who has been giving his pet the necessary mineral and vitamin feels that he may in some way be at fault when his cat develops rickets, but in the last mentioned cause, no amount of the mineral and vitamin would prevent it.

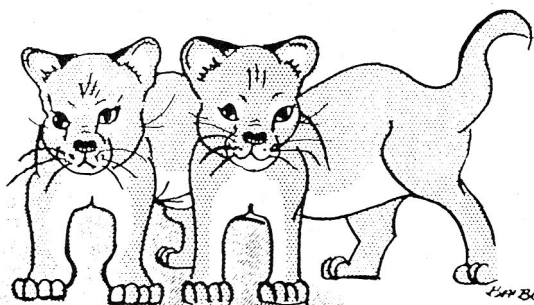
Symptoms

The symptoms of rickets in exotic kittens vary considerably with the individual. One cat may reach quite an advanced stage of the disease before showing any dramatic symptom, where in another, symptoms are evident in a comparatively early stage of the condition.

In the majority of kittens, the first indication of the condition is a bending of the forelegs at the carpi (wrists). Fortunately, the symptom of the next stage of the disease is quite obvious, being a weakness or paralysis of the rear legs of the kitten. I say this is fortunate because it is dramatic enough that it is sure to be noticed and with intensive treatment at this time the cat will recover from the condition with no permanent deformities. The cat may, but in most cases does not experience tetany in this stage of the disease. Tetany is a condition also caused by lack of

calcium in the blood and is marked by exquisite tenderness of the skin and muscles, making even the lightest touch quite painful. The condition of the fur is also an indicator of the stage of the disease, the sequence being, lack of luster, roughness, dryness, brittleness and falling out, the skin likewise becoming progressively dry.

Sometimes the course of the disease is less acute and is not indicated by weakness or paralysis in the rear legs and it is not noticed by the owner of the kitten, in which case, many times the long bones and the spine become permanently deformed.



Early signs of rickets. Note bending of forelegs at the carpi in kitten at left. Kitten at right, normal.

The bones of a rachitic cat are easily broken, quite often the break amounting to a green stick fracture. It is possible that a broken bone, if not too serious is also a fortunate incident in that it requires veterinary attention. The rickets is diagnosed and treated and deformities are arrested

I have seen advanced cases of rickets where all four legs were paralyzed, or partially so, the joints were like rubber, offering no support whatsoever, the long bones of the legs were severely bent, the hips narrowed and the spine curved. It is a pitiable sight indeed.

Prophylaxis (prevention)

Prevention in most cases of rickets is effected by seeing to it that the kitten gets a sufficient amount, and a proper balance of calcium and phosphorus in his diet and vitamin D so that he is able to absorb these elements.

There are a number of preparations of di-calcium phosphate available that supply these elements in proper proportion. Given regularly and in sufficient quantities, they will prevent the condition in most cases. I prefer to use steamed bone meal as it likewise supplies these minerals in proper proportion and also contains trace elements that are of value to the cat, where the purified commercial preparations are lacking in these. Bone meal, to be of value to the cat must be steamed as they are unable to digest and absorb the green (raw) bone meal. A kitten can come to no harm from getting too much of either the commercial preparations or the bone meal, so either should be given in safely adequate amounts. I give an ocelot kitten from one quarter to one half teaspoon of the bone meal per day, according to his size.

Vitamin D can be supplied by use of a fish liver oil such as cod liver oil or oleum percomorphum, or in an aqueous form by preparations (continued on page 4)

OCTOR'S OFFICE

Castration of an Ocelot; heart arrest

By: R. S. Webster, D.V.M.
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On 3/13/64 I was presented with an eleven month old ocelot, Little Guy, belonging to Norman P. Knaup, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, for castration.

Mr. Knaup had administered 50 mg. of promazine orally before starting his trip which was four hours prior to admission to the hospital. This had had some tranquilizing effect, but was far from optimal, so consequently I injected promazine, 25 mg., into him upon admission.

Ether was used as the inducing and maintaining anesthetic and here we ran into our only problem. At a point shortly after induction, it was felt that he should be left on the ether for a short period longer inasmuch as his reflexes were still strong and his breathing labored and fast. After 50 seconds more ether, he suddenly stopped breathing. Pure oxygen and mechanical artificial respiration were started and within two to three minutes he was breathing normally again.

The incisions were made, the cords clamped and the testicles removed. Within half an hour, he was on his feet, acting quite normal and he was sent home the following day. Two weeks post surgery, there were no complications.

Blood Transfusions New Inhalation Anesthetic

By Theodore Zimmerman, D.V.M.
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This has been a busy year for exotics. We have seen many new babies entering and enriching homes and families. Evidently the beauty and fascination of these felines have captured the fancy of many animal lovers. I thought it would be of interest to mention some of the latest advances, especially in the veterinarian's column.

I noticed an item on blood transfusions several months ago. To expand on this topic I might add that transfusions are of utmost importance in treating exotic felines, or felines in general. In fact, as a general rule, they are indicated more in feline than in canine practice. In other species, one or two transfusions might be needed. In cats, five or six may be necessary because of the peculiar type of blood conditions existing.

The feline patient, especially exotics, receiving multiple transfusions of citrated blood, often suffer severe reactions. Taking whole blood from the donor's heart and injecting it immediately into the radial vein of the recipient, eliminates the severe reaction of the citrate. In very small patients, where entering the vein would be difficult or impossible, the blood is injected directly into the peritoneal cavity.

The problem of rapid clotting of blood in the syringes is eliminated (continued on page 7.)

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such as ADC (Parke Davis) or Drisdol (Winthrop). In most cases I use oleum percomorphum drops in the food. An ocelot requires one or two drops of this daily according to his size. **Occasionally the oil base vitamin does not do the job** in which case I switch to an aqueous base preparation for which I use Drisdol in the same, or higher dosage than I had been using with the oleum percomorphum.

In no event should heart be used as a food for a cat as it is poor in calcium and contains a large amount of phosphorus. Phosphorus in its proper proportion with calcium is necessary for bone formation but an excess of phosphorus such as introduced by the feeding of heart, tends to take calcium from the bones and precipitates rickets.

Treatment

In the light of present day knowledge there is no reason for any kitten to become deformed from simple deficiency rickets. Whatever the cause of the condition, the progress of the disease can be stopped and recovery be rapidly effected by the use of Calphosan (Carlton). This preparation can be administered subcutaneously (shots under the skin) which is the advantageous way to give a wriggling cat a shot. It contains calcium and phosphorus in proper proportion in a form that can be absorbed under the skin. If its use is begun, even at the beginning of the stage of the disease where the use of the rear legs is lost, the cat will recover with no deformity. **It is not unusual for a cat to be on his feet twenty four hours after the first shot is administered.**

Two to four cc of Calphosan, according to the size of the cat (ocelot) should be administered at three day intervals for two to four weeks, according to the severity of the disease followed by a weekly shot for two or three weeks. **Though the apparent symptoms have usually disappeared after one or two shots, there is need for it to be continued lest the symptoms re-appear, also to bring the bones to suitable strength.**

Some cases of rickets are due to the cat not being able to absorb sufficient calcium and phosphorus through the small intestine, no matter how much of them, and vitamin D is given him orally and the only way in which they can be supplied is by shots. In any case of rickets, the usual amounts of calcium, phosphorus and vitamin D **given in the food should be increased.** A cat should be kept in a low cage and given no chance to jump while he has rickets so that he will not break any bones.

Renal Rickets

Renal rickets, sometimes known as "rubber jaw", is a type of rickets caused by insufficiency of the kidneys, usually resultant from some previous infection that has affected them. **It is characterized by the bones of the head and jaw being soft and pliable, many times the lower jaw becoming considerably receded.** This is accompanied by excessive thirst and copious urination. The insufficient kidney function results in phosphorus retention which causes overactivity of the parathyroid resulting in loss of calcium from the bone.

Treatment of this condition in most cases is unsatisfactory. In any case, the prognosis is poor and death usually results from failure of the kidneys.

Wm. Engler

YOUR OCELOT'S ORIGIN

By J. W. Miller
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Have you ever wondered where your little ocelot kitten came from and how he ever made the difficult journey from his original home to yours? It is not an easy trip and many kittens do not survive it.

The natural habitat of the ocelot ranges from the jungles of Central America to the plains of Bolivia and Argentina. In the deep jungles he has the best protection from his worst enemy, man, but he is also at home in semi-desert areas or rocky, mountainous terrain.

The demand for ocelots as pets has created a rather select group of men whose profession is hunting and capturing the wild kittens. While most of the kittens are brought in by these professional hunters, a few are collected by Indians who trade them in small jungle towns for machetes, ammunition and other staples.

The mother ocelot usually makes a home for her kittens in a hole high up in a tree. During the day she sleeps and rests on large branches not too far from the nest where the kittens are located. When dusk comes, she goes out to hunt food. If the kittens are very young they remain in the nest. As they grow older (6 weeks or so) they accompany their mother to learn to hunt for themselves. These are the habits the hunter must know and use in catching the kittens.

The Hunter's Way of Life

When the hunter goes into a jungle area for weeks at a time, he virtually becomes part of his surroundings. He is able to move through the vegetation without a sound and can hear and see all that goes on around him. He knows the ocelot's habits and can imitate his cries.

The first thing he must do is to locate a mother with kittens. This may take from several hours to a day. This is the most difficult and time-consuming part of the hunt. As most of us know, the wild array of stripes and spots on an ocelot blend well with the jungle surroundings. The hunter, imitating the cry of another ocelot, gets a response from the mother and locates her in this way. Once this is accomplished, the hunter then waits until nightfall to see whether the kittens are old enough to go with her to look for food.

If she leaves alone, the hunter climbs the tree and takes the kittens. If they leave with their mother, his business becomes very dangerous. He must kill the mother without getting severely injured for she will defend her kittens fearlessly. Although he carries a gun, the hunter does not like to use it because the hide of the mother is, itself, quite valuable. The usual method of killing her is to club her in the head and thus minimize damage to the skin. After killing the mother, the hunter catches the kittens and ts them in cages.

Of course this is not the only danger the hunter faces. In parts of Ecuador, Peru and Brazil, there are wild Indians. In these areas the hunter is often the hunted! There are also other dangers: hungry jaguars or pumas and the dreaded bushmaster and fer-de-lance snakes whose bites are usually fatal.

The hunter lives off the land and he must often eat some of the small animals he has collected for selling. In this case all the hunter gets for his work is a full stomach.

The collector brings his ocelot kittens and other animals to a warehouse in one of the larger cities of the country where various animal importers purchase them. If the ocelot is purchased by a large company he will probably spend another week or so in his cage before being shipped by air to the United States and to other countries. The importers wait until they can fill an airplane with animals before shipping them. Other small importers will purchase some of the kittens in which case they usually are shipped immediately to their destination. Some kittens are sold



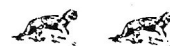
Three Little Immigrants

directly to tourists and sailors and they eventually work their way to the rest of the world. In any case, many of the kittens die from disease, neglect and shock before shipping.

The kitten purchased as a pet frequently may be afraid of your hands. This is because all he can remember is the terrifying experience of being picked up and put into a cage. He will soon overcome his fear as your gentle and patient care takes effect. Thus, if your new kitten seems frightened, you will have a better understanding of the reasons.

The methods described above are based on personal experience and accounts related by Sr. Carlos Barrera M., animal dealer, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

(Ed: Mr. J. W. Miller, 9010 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland, a new member of Long Island Ocelot Club, is an importer of ocelot kittens. We are grateful to him for sharing with us his better-than-average understanding of the experiences encountered by his livestock)



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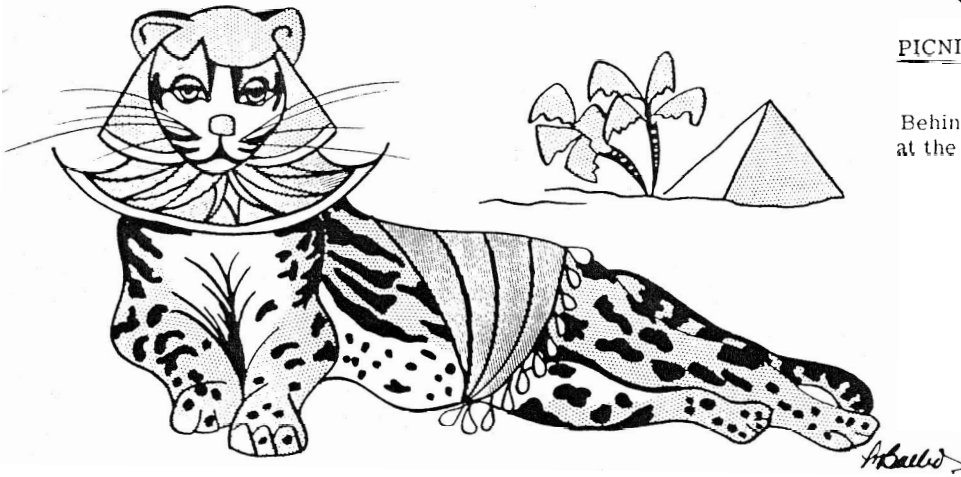
PICNIC #1 - Sunday, July 12, 1964
beginning at 12 (NOON)

Behind the pyramid with CLEOPATRA
at the home of

Mr. & Mrs. John Brill
51 Claremont Avenue
Kenmore 23, New York
Phone: AM 8 8106

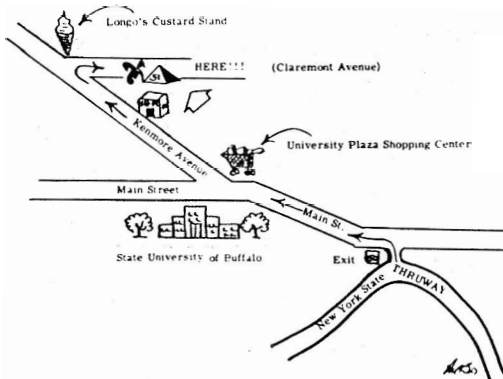
Please let your hostess know
you're coming!

Cleo has persuaded John
to serve his home made
ice cream, -- Cleo's
own favorite kind!



Area motels accepting pets:

Charter House, 6643 Transit Road, Buffalo 21
Cavalier Motel, 1120 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda
Websters Motel, 1139 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda
El Carl Motel, 1060 Niagara Falls Blvd, Buffalo



PICNIC #2 - Saturday, August 29, 1964
beginning at 2:00 PM

In the shade of that volcano with ZAPATA
at the home of

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Duprey
793 East Street
Lennox, Mass.
Phone: 637 3347

Please let your hostess know you're coming!

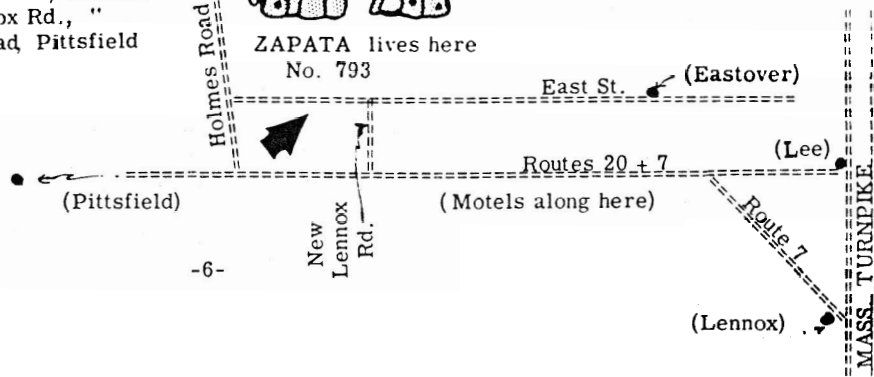
Zap has never really been to Mexico
(in spite of his name) so he doesn't
know how to make tortillas. He plans
an old fashioned New England cookout.

Area motels accepting pets:

Yankee Motel, Pittsfield Road, Lennox
Golden Key Motel, 1055 South St., Pittsfield
Wagon Wheel Motel, Pittsfield Lennox Rd, Lennox
Edgewood Motel, 400 Pittsfield Lennox Rd., "
Tanglewood Motor Court, Lennox Road, Pittsfield



ZAPATA lives here
No. 793



"POTLUCK" at River's End

By "Chatty-cat" English
3717 Los Feliz Boulevard
Los Angeles 27, California

Hello. It's me again. Remember my picture in the Newsletter in January? I'm Chatty Cat, the chati cat. I was elected to tell all about the June 7th pot-luck picnic put on by the LIOC members in the Los Angeles area. The picnic was at a place called River's End. I never did see any rivers, -- it's a long way from Los Angeles. I thought it was held out there 'counta there's no smog like in L.A., but my Daddy, Dick English (that's my last name, too) said it was really 'counta us little guys -- and especially some of the big guys -- would cause too much trouble and scare the Los Angeles City Fathers. We were welcome at River's End

Otis and Shirley Keith organized the picnic and sent out the invites. Me and my half bobcat half-brother, Fat Gabby, got one. We took our parents. Shirley and Otis took their two people-type children. They are hoping their girl domestic will have Gabby-type kittens before long (that's half bobcat an half domestic like Fat Gabby).

There was a whole table full of eats and things, and even a big cake with icing flowers and "LIOC" written across it! Lots of people were there. Some were LIOC members, some will be soon, and some I don't know about Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen were their with their ocelot, Sheba. Sheba stayed in the car, though. She's expecting. I didn't know what she was expecting, but I heard, "little ocelots."

Among the others I saw were Alton Thomas, his ocelot didn't make it; Vivian Meredith with no little guys, just Gordon Meredith; Jerry Fogleman's brother, Don, was there, I guess representing Jerry's puma, El Rey; Jack and Mrs. Vlies... with a great dane dog?!?...; Jack and Laura Simpson; Mrs. James and her daughter, Jo; Mr. and Mrs. Howe, who are the proud new parents of Gesen-vertorix, a little puma; and Mr. & Mrs. Minor brought their little black-chinned, chati-sized margay, Twinkle: 2 civet cats brought their mother, Trudy Martinez; and Elvera Darby was there only she didn't bring her three skunks -- she didn't even bring one of them! These are the people who signed the guest register. Mamma Jeanne read it to me. There were lots of other people who didn't sign the register. I guess they can't write so too good yet or maybe they're ashamed of their names, I don't know.

Among them that can't write so too good were Chita, Valerie, Versingetorix and Bill Engler. I recognized them. Chita is a cheetah; Valerie is a lioness; Versingetorix is a puma; and Bill is a people.

It was a nice picnic. Doug Hallmark was there with his new pet boa-type snake (I thought it would be a tasty snack -- it was a pot-luck picnic -- but they wouldn't let me have it). It's name is "Snoopy". Doug also brought his parents, Rick and Suzy. They came with Bill Engler. The wind was so strong it blew Mamma Jeanne's potato chips off her plate. Everybody watched them rattle along the table. Mamma Jeanne was embarrassed. A little boy fell off a slide and cut his head open and was rushed to a emergency hospital for stitches, X-rays and shots. As soon as he got back to the picnic he headed right for the slide again. I thought he was kind of dumb, but I guess it was 'counta he was kind of young. Gesinvertorix drooled all over Gabby and ran up a tree. His Daddy had to help him down. I thought he was kind of dumb too, but Daddy Dick said it's just cause he's just a wee-teeny puma yet.

He's cute. Fat Gabby kept trying to walk in the stream. Mamma Jeanne didn't want him to 'counta he'd never get dry again. She thought he was just trying to cause trouble, but I think he was hoping the water would help him hold up his big tummy. He's lazy. He got put in the car.

A little baby ocelot played in the stream, but it had short fuzz so that was all right. Twinkle made a mess all over his Mamma. So did one of the civets. I was a good girl! I didn't eat the snake I didn't mess on Daddy, not even when I saw Valerie, the lioness! Daddy showed me a frog but it scared me and I clinged to Daddy! I didn't even spray on anybody!!! Then I took a swing at somebody and snapped at a couple of other peoples. I got put in the car, too.

It has been a very busy day. I am very tired. That's cause I'm just a little girl. I will stop for now and try to catch a cat-nap. It was a nice picnic!

Signed: Chatty-cat English

DOCTOR'S OFFICE (Continued from page 4)

by a product called Siliclad. The syringes and needles are treated just as the manufacturers say (Clay Adams Co., New York, N.Y.). Clotting in the syringes is postponed for 20 minutes or more.

A good healthy ocelot should certainly be the ideal donor. but happily any good feline will suffice. A cat can give up to 30 cc of blood every 14 days with no strain. Buddha, my ocelot, is finally earning his keep as a donor. He gave 20 cc twice to a very critically 3 pound margay. The blood was given whole and injected intra peritoneally two weeks apart. The improvement was remarkable and eventual cure resulted. Our big red housecat "Rusty" has been used as a donor for years. By coincidence, a margay kitten was admitted and in desperate need of blood, hookworms and malnutrition had taken their toll. Because Buddha had just been used, Rusty was elected as donor. Immediate improvement and eventual cure.

New Inhalation Anesthetic

I would like to mention that the new inhalation anesthetic METOFANE from the Pitman-Moore Co, Allied Labs, Indianapolis, Ind. is especially safe and useful in working with the highly sensitive exotics. It is non-toxic, non-inflamable and has a pleasant odor. It gives very complete relaxation for surgery. It can be used with a cone, intra tracheal intubation, or even in small airtight cages. I have found it especially useful following one half dose of Nembutal (Diabital -- Diamond Labs) for prolonged surgery in the large mature animals.

Theodore Zimmerman, D.V.M

MEMBERS: If your veterinarian has not had experience with "exotics" please have him consult by phone with a club veterinarian.

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Dr. Theodore Zimmerman
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Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

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

TEKA

1 the owner of Teka (ninth kitten born in California to Simba and Rodan "Mathews") comes this account of this very special ocelot's progress:

"Teka" is just an overgrown housecat in our house and the ruling member of the family. We first saw her at three weeks of age and brought her home when she was seven weeks old. **She was born May 17, 1963.** We love her dearly and are proud of her.

We hope that she will mate with California-born Saleur "Pasquinelli", who is six months her senior. Time will tell as they meet when she gets older.

Her "house" is my laundry room with an open window and ramp leading to "her yard" which is completely enclosed with chain link fence and roof. She is able to come into the family house from hers whenever she pleases via an open door in our hall.

-- Gloria Moore
9692 Random Drive
Anaheim, California

TIGGER

By phone from Jim Soutter, Rye, New York, we learn that Tigger died on April 29. She was born in September, 1962, having succeeded in surviving several bone fractures in her early life and in October, 1963 a severe attack of gastro enteritis. She had done much TV "work" appearing in recent commercials and several times on "Gans' programs. As this Newsletter goes to press, autopsy has not yet been received. Many Eastern members will remember her at club meetings and picnics.

TINKER-BELLE

This ocelot, who is well remembered from the early days of LIOC for her exemplary behaviour at picnics in the East, moved in July, 1961 to Santa Ana, California with her family: Jill and Ray Malyszka and children, Charles, Marla and Denise.

Jill reports on Tinker's idyllic life: "When we moved to California we bought a nice new large ranch style house. Of course you know who has complete possession of the master bedroom and its adjoining bath! It is quite ideal for Tinker-Belle as it has the completely tiled bath and lovely cabinets for her majesty's privacy when she wants to seclude herself. Although her furnishings are not too elaborate, she does have a double bed, lounging chair and a rocking chair which she knocks over daily. Her windows are screened so she may watch passers-by.

"In the evenings when the children are all in bed, Tinker joins us for a good romp and is allowed to break a few knick-knacks from the kitchen shelves. As in our previous home, she has mastered opening all of the doors, closets and drawers. Those forbidden to her are equipped with special locks and latches which have to be rechecked from time to time lest she has deciphered the combinations.

Tinker seems completely satisfied. She still plays and romps the way she always did even though she is practically an old lady as ocelots go. She is now in the vicinity of her ninth birthday. Her diet remains mostly chicken and beef hearts with occasional lettuce and greens."

JACKIE

"This report is a very sad one for me to write," says Charlotte Smith of Brooklyn, N. Y. "but after the heart-break it does have a happy ending. Our little Jackie died Thursday, April 16. We bought him in New York City at the same time the Cisins bought Tercera. He was from the same shipment as she was, thus he was born about October 12. He was six months old when he died. All members should know, I think, just how he died. He somehow managed to steal one of his nipples (he loved his bottle filled with milk and Esbilac) and swallowed it. It blocked the passage leading to his stomach. Dr. John Swinford suggests all owners of young ocelots keep mineral oil handy to give any time it is suspected that the cat has swallowed something. If the oil passes through, the alimentary track is clear. We tried everything and finally Dr. Swinford resorted to surgery. Jackie came through but he was so weak and so dehydrated that his heart quit.

"Life without an ocelot was not complete, as so many of us have learned. Remembering the friendly little ocelot we saw at the April 5 meeting at Pat and Martin Towne's in North Massapequa, we bought her on April 18th. She was named Jacqueline, "Jacky" for short. She has proven to be a little joy, eager to eat anything we offer her, and most affectionate. She never uses her claws and at the moment, we have decided not to declaw her. She will have the advantage of all the knowledge we gathered during the short time we had to raise her predecessor."

GHANZI

Members will remember reading about and seeing pictures of this beautiful mountain lion in earlier Newsletters. Beverly Roberts of San Fernando, California, writes these lines about her puma: "Ghanzi has never met anyone that she didn't like. She loves her new quarters here in the country. Her home is 15 by 24 feet added to the rear of the house. She gets the morning sun but is shaded during the warm part of the day. She has a shelf on which she lolls to oversee the ten acres. She doesn't miss a person coming or going. If it weren't for her passion for the foam rubber in the house, she could spend most of her time inside, but I have never been able to break her of the habit of tearing it to pieces. She has been a wonderfully healthy cat having only one upset since I got her at about five weeks old. She is now about three years old."

MARTY

Reports are in from Lee Dubray, accompanied by much photographic proof, of the travels of the little margay who was cover girl on the last (May '64) Newsletter. She has, indeed done much living since then. At teething time Marty weighs 14 lbs. Lee Dubray and Marty are a familiar sight around Cleveland, Ohio. Lee reports: "Since an ocelot is the insignia of the 65th Anti Aircraft Battalion, when they saw Marty's picture in the paper, she was invited to visit them. This she did on April 28th. She was the joy of the party, being widely photographed with army personnel and with the large ocelot emblem which hung on the wall. The army took pictures of the Major pinning an ocelot emblem on my husband. The party should be written up in the Army paper soon. Marty is scheduled for many appearances at Army functions in and around Cleveland in the near future."

TERCERA

At eight months, Cisin's Terry weighs 15 pounds. She is in good health, has shed and is replacing her four canines and two of her pre-molars. Behavior, beautiful.

REPORT OF MEETING
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB

May 24, 1964 at Micke Grove Park, Calif

By: Betty Harris, Secretary,
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After getting off to a rather poor start for our May 24th Picnic, we finally managed to find all our members who were scattered around the Micke Grove Park near Lodi. It was all somewhat of a confusing situation. We had to change our meeting place at the last moment and we were not able to get a definite location reservation at the park. All members on our mailing list were sent notices of the change. This illustrated one of the advantages of belonging to the local "Nor. Cal. Branch." We would like to continue sending these personal reminders to our members as the meeting date approaches. We will be able to send the next meeting notice by personal reminder.

After the next meeting, however, we will not be able to continue this personal service unless all members who wish to receive the notices will send to our local branch: (Mrs. Betty Harris, Secretary, 205 Butler Street, Milpitas, California 95035) their initial \$1.00 assessment as well as their local dues of \$1.00. Local dues will again fall due at the same time as membership renewal in the parent club, LIOC, Amagansett, N. Y. As you know from previous reports in the Newsletter, this is an honor system. If you value the many hours of work done by your local secretary, will you please forward without delay your local dues. Send to me. I am sorry that our finances will no longer permit us to send the local notices of unpaid dues

Enough of this chatter! Now on to the report:

We had 25 people and 9 felines attending. These were: Bruce and Elise Denning with daughter, Sandra; Shane O'Neill with ocelot, Ginger; Susie Noreen from Stockton with female ocelot, Cimi (This was Susie's first meeting); Dion and Lorelee Vigne from San Francisco and Pat and Bob Tayler from S. F. Fawn Tiara Dawkter attended without her ocelot, Voodoo. Also on hand were Mike Dougherty and a guest from San Francisco, Shirley Nelson from Mill Valley, Calif. came with five guests and her three month old Jaguar named Kilabot. She weighs 33 pounds. Her name means "Great" in Filipino. It is pronounced Key-la-bo. Shirley is raising her for a pet. From all appearances, she will be some handfull pretty soon!

Paul and Jeanie James were present with their puma, Lady Bird. She is every inch a lady, too. Of course Ray and I attended with our ocelots Shawn and Weeper. Weeper has passed Shawn up in growing. In fact it looks as though he will leave her far behind as time goes on. He is just over seven months, getting his permanent canines and tips the scales at 19 pounds.

We had four guests attending: Judy and Art Vance who recently bought the puma named Baby which belonged to the Wings from San Francisco. They have renamed the female puma. Their male ocelot, Orfus, now five

years old, stayed home. Both these exotics have had the misfortune of having several owners but they both seem to be responding nicely. Our other two guests were Janet Bayer and Gene Morris from San Jose. Janet has a brother in the Peace Corps and when he was in Somalia he was fortunate enough to find two baby cheetahs while in the jungle. He sent one to Janet about a month ago. The cheetah is now nine months old and doing nicely. The original name was Christine, but after a visit to the vet, he was renamed B. B.

Imagine the stir Nor. Cal. Branch of LIOC caused in the park with not only the five ocelots, but two pumas, a jaguar kitten and a well behaved, beautiful cheetah! We did manage to have a very short business meeting. We discussed once again, insurance for ocelots and other exotics. With the added information from Fawn Dawkter about the costs and red tape to obtain this insurance, it would seem easier to get another pet when one is lost than to get one insured. Paul James told those present about the dangers of the man-made material called STYRO-FOAM. Keep it out of reach of your exotics! It cannot be digested.

Special activity this time was provided by the Vignes. Dion brought along his movie camera and took several color films of the animals. Lorelee, his wife, interviewed the owners on a tape recorder. They will put this all together as a narrative film. **After our Branch has viewed it, we** would like to exchange it with the other branches for their films. The Vignes are very artistic and talented people and the film will surely be a great success.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will also be a picnic meeting to be held at Lake Chabot Park in San Lenadro. This park is a little more private and secluded than the Micke Grove Park. We hope all our members will attend and bring their animals. For DATE and DETAILS, please consult me (address above.)

Local Nor. Cal. News

We have had several sales of animals lately and a few purchases. Marge Sparrow sold her little jaguar kitten to a lady from the Christmas Tree Inn in Reno, Nevada. The animal will be used for display. **Muriel Ackers** has either given away or traded her lovely puma, Roberta. The David Adams' have moved and had to find another home for their darling little margay, Sheebe. She was given to a man in Almaden who will give her a good home and, if the Adams' move to a place where they can keep Sheebe, he will return her. The Vances have had their new puma declawed and are dosing her with vitamins and calcium to try to straighten her hind legs. Orfus and Yip (ocelot and puma) share adjoining pens and they can be heard talking cat talk late into the night. Jeannie James has a new little female ocelot whose background is a nightmare. The first owners were young college boys who loved to toss domestic kittens in the cage with her to see how long they would last. The second owners fed her only canned cat food and often left her alone for days on end. I know if this cat is not beyond repair, the love she will get from Jeannie will renew her faith in people. She is suffering from calcium deficiency.

My personal observation: How can the world contain so very many hateful people?

Betty Harris

MY THREE OCELOTS

By Richard B. Marx
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It has been three years since I have had my first contact with the exotic feline. Perhaps my experiences in the acquisition of an exotic may be helpful to someone else.

My first cat, Caesar resulted from an advertisement in a local paper. I knew nothing about the ocelot or margay except that I wished to purchase one. I went to the owner's house and was shown to the garage where this small animal was sitting in a very small cage. The animal hissed and acted quite unfriendly but I was told that he was tame and just nervous. He was only three months old and had been declawed, defanged and neutered. I bought him. Well, he turned out to be a margay and not an ocelot. He also never became tame and is, in fact, quite vicious. I can handle him but I must be very careful as he will bite. He has a large cage six feet high by 8 feet long and 5 feet wide where he spends all his time. If I could find a good home for him I would let him go.

About 1-1/2 years ago my wife surprised me with an ocelot kitten about six weeks old purchased at a pet shop. Brutus was a very sweet and friendly animal. After about three weeks he fell and injured his leg. We took him to the vet and were informed he had almost no bone structure. Two weeks later he developed a disease and after some terrible moments died. We had an autopsy which showed nothing except that it was "an infection".

About six months ago I tried again and answered an advertisement in the local paper. There I saw Bimbo a 9 month old full male who was very tame and gentle. I purchased him on the spot and he has been the best yet. He is a typical ocelot. The only thing I don't understand is that every once in a while he gets very excited and starts to use his teeth to the point where I must put him in his room for a few minutes. After that he is fine. He swims in the pool with me every day and is just like another member of the family. Bimbo does not, however, get along with our other animals: two boxers and four cats.

ON THE DEATH OF TONY TIGER #2

By Max R. Casey
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It would seem as though the fates are against us. Through complete ignorance of the sensitivity of these little ocelots, we were unable to pull Tony Tiger #2 through even with the veterinarian help at our command. Tony Tiger didn't make it but because of our additional experience and determination, Marilyn and I are going to try again when the chance arises.

This little guy, we feel, was a margay. We base this opinion on his agility, temperament, longer tail and on several other little things we didn't recognize in Tony Tiger. Post mortem showed a badly inflamed gut and gas, diarrhea and that he probably died of malnutrition.

We and the vet came to this conclusion: one pound two ounces of baby, flown several thousand miles, high and low altitude, five different kinds of food, maybe fed, maybe not -- doesn't have much of a chance to start with. The vet felt, not being well acquainted with this type of animal, that it was a nervousness brought on by sensitivity that caused the disturbance of the gut and that everything that happened irritated the situation and that even though the cat ate regularly, the gut was cleaned out of the bacteria that helps digestion and the inflammation restricts the flow of gastric juices in such a manner that the food isn't absorbed into the system. They slowly starve to death.

Next; what do we do about it? Without further information (which we are striving to get) the vet felt that buying a larger cat to start with would be a good idea. Tony Tiger #1 went through the same thing, but had the size and resistance to overcome it eventually, or perhaps was of a little different temperament.

We have raised almost every kind of animal known in this part of the country and some others, but with this experience we have felt like amateurs.



COLOR CLUB POSTCARD

THE BRAND NEW LIOC COLOR POSTCARDS are now available. The new postcard shows an adult ocelot. Cleopatra, owned by Mrs. John Brill 51 Claremont Avenue, Kenmore, N. Y., is lounging in a mysteriously regal pose on a carpet of green grass. On the address side of the card is a brief statement of the purpose of LIOC, as before. Sample card on request.

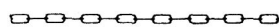
Available at LIOC Headquarters, Amagansett, N. Y. at our cost in lots of 40 cards. Send \$1 per lot.

VETERINARIANS

One of the services of the Long Island Ocelot Club is to provide members with names of veterinarians who have treated club ocelots and/or other exotics, and who are willing to share their special knowledge with vets to whom diagnosis and treatment of these animals is a new field.

Doctors listed here have either requested, themselves, that they be included in the Newsletter complimentary mailing list, or have asked the owners of their patients to request that they be included. All requests should be made to Long Island Ocelot Club, Amagansett, N. Y. 11930.

Veterinarians are invited to share their views on our relatively unfamiliar animals through contribution to LIOC bi-monthly Newsletter text.



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New Members

Mas V. Bumbarger, 1127 N. Center Street, Hickory, N.C. advises: "I am a director of the 'Wildcat Club' at Davidson College and we have acquired an ocelot for a mascot. Her name is Alenda."

Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Crume, 1105 W. Hillcrest Drive, Cocoa, Florida are expecting to get an ocelot kitten.

Edith M. Condon, 386 Grove Avenue, Patchogue, L.I., N.Y. visited LIOC at Amagansett last winter with her ocelot kitten (now eight months old), Baby Doll.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Foley, 16040 Escobar Avenue, Los Gatos, California have a 2 year old whole female ocelot, Sheba.

Roger Harmon, M.D., 401 E. Pinecrest, Marshall, Texas owns whole female ocelot appropriately named: "Troubles". She is a little over a year old.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Kruse, 6933 Cozycroft Avenue, Canoga Park, Calif. 91306, own a pair of ocelots: Bum Bum, female, 25 lbs, 2-1/2 years old and Hanibal, male, 40 lbs 3 years old. They would appreciate contact with any other members in their area who are trying to breed ocelots.

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Leuthold, 7521 Red Gum Street, Anaheim, California. Dorothy (Mrs. L.) writes: "We have an ocelot by the name of 'MiReina'. She was born in Brazil and was a year and a half old when we obtained her about a year ago. She had always lived in a cage and had never been handled. In fact, she was quite wild. Now she lives in the house with us and loves for me to hold her. She is quite tame. I worked with her continually to gain her confidence. It has been very rewarding. She is being bred with Simba, Jr. (domestic-born ocelot from Art Mathews pair, Simba and Rodan). We are hoping for the best. We also have a female bobcat which we raised from a baby. The male bobcat has mated with Miel, our male bobcat and we are hoping there will be kittens. -- first bobcats born in our area to our knowledge."

Paul and Gloria Moore, 9692 Random Dr., Anaheim, Cal. own "Teka", domestic-born ocelot. See Page 8.

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. McClain, 411 West Altadena Drive, Altadena, California are expecting to get an ocelot or margay kitten. They would appreciate contact from owners in their area who would share their experiences with the McClains.

Mr. J. W. Miller, 9010 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland is an importer (with better than average know how) of exotic felines. See his article, "Your Ocelot's Origin" on Page 5. He is regularly supplying kittens to the retail market.

Miss Shirley M. Nelson, P O Box 5912, San Francisco, California who is active in the Northern California branch of LIOC has a four month puma from Baranquilla. She weighs 30 pounds. Name: Kilabot (translation "Great")

Francis C. Pleasants, P O Box 127, Tanglewood Drive, Louisburg, N. Car. has a margay, "Boy". "Ordered an ocelot but got a margay. However, well pleased."

Don Puff, 11656 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Cal. has a most imposing list of pets: 2 African Lions, 1 Sumatran Leopard, 2 bobcats, "some" pumas and he raises poodles!

Mr. & Mrs. William A. Sherrill, Apartado Postal 109, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico owns a Mexican cat believed to be an ocelot. Bill Sherrill explains: "We took him to a pet shop in Guadalajara and they said he was a 'jaguarundi', the hunter from whom we got him said that he was a 'tigre', the local name for jaguar. The vet said he was an ocelot. The rural Mexican-Indians call him a 'guindur' which is the Tarascan Indian name for the ocelot, -- hence we call him 'Guindi', pronounced 'Wendy'."

Mr. & Mrs. Harold F. Thompson, 921 North Street, Pittsfield, Mass. are trying to locate an ocelot kitten. They hope to have him in time to bring him to the August picnic in Lennox.

Dawn Tuggle, 180 Corwin St. #4, San Francisco 14, Cal owns a new ocelot kitten, as yet unnamed.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. West, Jr., 1027 Braemar Rd., Flossmoor, Illinois, have been trying to get an ocelot kitten.

Nancy Bacon Wilson, 1841 N. Fuller Avenue, Hollywood 46, California in the last year has owned 3 cats, 1 margay and 2 ocelots. "The margay, my first," writes Nancy. "soon proved too much for my apartment. Being a climber there wasn't a curtain in the place left in one piece. I sold him to LIOC members who had a female and were interested in breeding them. Then I bought a four week old ocelot. He was perfect in every way. At the age of four months he died in the hospital. The next month was spent scrubbing the walls with lysol, cleaning carpet and furniture with Lysol and Hexol. I burned his house and toys and even got rid of his medicines. Then I bought another ocelot. He was a month old, beautiful, big and healthy. Tiger was growing more each day. At five months he weighed 11 pounds. Then we had to go out of town for a week and could not take Tiger. I left him at the Pet Hospital. When I brought him home he was sick. One week later his temperature was 106 degrees -- the next day it was 98 and that night he crawled across the floor to me, climbed into my lap and died. If I live to be 105 years old I will never know such pain and heartache and helpless hopelessness as I felt at that moment." Nancy visited Pat O'Shea, ocelot importer in LA from whom she purchased Delilah, her new baby ocelot.



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(Ed: New Members whose applications are received after the tenth of the month preceding publication will be listed in the next Newsletter)