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SATAN

In the arms of his
 owner,
 Connie Johnson
 1501 S. Stoneacre
 Compton, Calif.

Both Satan and Connie
 are very active in
 Southern California
 affairs concerning
 ocelots and the many
 other exotic feline
 species so popular
 in this area.

Satan, now approach-
 ing maturity has in
 store for him, if all
 goes well, a mate,
 Angel, which the
 Johnsons have added
 to their family.

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Photo by Bob Johnson

MEETINGS:



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 for schedule.



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS,
LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB

FLORIDA CHAPTER

July 11, 1:00 PM at
Clear Lake High School,
Cocoa, Florida

(See Page 12.)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH

July 25, 1:00 PM at
the home of
Fred and May Bullock
Half Moon Bay, California.

(See Page 14.)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SCOC - meeting date not available

Valley Group of LIOC - at the slightest
provocation - keep in touch with local
ocelot people for dates and locations.

LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB

Eastern members who have anxiously been
awaiting announcement of a summer event are to
be disappointed.

Tentative plans for a strictly informal stay-overnight
holiday gathering at one of the larger motels in mid-
July were made at the suggestion of John Brill,
which suggestion was eagerly accepted by many "local"
members.

Offers for entertaining a July picnic from Mr. &
Mrs. Arthur Human of Southport, Connecticut and
from Mrs. Lydia Sporleder of Wilson, New York,
were gratefully rejected, deferring to the Motel holi-
day. But plans were quickly abandoned as deadline
time for this Newsletter arrived because all motels
approached were "completely booked", a seasonal
problem.

The next event in LIOC will be the Annual Picnic in
Amagansett, N.Y. September 18-19 has been
chosen. Amagansett is a resort area in which motel
accommodations are at a premium in season, so the
Annual Picnic has been set slightly after the normal
summer season, as is the usual practice.

Firm announcement with complete details will appear
in the September Newsletter.

In the meantime, it is hoped that all members
within travel distance (and that means all modes of
transportation!) will arrange their schedules to
allow attendance September 18-19 in Amagansett!



EDITORIAL

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF PRIVATE PETS

The ocelot, in spite of its insignificant size but
because of its spectacular, impressive appearance,
stimulates people who see it for the first time. People
are divided into two groups in their reactions to cats:
those who love them and those who hate them. To this
latter group the ocelot is suspect. It is to be dis-
trusted. Violence is expected. In their vivid imagina-
tions it is a menace to peace-loving, quiet-living
citizens. It is even more to be hated than the common
cats.

We who know and love ocelots, -- we who have
learned to understand the ocelot in his true perspec-
tive, know exactly what his reactions will be in any
given circumstances. He is completely predictable.
We know our own cats intimately: we know the ocelots
which belong to our friends in a general way. We
respect our cats and return their patient, trusting love.

We have come to feel that the ocelot is a private
pet, -- one to live at peace in the secure confines of
his familiar home. He is not to be exploited, not to
be used to startle or to impress strangers, nor is he
to be used to set his owner apart from other people.

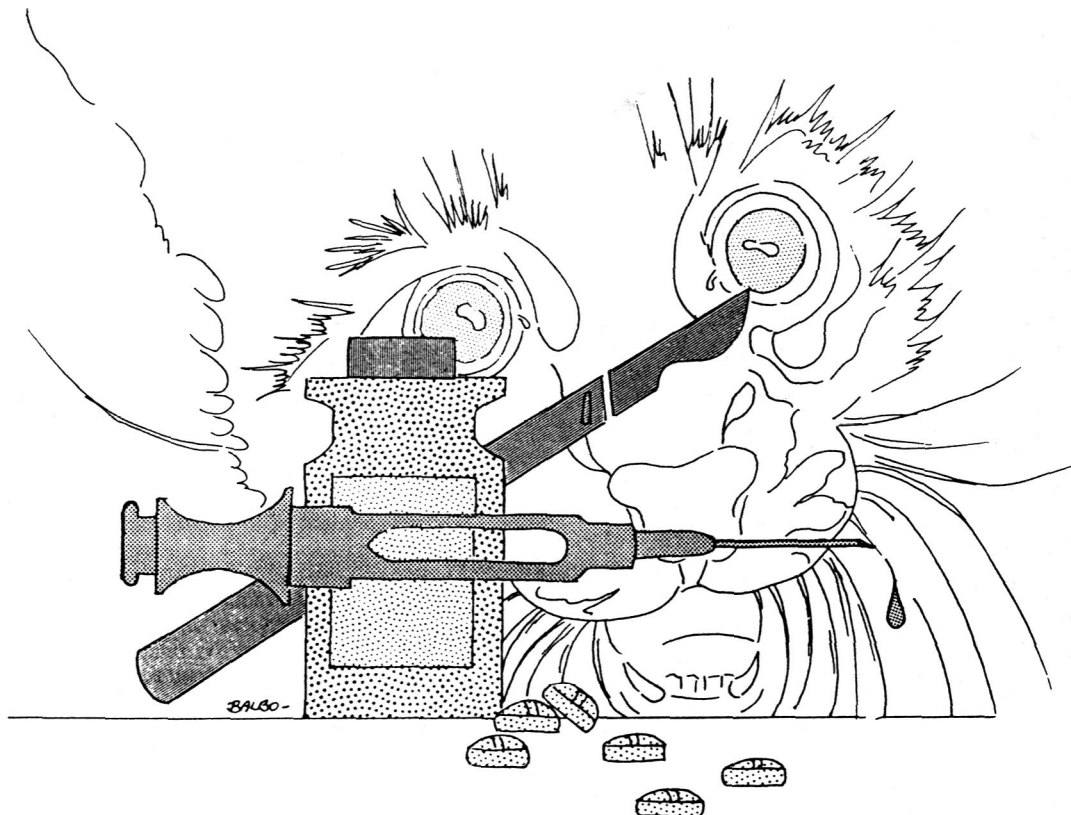
Ocelot owners, particularly in LIOC have dis-
covered where they may safely and with maximum
personal reward, find company for their cats -- in
the homes of owners of similar cats. Here the visiting
ocelots are at ease in the company of friends who under-
stand them and respect them. For this reason the
ocelots, in turn know they can trust and respect the
people in whose company they find themselves. We
have also learned they are not at their best when they
are uncomfortable.

In deference to our pets, let us keep our ocelots
our private pets. They will be happier, we will be
happier and in the long run LIOC will benefit from
our good judgement.

Catherine Cisin

SHOCK

by
Wm. Engler
San Fernando
California



Introduction

Shock is a condition with which every cat owner should be familiar. Its early recognition and treatment may well mean the difference between life and death. It is never wise to trust that a cat will recover from the condition by himself. It is possible that he would, but it is also possible that delay in the beginning of his treatment would be his death warrant. I believe it safe to say that shock ranks equal with disease as cause of death in our Exotic Cats.

Shock is not in itself a disease. It is a condition resulting from one or more of a number of causative factors. In essence it is a collapse of the circulatory system, the effect of which is that the blood pressure falls below the level that is necessary to supply the cells of the organism with their biologic necessities. With this situation, the cells begin to die and if it is not brought under control in time, the condition becomes irreversible, with death the consequence.

The measurement of blood pressure is the most positive means to determine the presence of shock but with cats, it is somewhat impractical. It is usually diagnosed when the following symptoms are noted. The cat is prostrate, the lacrimal membranes are over the eyes, the pulse is rapid and weak, the respiration is rapid and shallow, the skin is cool and leathery, the mucous membranes as observed on the gums, are pale and dry and the temperature is below normal according to the degree of progress of the condition.

There is not much that the average cat owner can do in the treatment of shock. Professional help must be availed without delay.



Lacrimal Membrane
(normal)



Lacrimal Membrane
over the eye.

"The lacrimal membranes
are over the eyes....."

Primary Shock

Primary shock is acute circulatory collapse of reflex origin. It may be the result of fright, pain or surgery. The mechanism of anaphylactic shock (reaction to a "shot") is not too well understood but it is considered possible that it is triggered as primary shock as a result of embarrassment to the nervous system by a foreign substance being injected into the body. On occasion in primary shock the collapse of the circulatory system is complete, to the cessation of the function of the heart.

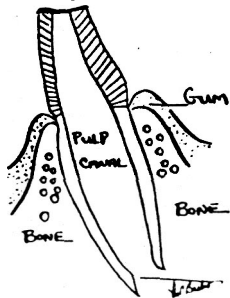
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Shock from pain may be the result of injury, medical or surgical procedures performed without anesthesia or major surgery done under general anesthesia. Even though the cat may be asleep and not conscious of the pain involved during surgery, the pain is there and may cause shock. It behooves the surgeon to perform the necessary procedures as gently and expediently as possible to keep the pain caused by the operation at a minimum. **Heart arrest** is not uncommon during the induction of anesthesia. I feel this is the result of fright involved. The toxic effect of barbituates used in anesthesia contribute to surgical shock. This is especially noticeable when repeated injections of short acting barbituates are given during a lengthy operation. There may be a considerable loss of blood and especially plasma during surgery which may initiate shock and contributes to it in any case.

Shock from Decreased Blood Volume

Decreased blood volume is one of the common factors initiating shock. This may be the result of blood lost through a wound or from some internal condition. I have seen it as the result of excessive fleas on a cat.

Pressure in the area of the heart, from blood (outside the vessels), other liquid or tumors may prevent return of blood to the heart and cause shock. More important in Exotics is septicemia (blood poisoning) produced by gram negative endotoxin producing bacteria. This causes splachnic pooling (retention of blood in the organs, especially the liver), and leaves a dirth in the vascular system to maintain adequate pressure, resulting in shock. This sometimes occurs in Exotics where the claws have been improperly removed. They re-grow inwardly and infection ensues. It also occurs as the result of second fangs being clipped off rather than being removed, causing infection in the root of the fang and the area around it.



Shock from Burns

Burns from fire, scalding water or chemicals, if over sufficient area of the body cause shock as a result of damage done the capillaries, the walls of which are damaged and made excessively permeable, and through which plasma escapes, this leaving insufficient fluid and the blood thick and sluggish with resulting inadequate circulation and pressure.

Severe dehydration from vomiting, diarrhea or intestinal stoppage may result in too little fluid in the blood and shock.

Excessive use of tranquilizers, especially postoperatively is to be condemned not only for the possibility of their causing primary shock through toxicity and embarrassment of the nervous system, but their essential action of lowering the blood pressure may in itself cause shock. Also because of the sluggish circulation there is danger of the formation of an embolus (blood clot) which may move to a position near the heart, or in the heart, and cause death.

It is not an established fact that shock resulting from fright and cardiac arrest occurring during the induction of anesthesia are one and the same but there is good indication that they are and I will treat them as such.

When a cat, especially one that is not too tame or is highly nervous is to be subject to medical examination, treatment, surgery or any other situation that may cause acute fright, tranquilizers should be used. If it is possible to give these in an oral form, it is well to do so two hours before the expected trial. Many times it is possible to sandwich the tablet in a small piece of meat which the cat will eat not knowing that it contains medication. If this does not work, it may be possible to push the tablet down the cat's throat with the end of a finger. If it is not possible to give this medication orally, the veterinarian may give tranquilizer hypodermically and allow sufficient time for it to take effect. In the case that a cat is critically ill, tranquilizers are neither needed nor desirable. The chance of heart arrest resulting from fright is much less in a cat that is adequately tranquilized.

When inducing anesthesia, especially with ether, the anesthetist should watch the heart diligently, and should mark the location of its loudest sound at his first opportunity. This location is near the sternum on the left side. I use a lipstick for the purpose.

Usually there is warning of impending heart arrest a few seconds before it occurs, noticeable by significant slowing of the pulse. With this, the mask should be removed from the face until the pulse returns to normal when induction may be resumed. Attempting to induce anesthesia too rapidly or allowing the cat to struggle unduly during induction, increase the chances for cardiac arrest.

When the heart does stop as a result of primary shock, obviously treatment must be begun immediately. I have had best success by using external cardiac massage, the technique of which is as follows.

External Heart Massage

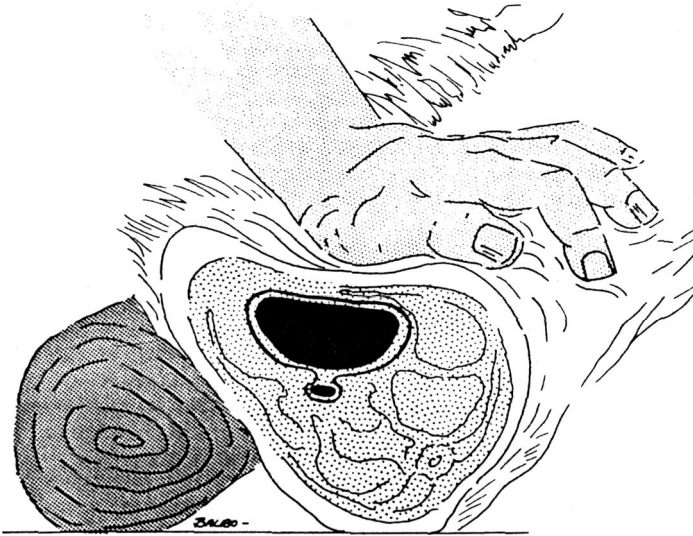
The cat is laid on his right side and a pad of appropriate size for the individual is placed under the thorax bringing him into a supine right-lateral position. In this position, pressure is applied with the heel of the hand over the heart at a rate of 60 to 80 times per minute. Pressure must be applied with a firm, downward movement, raising the hand off the chest to allow for expansion and filling of the heart.

While doing this an assistant is preparing an injection of adrenalin, 1:20,000 of which an appropriate amount is injected into the muscle of the heart in the case that it is not yet functioning after a minute and a half of the massage, after which the massage is continued. If the arrest occurred during the induction of anesthesia, the mark previously made with lipstick serves as a guide for the site of injection.

(See illustration of Heart Massage on next page.)

The massage of the heart provides some ventilation. If respiration has not begun after heart action has, it must be achieved artificially until it is voluntary.

After heart action and respiration are re-established, I continue with induction of anesthetic and the operation. I have never experienced heart arrest in a cat after he is fully anesthetized.



Shock from loss of Whole Blood

In shock resulting from the loss of whole blood, it is obvious that the replacement of whole blood would be the treatment of choice. The texts do not recommend the transfusion of blood between species. Some writers go so far as to say that this is malpractice. With Exotics it is usually impractical, if not impossible to find a donor of the same species; therefore in most cases a substitute must be used and in most cases in which blood loss is not so severe that there is sufficient hemoglobin left to supply the cells of the body with a minimum of oxygen, this substitute will control the shock and save the cat. Dextran (Cutter) is the only plasma expander yet developed that has proven successful. This should be administered intravenously in quantity to approximate the volume of blood lost.

If the blood loss has been severe this may be injected at first at a rapid rate, up to 50 ml per minute in a large cat. As the acute volume deficit is corrected and the clinical signs improve, this rate may be lowered to 5 - 10 ml per minute. The use of a vasoconstrictor is justified in case that compensatory vasoconstriction is inadequate, that it will be effected. In all cases, excepting that of anaphylaxis, I like Aramine (Merck, Sharp & Dohme) as the vasoconstrictor for use in shock. It is a good rule to administer the initial dose intravenously for quick action and subsequent doses intramuscularly for sustained action.

The initial dose may be mixed with and given intravenously with the fluid administered. This dosage ranges from 0.15 to 1 mg per pound body weight according to the severity of the shock and effect. In critical cases it may be given intravenously, undiluted in dosage from 0.005 mg per pound of body weight. The dosage for intramuscular injection is 0.02 to 1 mg per pound body weight. Overdosage, which may cause pleural edema must be guarded against. Intramuscular injections may be repeated as needed.

Shock resulting from pain caused by crush injuries or other causes should be treated with a vasoconstrictor and intravenous fluids as before described, in amount to bring about the desired effect.

When anaphylaxis occurs immediately after an injection, evidenced by either extreme excitement or depression, it can be controlled by an appropriate injection of adrenalin. The intravenous route is preferable but with excitement it may be impractical and the intramuscular route is used. In delayed anaphylaxis or cases where progress of the condition is considerable, longer acting vasoconstrictors and fluids are used.

For several years I have been giving a histamine inhibitor concurrently with distemper vaccine, 1/4 ml Benadryl (Parke-Davis). In several hundred "shots", I have not had a single reaction.

Shock with Loss of Plasma

In cases where loss of plasma is involved, including those from burns and surgery, Dextran should be administered intravenously to replenish the fluid volume lost at rates as described before until optimum blood volume is attained, and Aramine given as before described. After the temperature has been brought up to normal, in most cases blood volume can be sustained by subcutaneous administration of fluid. If possible it should be administered by continuous drip. I have had best results with CPH (Cutter), the protein contained a valuable aid to regeneration and the dextrose to energy and heat production. Measures to control any further plasma loss should be taken.

Shock with Dehydration

In shock due to dehydration, electrolyte solutions are of choice not only for replenishment of blood volume but to replace the elements lost in diarrhea and especially in vomiting. These should be given intravenously until optimum blood volume is attained. If the cat cannot drink or retain fluid that he does drink, additional fluid must be given subcutaneously to replenish that lost from the blood stream to the dehydrated tissues or otherwise. I have had satisfactory results with Isolyte E where only diarrhea is the cause and Isolyte M (both by Baxter) where vomiting is involved. Aramine may be used as described before, as needed.

Shock due to Splachnic Pooling

Broad spectrum antibiotics are the primary treatment for shock due to splachnic pooling caused by septicemia, Terramycin being my choice. This can be given either intravenously or orally. The earlier in the case treatment is begun, the better are the chances for recovery.

The focus of the infection must be determined and treated. When this is from re-growing claws, or in the root and socket of a tooth and anesthetic and surgery are necessary, the shock must be controlled and the cat brought to suitable condition before the procedure is done. Where necessary, use of fluids and vasoconstrictor are in order.

Fluid pressure around the heart may be relieved by aspiration and intrathoracic tumors must be removed surgically. Ether, because of its stimulating action on the heart is the anesthetic of choice in this case.

Tranquilizers, barbituates or other depressants are never to be used when shock is present.

When the temperature rises above normal, before or after a case of shock is controlled, indicating the presence of infection, broad spectrum antibiotics should be used to bring it under (Continued on next page)

control. Terramycin orally in dosage of 25 to 50 mg per pound per day, divided into two or three doses may be used. Where oral administration is difficult, Chloromycetin in dosage of 5 to 15 mg per pound daily in divided doses may be given intramuscularly. I hesitate to use Terramycin intramuscularly because of the possibility of its causing inflammation at site of injection.

In all cases of shock, keeping the cat warm is important. I use blankets and a heating pad, along with previously prescribed treatments to effect and maintain a normal rectal temperature. Excessive heat that will cause sweating and further relaxation of the blood vessels is to be avoided.

The Importance of Available Dextran

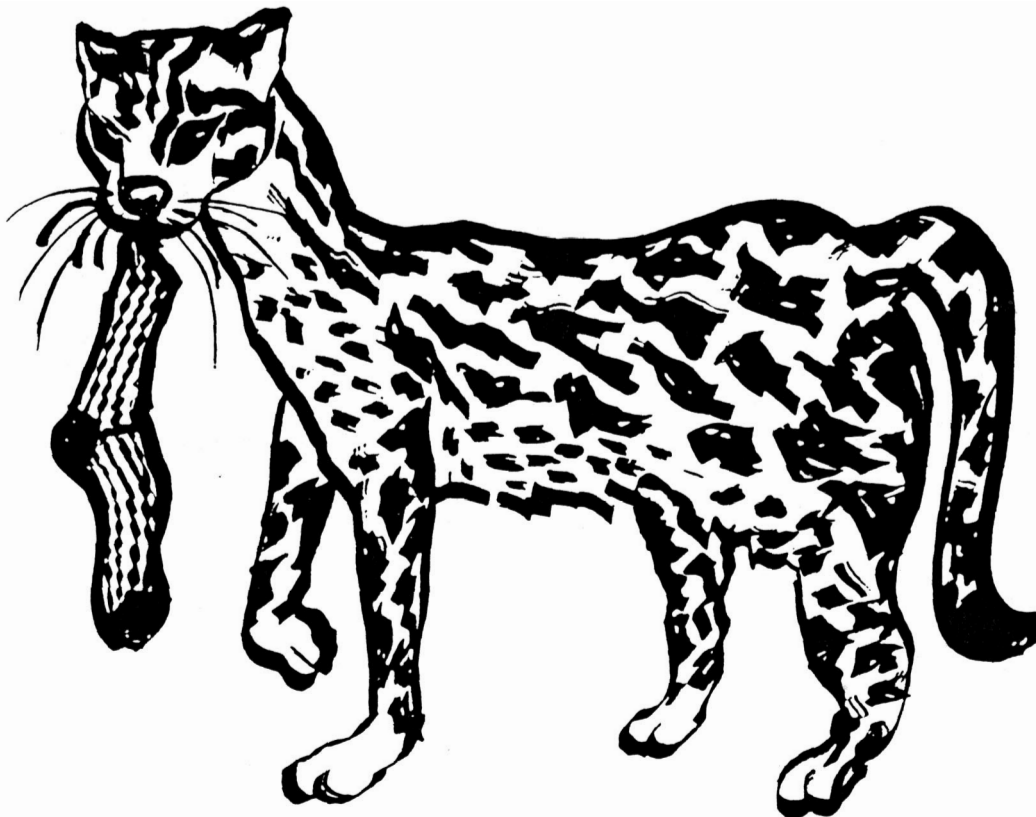
A month or so ago, in the night I received a call from a man distant from me, who had been in an automobile accident. His leopard was injured and was in critical shock from loss of blood. The veterinarian who was treating the animal had tried, unsuccessfully to find a donor leopard for a transfusion. I suggested the use of Dextran but was informed the veterinarian had none on hand (it is quite expensive). I suggested that he try the local hospitals for some. I have never learned whether he found it or not or whether the leopard lived or died.

The moral of this account is that if a cat owner would keep a supply of Dextran on hand, it would insure its availability to the veterinarian in case of emergency.



LA-TRIOMPHANTE

by Christopher von Volborth
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CONTROVERSY

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The topic of this piece will be very uncomfortable, controversial and disturbing to all members of LIOC.

Entertaining the possibility of owning an exotic cat entails many responsibilities:

1. The would-be owner should first analyze his own reason for wanting such a pet. The possible reasons of course are: honest love for these animals, following the dictates of fashion, or just plain exhibitionism.
2. He should realize that no compromise can be made between the animal's natural way of life and his own "civilized" human ways. This second point necessitates several considerations.

I doubt that the demand for pet ocelots is so great that their natural supply would be appreciably depleted. It is to be considered that ocelots are predominantly jungle animals and therefore difficult to obtain. Furthermore, as their number is depleted in the less densely forested area, the species will thrive in the impenetrable jungles of South America. Blame the furriers for any damage done. (Of course many cats are pitifully handled by dealers as well as by owners.)

An ocelot needs absolute freedom in his home. This means self sacrifice on the part of the owner. Reprimanding never hurts, but the cat should not be needlessly confined in favor of the owners comfort. My two cats roam freely about my two-floor apartment creating only little difficulty in managing the household. Such things as occasional dribblings, torn up tissue paper, chewed up clothing, etc. must be viewed with a sense of humor. After all, the cats must also suffer some discomfort to enter the home as a pet!

I shudder to think that when I first saw Minne-Minne (my first ocelot) she was confined in a dog cage in an ugly and cold bathroom. Then, there was a man whose pet caracul was given to a zoo when he got frisky with the furniture. If a person is unable to put up with such inconveniences he is not suited to keep an exotic pet.

Last of all come the problems of sex and de-clawing. Emmaus (my second ocelot) has a magnificent set of claws and never uses them. An occasional scratch, perhaps, but no worse than what a felis catus domesticus might inflict and certainly not as vicious! IT IS NOT RIGHT TO DECLAW ANY ANIMAL! If the owner can't tolerate claws, then he should get a pet goldfish. Regarding sex, I find my female no particular inconvenience during estrus, perhaps just a little bit too friendly. By the same token, it takes a bit of Spic and Span and a sponge to clean up after Emmaus. De-sexing and de-clawing merely entail unnecessary trips to the vet and unnecessary risk.

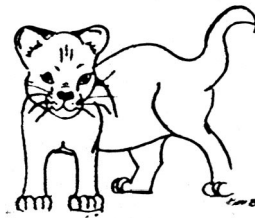
To summarize, -- exotics are intelligent and sensitive creatures. To be fully able to share company with them they must be allowed FREEDOM as much as human surroundings allow. You will find that if your cat is not forced into a humanly desirable mold, you will gain much more understanding and appreciation and the cat will thrive and be healthy. After all, if psychomatic medicine applies to humans, then why not to cats? Sexually cats present a very small problem. I have yet to see the cat that is as troubled by sexual problems as human beings.

It is my sincereest belief that unless these points can be rigorously pursued, it is not worth one's while or pocketbook to keep an exotic or for that matter, any pet. It is unwise to try to fit an animal into a human mold, and furthermore, it won't work!

I am quite vehement about this topic, since it seems that many cats have been inadvertently killed during de-clawing, spaying, castration, by jumping out of carelessly opened windows, etc. As a member of L.I.O.C. I am proud of what we are trying to do for these creatures. But it must be carried beyond superficial love for their cuteness. Only then can the feline character be thoroughly studied and appreciated.

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(Ed: Christopher von Volborth will be remembered for his "Homerich Hymn to the Minne-Minne" which gave so much pleasure to March, 1965 Newsletter readers. He now offers four drawings which capture the spirit of the ocelot and which demonstrate Christopher's complete understanding of his pets. The first of these drawings, "La Triomphante", appears on page 6 of this issue. Others will follow in early Newsletters.)



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. Volume 1 (1957) is in scant supply. Vol. 2 = 1958, Vol. 3 = 1959, Vol. 4 = 1960, Vol. 5 = 1961, Vol. 6 = 1962, Vol. 7 = 1963, Vol. 8 = 1964

Send request and remittance to club headquarters:

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PILGRIMAGE

By Catherine and Harry Cisin
Amagansett, N. Y.

Our trip to California began May 2 from Amagansett, N. Y. and ended much too soon thirty days, thirty motels, fifteen states, 7354 miles and 594 gallons of gas later. Tercera was to have accompanied us but apparently came in heat the day before we left. She enjoyed the 30 day visit with her mate (we hope), Talos, at his home with Esther and Michael Cerone in Brooklyn, New York. We were in constant touch by telephone.

Since a diary of the journey would be of dubious interest to many readers, we touch on only the high points, trying to omit our reactions to the enormity and beauty of our great and wonderful country, -- its plains, its mountains, its deserts, its wildlife. . . . Our original route was altered slightly due to the flooding at the time of the Mississippi which would have to be crossed. This alteration led us out of the area where many tornadoes were touching down.

Our "first" LIOC visit was with Kelly and Jim Gellette in Las Vegas, Nevada. Their ten year old ocelot Baia died only a few months ago. They now plan to get a cheetah.

Our first introduction to the wonders of Southern California occurred in San Fernando on May 13, where we met Bill Engler. No words can express our impressions of Bill: his wondrous feline family, his capable, kindly mother, his absolute, ever-evident boundless love for all cats whether his own or those belonging to others -- and his gracious, trusting acceptance of their people.

Would Catherine be violating a confidence if she used Bill's own words, gleaned from his response to her request that he do a brief autobiography for the Newsletter readers who had become familiar with his endeavors through his articles. We think not:

"Like the cats that I love, I am very self-confident. To me writing an autobiography seems pretentious. I am getting considerable correspondence and some telephone calls regarding medical care of and surgical procedures on cats. Some of these queries are from veterinarians. I feel my work is becoming respected. Is it not better that I remain impersonal with my correspondents as I do with my friends here? I seek no recognition of myself as a person, only that of my knowledge of cats, for the benefit of cats. I have little respect for those who use their Exotics to gain recognition and status for self."

After Mike Balbo's arrival in the area, our first visit into the home of one of the Valley LIOC group was with Shirley and Otis Keith in Sunland. We were entertained royally with an extensive buffet dinner, movies, and the antics of daughter, Charlotte Keith playing with Bill Engler's ocelot, Tatus. Neffortete, Keiths' bobcat, made herself scarce shortly after the arrival of the gang, but I (Catherine) had the opportunity to visit her privately where we enjoyed a petting session in son Fred's bedroom. Te Te had sought the refuge of her special closet there.

After having been hopelessly "lost" in search of Buena Park -- in spite of Gloria Moore's carefully drawn map, and Bill Engler's hasty routing, we arrived very

late at the meeting there of Southern California Ocelot Club. Gloria tells of this meeting:

"Sunday, May 16, twenty eight Southern California Ocelot Club members, five guests, five ocelots, two pumas, one margay and one bobcat gathered at the home of Bill and Shirley Snook in Buena Park, California, to greet Harry and Catherine Cisin and Dr. Mike Balbo.

"It was typical California weather with the temperature in the mid-eighties, but true to the established Snook hospitality, guests were provided with many cooling refreshments to counteract the heat.

"Catherine was greeted with the good news that Mayme Pasquinelli's ocelot, Tisha, had given birth to a female kit on April 29th, her second kit. Also, Art Mathews' ocelot, Rodan, had given birth to a male kit, her eleventh, on May 11th."

After the meeting, Gloria and Paul Moore (Anaheim) and Jill and Ray Malyszka (Santa Ana) escorted us to dinner and to a visiting tour in their areas. The first stop was at the Moores' where Gloria introduced us to Teka, daughter of Simba and Rodan (Mathews), born 5/17/63 in Anaheim. Teka lives in complete harmony with her people and in equal comfort. Her "apartment" complete with ramps leading to garden areas and special entrances to the house, proper, leaves nothing to be desired by Teka or the Moores.

Next stop was at Bev and Jack Dupuis' home where we met Sheba, S. A. puma, physically full grown but emotionally still a trusting baby. In spite of her size one of her favorite haunts is the work area surrounding the kitchen sink where she sat to receive petting and kisses from all the females present. Sheba distrusts men.

Then onward for a very quick look in the fading light at the Pacific and the compact coastal resident-resort areas that nestle along its cliff-lined shores. Next, on to Santa Ana and the home of Jill and Ray Malyszka who are long-standing members of LIOC and for ten years personal friends. We had a quick reunion with Tinker-Belle ten year old ocelot who, in estrus, preferred privacy. The Moores and the hosts and we were seated around the living room when Ray introduced the "surprise" he had warned us to expect. Chiki, his "new" ten month old beautiful bobcat bounded in. She is so friendly she would put many of our ocelots to shame. She entertained us playing ball "in the middle" between Ray and his son, Charles. She jumped high into the air to intercept the ball. The Malyszkas had owned this remarkable creature only a week, having purchased her from a newspaper private advertiser.

The venture (or should we say adventure) on Monday, May 17th into "Nature's Haven"(Africa, U.S.A.) through the intercession of Bill Engler and the invitation of Ralph Helfer is thoroughly described by Mike Balbo on page 9.

On May 18th at Fresno, half way between Los Angeles and San Jose, we visited with handsome young Machete, 13 pound, six month old ocelot and his family; Laverne, Bob and daughter Jana. The Jones house, structurally is one of the most unusual, and without question the most beautiful we have ever seen. Bob posed the provocative question: "Which are the ocelot's predators?" Then Bob suggested: "Possibly the jaguar?" "Most certainly Man," we added.

Then, further north at Milpitas after dining with Betty and Ray Harris and visiting with them and their pair of beautiful ocelots, Shawn and Weeper(Contd. P14)



SAN FERNANDO SAFARI

By Dr. Michael P. Balbo
Long Island City, N. Y.

I use the words "thank you" many times in one day. Sometimes they are used simply out of politeness and at other times they are used with full meaning. Once in a while an occasion arises when I truly want to say "thank you" and find the words suddenly become inadequate. This is such an occasion.

I want to say: "Thank you!" to all the "Cat People" in California who made my visit so enjoyable. In particular my host and good friend, Bill Engler, and his mother. The term, "Cat People" is not mine. It is Bill's term of reference for all exotic owners.

One of the many highlights of my visit was the impromptu meeting of the "Cat People from the Valley". Twenty seven people attended with an assortment of twenty one animals. The people present were: Jeanne and Dick English, Catherine and Harry Cisin, Bob and Connie Johnson, Tom and Jean Pappas, Bob and Sandy Coleman, Fred and Rosemary Krug, Tee Jay Naugh and Patti Madison, Bill & Ruth Miner, Fred and Judie Mathews, Vivian and Gordon Meredith, Bill Engler, Mrs. Laura Engler, Mr. & Mrs. Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. Price.

The animals present were:

1 bear - Niño; 1 x-domestic/bobcat - Fat Gabby; 1 African Lioness - Valerie; 6 ocelots - Luv, Satan, Toleco, Tame, Tatius, Lolita; 1 chati-cat - Chatty-Cat; 2 margays - Circe, Twinkle; 1 "margalot" - Khigh; 1 cheetah - Chita Imperatrix; 1 geoffrey - Pandora; 1 bobcat, Penny; 3 pumas - Samantha, Tanya, Versingetorix; 1 lynx chaus - Chaussey; 1 kinkajou - Kinkey.

A word of explanation about the term, "margalot". It was devised by Fred and Judie Mathews when they suspected their cat was half margay, half ocelot.

A buffet snack was served which suddenly mushroomed into a banquet of exotic appetizers under Judie Matthew's capable hands. Watching her make a sour cream dip is like watching Salvatore Dali create a masterpiece. Cupboard doors flashed open and closed as condiments of undetermined origin went sailing through the air. I was reluctant to taste the brew but I soon succumbed and found it to be delicious.

The evening was topped off by a wrestling match between Tom Pappas and his Himalayan bear, Nino. It was very kind of Tom and Jean to go through all the trouble of having Nino perform for our benefit. Nino is one of the movie stars I had the pleasure of meeting. Tom and Nino will soon be seen in the Walt Disney Production, "My Family is a Menagerie."

Safari to "Nature's Haven"

Come with me on a ride through the San Fernando Hills to Ralph Helfer's Africa, U.S.A.

Africa U.S.A., formerly called Nature's Haven, is located in the Soledad Canyon. I prefer its original name, Nature's Haven because it looks like a haven. The surrounding area is composed of barren mountains and desert while Ralph's place is green and fertile. My first introduction was to Zamba, king of the lot and every inch a star. His motion picture credits are too numerous to list but I must make mention of his performance in "The Lion" with William Holden. He will soon be seen on the screen in "Fluffy" with Tony Randall and Shirley Jones.

The other stars on the Helfer "lot" include: Patrina, last year's Patsy winner for Disney's "A Tiger Walks," with Brian Keith and Vera Miles. A Patsy award may be defined as an Oscar for animals and is given once a year to the best animal performer. Other animals were: Margie, an elephant, Nero, a leopard, Raunchi, (continued on page 11.)

NEWS

from
Around
the
JUNGLE



AN OCELOT IS BORN IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, -- and dies there

Reported by Betty Harris, Pres.
Northern California Branch, LIOC

While attending a girls' sports banquet a phone call came for me on May 27th. "This is an emergency! Tanya has given birth to a kitten and Ginger is trying to get at it!!!! Come at once!"

Adam Lugo of 1317 Carrie Lee Way, San Jose, owns Ginger and Tanya. His children happened to hear a lot of noise coming from the yard. When they got out, Ginger had the kitten in his mouth. Loni Lugo was able to surprise Ginger and he dropped the kit. The kit was then wrapped in a blanket and they managed to bring Tanya in the house and put her in a bathroom.

When my husband and I arrived, we tried several hours to get Tanya to take the kit and feed it. No such luck. She was very frightened and would have nothing to do with it.

At a loss for a moment, we finally managed to boil some beef and to feed this broth to the kit with an ear syringe. Since I have had experience with making formula and taking care of a young ocelot kitten, it was decided we would bring the little tyke home and I would take care of it. Ray and I stopped at the drug store and got some Similac. There was no place to get Biolac normally used for Formula. We still had some of the little doll bottles I had used for our ocelot, Shawn.

At midnight I was boiling rice water and making formula to feed my adopted one. I managed to get about 2 cc down him. We had called ahead to our home and the bottles, box and heating pad were waiting when we arrived home. The little one was ready for more food at 5:00 A.M. During the day I fed the kit as often as he wanted food. On Friday night, May 29 I fed him at 5 A.M. When I awoke on Saturday morning not hearing the kitten, I expected the worst. He was dead.

The kitten had been bitten by Ginger on his left hind foot and also around the tail. The foot was swollen

and the wound by the tail was open and draining. I imagine there had been some injury to his neck, too.

The kitten was taken to Dr. Hunter of Central Animal Hospital in Campbell, Calif. for autopsy. Dr. Hunter reported that the kitten was male. He was not weighed or measured at birth but I would judge he weighed about 3/4 of a pound and his body was six inches long. The kitten had a badly mangled hind leg. The bones were broken in several places. He also had many small bites over his entire body.

Dr. Hunter said that one of the major causes for death was the kitten's lack of his mother's first milk. Nature has provided in the first milk a number of the great necessities for survival. In all, he was just too weak to live and would no doubt have been badly crippled if I had been able to pull him through.

Mother's Milk

I have an idea on this matter and it was confirmed by Dr. Hunter as being a sensible one. This is: get some milk from a nursing momma cat and freeze it. I understand this method has been used with other species and results have been good. Try to get enough milk to last at least five to seven days. I called several animal shelters in the area in hopes of finding a mother cat with milk for Tanya's kitten, but none was to be found.

A MATE FOR KELDA?

Just too late for the last Newsletter, comes the news from Marilyn Chester that Robert Buck of Orlando, Florida has shipped his male margay, Lance, to Mrs. Chester in Clinton, Tennessee where he will join Kelda.

Marilyn has advised Bob: "Lance arrived safe and sound. There must have been very little trauma because he was not at all excited. In fact, I have yet to see him excited about anything. He and Kelda are caged together and seem to get along well. They spend a great deal of time sneaking up behind one another, but there is no serious fighting, just friendly nipping. Let us hope they stay as friendly when Kelda is in estrus!"

ZAPATA CAVORTS WITH LOCAL BANDITOS

Brenda Duprey of Lenox, Mass. reports this experience -- worrisome as only ocelot owners can understand worry. Brenda and Stan Duprey, and Zapata, hosted the summer picnic in Lenox, Mass. last year. For making this happy time possible they will be warmly remembered by many Newsletter readers.

"The three of us have been through a frightening experience," writes Brenda. "Last Monday (May 17) around 5:30, Stan was taking Zapata for his usual walk. He turned his back on him for a moment and he was gone. I ran out. We looked and called immediately. He must have heard or seen us, but he wouldn't answer. I don't have to tell what a panic we were in. We looked all night and had a "cat dog" come up, but he didn't find anything.

"Stan didn't work the next day. He spent all the time looking. Tuesday I called the radio stations and they announced Zapata missing all day long. Stan went to all the neighbors and by Wednesday, Zapata still hadn't been seen. To add to the confusion the Chief of Police called Wednesday morning to tell us he was getting calls from people who were frightened. He was (Cont'd Page 11 Col 2)

SAN FERNANDO SAFARI - Balbo (Continued)

a jaguar, star of "Rampage" with Robert Mitcham, and Freddie -- soon to be seen in "Clarence the Cross-Eyed Lion." Freddie (or Clarence as he is now called) is truly cross-eyed. I knew this fact before meeting him and it bothered me. I felt sorry for him and did not think it fair to make fun of his handicap. My opinion changed after being with Freddie. He is a healthy, happy animal and every inch a "ham" right down to the tip of his tail. Freddie will also have his own television series next Fall.

I have left many stars unmentioned and I hope they will forgive me. A very special thank you goes to Ralph Helfer for allowing Catherine, Harry and me to visit with him and his stars.

It is very rare to accomplish all the things you plan beforehand on a week's vacation. I did! No... I didn't see Disneyland or Doris Day, but I did see the hills and the desert, -- the desert with its cactus and yucca in flower. I not only saw them, I felt them and have the scars to prove it. I've seen and climbed Vasques Rocks with Wayne & Emmy Linke's puma, Pandora.

Funny how little things I thought forgotten come back to mind -- Sandy Coleman running after Samantha, three month old puma who slipped her collar at "Nature's Haven" and Bob Coleman's joy at getting a job at Ralph's as an animal trainer... watching Bill declaw a puma... helping remove a tooth from a Geoffrey's cat... the feeling of panic when a baby puma arrived dead sick and is suspected of having "cat fever" ... the feeling of light-heartedness when a full-grown puma comes sailing through the air at you and you discover he only wants to play. He likes me! The orange trees, the lemon trees and the bamboo. The melancholy moan of the Mouring Dove and the pleading chirp of a baby puma getting an antibiotic injection. The awe at being in a living room with an African Lioness... All the sounds and sights of California.... and the "Cat People".....

Thank you

COLOR CLUB POSTCARD

Two LIOC postcards are now available. The latest printing is a repeat (by popular request) of our original postcard. Price: \$1 per lot of 40 cards. Please send request and remittance to LIOC, Amagansett, N. Y., specifying which cards .

1. Original -- shows ocelot, AKU, wet footed, resting on a piece of driftwood on the sand, beach grass in the background against a vivid blue sky. .
2. Second -- shows ocelot, CLEOPATRA, lounging on a carpet of green grass.

Available at LIOC Headquarters, \$1 per lot of 40.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE JUNGLE (Continued from page 10)

very understanding and in fact called the newspaper. That night there was an article saying Zapata was not dangerous and, in fact, was very delicate.

"Everyone was wonderful. They treated Zapata's disappearance like a missing child. Calls from people we didn't know came telling us how sorry they were. I was really worried about him because the temperature at night was in the low forties.

"At 4 AM Thursday morning, my sister who had joined the search, was out looking for him again. Stan went out to start the car and spotted Zapata in the shrubs. I almost fainted when I saw him, -- he was starved. But to me he was very beautiful.

"All Zapata did was sleep and eat for three days. Sunday morning I noticed a cut about 3 inches long on his back near his left hind leg. It was healing beautifully and the scab came off the next day. He is right back to normal, but I guess he hasn't had enough. I think he enjoyed himself. He paces and screams at night to get out again. I'm tempted to get him a female!"

YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL

This is the warning of Ann Jacobsen, 2356 N. 58 Street, Seattle, Washington.

"We had a most unhappy experience with a very young jaguarundi which we bought as a future mate for Wallace, our Fishing Cat. She was very small -- about 21 pounds -- and had the sweetest disposition. We had taken care to keep her separate from Wallace. We had ordered a cage for her so we could let them become acquainted gradually and at a safe distance. In the meantime we had shut her in the kitchen in a large cardboard box. The kitchen door was accidentally left open for a few minutes and Wallace got in the box and killed her. It was all over in a couple of seconds and I really think that he was surprised at what he had done. She was still twitching and he was nowhere to be seen. I doubt if he even realized it was a cat. He has never harmed any of our domestics."

WHOLE FEMALE OCELOT TO DONATE?

From an LIOC acquaintance in Spartanburg, S. Carolina, comes this plea:

"In August 1963 the Cleveland Park Zoo in Greenville, South Carolina graciously consented to keep my ocelots, My Lord Graystroke and Jalna. The ocelots enjoyed their new home but something happened which nobody could do anything about. Rat poison had been put out in the neighborhood. This was eaten by ground squirrels. Jalna ate one of the squirrels and died.

"Zoo officials have endeavored to obtain a new mate for My Lord Graystroke. If anyone has such a cat, he might write to Mr. Al. Fason, Zoo Director, Cleveland Park Zoo, Greenville, South Carolina."

SABU IS DEAD - MARGAY

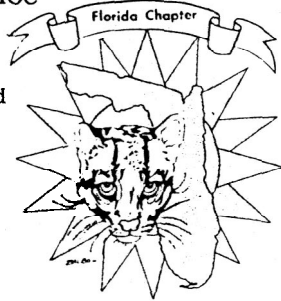
"Four years young," writes Virginia House, Algonac, Michigan, "and I loved him so. We found him dead under a board in the attic. We'll never know what did it."

REPORT OF THIRD MEETING
FLORIDA CHAPTER, LIOC

at the home of

Jean and Kenneth Hatfield
80 E. 34 Street
Hialeah, Florida

Sunday, May 9, 1965



It was a beautiful, typically Florida spring day. People started arriving about 1 PM and at final count there were 32 people and 7 cats, counting members, their families guests and cats. Attendants:

Ava and Bert Billheimer, Barbara Bond with ocelot, Gina, Jimmy & Olivia Cottrell with ocelot, Billie; Bill Coulbourne with ocelot, Jamie; Harry & Carole Ellis, Dianne & Frank Froehling with margay, Tica; Jean and Kenneth Hatfield with margay, Mittens, Patti Kelton, Richard & Michelle Marx with ocelot, Bimbo; Dave & Sue Salisbury, Tico Waddell

The seventh cat, or kitten, belonged to Mr. & Mrs Mulloy. He and the Froehling's cat were about three months old and they were adorable to watch as they played together. No wonder so many people who see these sweet little kittens purchase on impulse!

The Salisburys and the Ellis' were the first to arrive, both without their feline members, followed by Billheimers and Patti Kelton. I was beginning to think we would be animal-less! My worries were soon over after others began arriving with their cats. This was the first time the Florida Chapter had met in the Miami area, thus we had some members who had not been able to get upstate for previous meetings.

Gentleman Jamie wanted to renew his acquaintance and play with Gina, but she wouldn't play when she saw all the people. Bimbo who according to the Marxes, doesn't go out among people much, behaved admirably and in fact finally became bored and went to sleep. Billie occupied Mittens' cage in the back yard. It is ten feet square and built around a Florida holly tree. Billie somehow managed to get inside Mitt's tree house which was built to accommodate a 15 pound margay. Billie weighed 86 pounds the other day at a truck weighing station. How he got in I'll never know, and I also missed seeing how he got out! About Mittens' behavior, the less said the better. A more UNSociable host could not have been found.

About 3:15 Dave Salisbury tried calling the meeting to order. He didn't have much luck, but we did touch on a few subjects. He has written Tarpon Zoo asking them to give new owners the name and address of LIOC, but has had no response; a few of us had checked with our insurance companies regarding liability insurance; Dianne Froehling asked for suggestions regarding toilet training her 3-month old kitten; brief comments were made on publicity for our pets and the legality of owning them. Dave recognized the futility of it all and declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30.

The next meeting will be held at Clear Lake Jr. High School, Cocoa at 1:00 PM with the Salisburys again our hosts, on Sunday, July 11th.

-- Jean Hatfield, Secretary

P.S. I'm sneakin this in while that female's not lookin -- she got downright mad with me! (My paw's not, tho, he's too busy tryin to find where I've got my jug of Kentucky shine stashed away.) Anyhow, how would you feel if a dad-burned bunch of people AND CATS invaded your place on a peaceful Sunday afternoon? And I just knew that Fire Chief's gal Sheba would turn up with her water hose clutched in her paw... So I hid up in the closet and didn't come down without a fight. Lucky thing I left my shootin-iron in the other room! -- Mittens



ADDENDUM

We had a "blessed event" here in Miami. Barbara Bond's BB had one kit Sunday, June 6 around 10:00 AM. As far as I know it was the first to be born, and live, in Florida. (BB accidentally killed her first kit and her second was born in Tennessee) That evening Barbara reported BB became highly excited and, clutching the kit in her mouth paced her cage and jumped up and down from her barrel. Barbara decided that she was unhappy with her surroundings so Barbara got the carrier and put it up to the door of the cage. BB stood expectantly by the door, still clutching the kitten in her mouth and as soon as the cage door opened, sent immediately into the carrier. Barbara carried them inside where they will stay as long as necessary. The same afternoon, a cameraman and reporter from local Channel 4 News were out and took quite a few feet of film which then was shown at 6 O'clock and again at 11 o'clock on the news programs.

- Jean Hatfield

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

914 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 !!!

REPORT OF MEETING



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF LIOC
Sunday, May 23, 1965 at Negro Bar Park near
Folsom, Calif.

Attendance: As close as I can judge from my meager notes the meeting was attended by from 25 to 30 persons and about 10 or 11 animals. You may wonder why the confusion! I was unable to attend the meeting due to illness and with all the turmoil of a public park, names of members and guests are somewhat sketchy. If I have missed anyone, please forgive me: Ronald J. Law (whole ocelot Caesare), Bob Marshall (f. ocelot Suzie), Donna Chears and sons, Dave & Ronnie (f. ocelot Cleo) with guests, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Camp. Mr. Camp is a photographer for the Sacramento Bee. He is planning a picture story on exotic animals. Betty Tuttle (f. margay Misty); Ed & Thelma Peacock (f. margay Rima T. Jones and their new addition, f. S.A. puma, Heide 9 months old); Marge & Earl Sparrow (m. ocelot, Tiger); Fawn T. Dawkter (m. ocelot Voodoo); Teres & Doug O'Brien; Dion and Lorelee Vigne; Jan Vernier (f. margay, Felecia); Sally Hodgdon; Dr. F. D. Lewis and, of course, Ray Harris (m. ocelot Weeper). Our other ocelot, Shawn, stayed home in bed with me!

(Ed: The picture story foreshadowed by Betty above, appeared in the Sacramento Bee Sunday, June 6, -- a two page spread with many excellent pictures of the people and cats mentioned above. Copy was supplied by Jan Vernier)

There was some difficulty getting any sort of order called for a business meeting as the area kept being invaded by the curious. I think we will find this the case wherever a meeting is held in a public park.

The next meeting will be hosted by May & Fred Bullock at their home in Half Moon Bay, Calif. on Sunday, July 25.

We had volunteers for the next two meetings: September 26 at Ed and Thelma Peacock's in San Lorenzo in their home, and November 21st, Dr. F. D. Lewis, location undisclosed. Also, the January 30, 1966 meeting will be here at Nor. Cal. Headquarters unless by that time someone else volunteers!

It was relayed to me that the high spot of the day was the fun of playing with little Heide, female puma from South America belonging to Ed and Thelma Peacock. Everyone held her and played with her and I guess she enjoyed the attention. Ray and Fawn might be tempted to say the high spot of their day was the time it took to get her car running again! She had a pinched gas line and water in her gas tank. Ray came home with the usual number of "pinches" too, -- from the animals, of course. His nick name is Frank Buck.

Local News

I thought my high spot for the year was a phone call on May 19th from Catherine and Harry Cisin. We met them at their motel, had dinner and returned to our house for a visit with Shawn and Weeper and to get acquainted. It was a most enjoyable evening but due to unfinished business in the East they were forced to return home without meeting anyone else or attending the meeting on May 23. We had looked forward to meeting Tercera, too, but she had been left behind in Brooklyn for a honeymoon with Talos. Harry gave Shawn the pleasure of being the first ocelot ever to suck his thumb in over ten years of handling ocelots. Shawn will conquer your heart as well as your thumb if you sit still for a minute or so.

(Ed: Please see Page 10-- News From Around the Jungle, where Betty Harris describes her experience with the newborn ocelot kitten from San Jose)

With more meaning than anything I have ever felt before let me urge those of you who are trying to breed ocelots or any exotics PLEASE KEEP YOUR FEMALE IN A SAFE PLACE, even out of sight from the male, not just in a separate cage.

In addition to our tragedy, Muriel Ackers had a bobcat and a lynx that had young and even though they were in separate quarters, the kits were destroyed because the female could see the male.

Our club breeding program will never even get its feet off the ground if owners do not heed the warnings on the dangers involved in the killing of the young by the male, or even the female if she is disturbed the first few important days after giving birth. Words cannot express the heartache that one feels to hold a little ocelot and try to give it life by taking care of it because circumstances might have been different if rules were heeded, -- not rules, really, just common sense. If you suspect that your female is expecting, see that she has a safe place for her babies. Don't wait until it is too late!! I hope when my Shawn has kittens I will be able to follow my own advice and not try to rush her into sharing her litter and make her so scared that she destroys them. Hope with me, will you? And lets all hope we have learned something from our tragedy.

The little female kitten from Thailand named Gwenervier, brought back by Dion and Lorelee Vigne has died. Dr. Hunter did an autopsy and found a wad of newspaper in the trachea.

Tigger, male ocelot of the Sparrows' is housed in the swimming pool pump house at night. He was roused recently by a fire caused by a short circuit in his heating pad. He was burned, or singed a little, but not seriously.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, July 25, Half Moon Bay, Calif. May and Fred Bullock and F. (Continued page 14)

and female ocelot, Lomi, are opening their home and yard for us and they are also supplying hot dogs and buns for a Bar-B-Q. It will be a pot-luck meeting. All those who plan to attend, please bring along a dish that can be shared by others. Some type of salad or baked beans or some dessert is suggested. Each family is to supply his own plates and silver and beverages. Since this meeting will need some advance planning in the purchase of food, it would be advisable and appreciated please drop a card to the Bullocks a week in advance, letting them know how many will be in your group. Address is: P O Box 321, Half Moon Bay, Calif. To get there, get on Highway #1 (That is the coast Highway, also called Cabrillo Highway). They live in a brown stucco house between the Mira Mar Hotel and the Marks Realty Co. It is opposite the ocean side of the road. There will be a sign in front. Since it is on the ocean, it will be advisable to bring a sweater or other warm covering. If it is too cold, meeting will be held inside the house.

Betty Harris, President
Northern California Branch of
Long Island Ocelot Club



PILGRIMAGE - the Cisins (Cont'd from P. 8)

discussion continued to discover to which species the ocelot is prey. Ray added possibly the anaconda and similar larger reptiles. Some detail of our Milpitas visit is given by Betty Harris in her report of the May 23rd Northern California event (page 13).

Our apologies are made to this group who had hoped to find us in attendance at their meeting. Running off schedule, we were travelling while this meeting was taking place, already 1000 miles to the East on our return trip. Our apologies, too, are offered to many other members in many localities who had hoped to meet us. Harry has been heard saying: "Next time we'll travel further each day so we have more time to spend with our friends!"

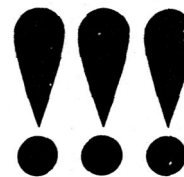
Towards the end of our return trip, while we were avoiding holiday traffic by stopping over on May 30th at Lorain, Ohio, we were joined for a night by Gene and John Brill with Cleo, from Kenmore, near Buffalo, N. Y. Cleo, still having her random epileptic spasms, is in very fine flesh, having lost (dieting under her vet's supervision) some of her excess weight. Her coat, figure and disposition are beautiful.

We had missed Tercera often, yet reunion was less emotional than might be expected. The Cerones, including Talos, brought her home. She quickly accepted her familiar haunts and soon returned to "nursing" on Catherine's blouse. We are sure she is not bred, but Talos is anxious to cooperate when the next opportunity arises.

CAPSULE COMMENTS by H. G. Cisin

Outstanding Feature -- Western hospitality
Highpoint -- Meeting Bill Engler and his pets;
Meeting Valerie the African Lioness
who was afraid of me.

Biggest Thrill -- Seeing the animals at Africa U.S.A.
Shortest two hours: Reunion with the Slaters.
Longest two hours -- Trying to find Buena Park.



Editorial apologies!!!!

We are so sorry! So very much material has gone into this issue of the Newsletter that there is no room for three items readers have been lead to expect.

1. LIST OF VETERINARIANS This is positively scheduled for the next (September) issue. In the meantime, veterinarians who no longer have interest in the work of LIOC will have opportunity to request their removal -- and veterinarians themselves, or through their clients, will have opportunity to request that they be included in the work.

2. THE MATING GAME (as Betty Harris, Pres. of Northern California Branch of LIOC suggests we call our registration of possible potential breeding ocelots.) To the list as it appears in the last issue, please note the addition of: Mike Ludwig, 26341 Alta Vista, Harbor City, Calif. Phone 213-325 7488 -- Female ocelot, 12 months, 30 pounds; No estrus date as yet; guest cat would be welcome; Will consider travel anywhere.

3. DOMESTIC BIRTH RECORD showing complete birth records to date. There are a few minor corrections in this record as it appeared in the last Newsletter which will be made when it next appears. But most important: There were FIVE new births recorded in the past two months. In their proper chronological order, these are:

first: April 29 -- Tisha, belonging to Mayme Pasquinelli had one kit in Compton, California, which kit appears to be healthy, Tisha's second.

second: May 11 -- Rodan (father Simba) belonging to Art and Darlene Mathews, Orange, California, had their eleventh kit, -- male.

third: May 27 -- Tanya (father Ginger) belonging to Adam Lugo, San Jose, California had their first kit which did not survive attack by father.

fourth: June 6 -- BB (father Buddy) belonging to Barbara Bond, Hialeah, Florida, had their third kit (third litter), kit known to be male and healthy.

fifth: June 10 -- Bum Bum (father Hanibal) belonging to Sandy and Wayne Kruse of Canoga Park, Calif., had their third kit (third litter) sex undetermined. News came by phone just as the Newsletter was "going to press."

These will all be entered in their proper places and the complete record will be published in an early issue.



LAST MINUTE NEWS

Lydia Sporleder has given her last domestic-born ocelot (January 18 '55) to Carole Westervelt of Bayport, New York

CHATTY-CAT'S CHATTER



By: Chatty-Cat (English)
3717 Los Feliz Boulevard
Los Angeles 27, California

It's me again... Chatty-cat, the chati cat! I haven't said too much for a long time on account of Mamma Jeanne's been too busy with her school works to help me, but this time I've got so much to say that's 'portant that she said she'd help me out this time.

First of all Fat Gabby, my half-bobcat half-brother is on a diet! He don't like it. He screamd. I bite him. I think it's funny. When the folks let him out in the patio now they tie a ticket on his collar that says: "Don't feed me. I'm on a diet," and he can't mooch snacks from nobody nowheres no more. I know he don't get too much to eat now 'counta his diet, so I take a looooong tiiiime eating my dinners and I make lots of juicy chewing sounds to torture him. He tries to sneak around towards my dish, but I guard it good! And if he should happen to get past me, Mamma Jeanne yells at him and he gets out of there fast!!! Whenever the folks takes us places Mamma Jeanne always says: "See how slim Fat Gabby's getting?" Everybody laughs 'counta he's still "Fat" Gabby!

He got putted in the bathtub the other day and got washed with Mamma Jeanne's shampoo. He looked so funny! I sat on top of the shower doors and watched. He was all spikedy-furred with little scrawny legs and big bulby sides!!! Mamma Jeanne tried not to laugh at him, but she had to leave the room and then laugh. I just sat there and looked superior. That's because I am. (At least I think so!)

But the most 'portant news of all... I GOT TO MEET CATHERINE CISIN!!!! Ooooooh, was I a proud little chati cat... why, I was so brave even let Catherine hold me!... 'course I really didn't have too much to say about it 'counta I've so little and Daddy Dick just handed me to her... so I just sat there and trembled... I was kind of confuse-ed too, 'counta Catherine is blonde like Mamma Jeanne and I got kind of mixed up for a minute or two.. but it all worked out all right.

I met Catherine and Harry, her husband out at my "uncle" Bill Engler's; he had tea and cookies on a big table in the yard... I started to spray on them but Daddy Dick aimed me in the other direction just in time. I thought it might cause some excitement but it didn't... I think Daddy Dick tried to hush the whole thing up because right after that he sat down in a chair way away from the table and held me pretty tight. I like Catherine. I like her husband, too. Fat Gabby was there to meet them, so I can't lord it over him that I met the Cisins.

We even got to meet Mike Balbo who draws my picture for this column! He's real nice peoples. We like Mike much. When we started getting tired Mamma and Daddy put us in the car so we could snooze. We didn't though, but we felt better in our own safe car. It's really my car, but I let Gabby ride in it sometimes. I stretch out on the seat and sometimes he tromps on me. I hit him on the head.

But boths of us was on our very bestest type behavior to meet Catherine! We felt very honored. There were so many peoples there with their "little guys" that I won't even begin to say who they all were...but there were lots!!! We had a nice time and we hope Catherine, Harry and Mike did, too! It was all so exciting meeting all these peoples. I don't think I'll ever be the same little Chatty-cat never again...

After all the excitement of meeting Catherine, Harry and Mike had died down I got all excited all over again! Tom and Laurel Smith (new LIOC members from Fargo, North Dakota ... wherever that is!) came out to California on a combined business-vacation type trip. They came over to see me and Fat Gabby; not Mamma Jeanne or Daddy Dick... I was the very firstest tame exotic Tom had ever seen and Laurel had only seen one ocelot-type about ten years ago. I was so proud to be their very firstest exotic that I didn't even run and hide when they came in ('course the folks had closed off all of my "escape routes" and I didn't have much choice!)... but I was so proud and so brave that I just sat up on my climbing tree and looked at them. I even let them pet me!!! Fat Gabby naturally climbed all over them. He always does. He sheds. I don't.

I like the Smiths... they don't have no exotics of their own yet; they do got three kids... one cat-type named Tiger and two people types named Greg and Debbie. Tom had to be away on business, so he left Laurel with us and Mamma Jeanne -- and Daddy Dick took her out to meet Bill Engler and his big "family". While they were there Laurel got to meet all kinds of peoples... somebody came out and brought their leopard. Gordon Meredith showed up with his three Kids... Tammy (ocelot), Penny (bobcat) and Baby Tanya (puma). Then later on Judy and Fred Matthews pulled in with their mess of kids... well, half of their mess anyway!.... they brunged along Khigh, (ocelot); Love (ocelot) and Circe (chati... we think!) I haven't got to meet Circe yet, but everybody thinks she's a chati-cat too, 'septing she don't have the big eyes like me...but other wise she's like me...

Tom came back and collected Laurel later in the evening. I like them! They're nice peoples and we were all very glad to meet them.

Bye now!
I am soooo tired.....

CHATTY-CAT

New Members

Mr. & Mrs. John Breslin, 127 N. Hambledon, La Puente, Calif. 91744, are proud owners of "Hans: a two pound, six week old, full of the devil Ocelot from Colombia, South America." Already Hans has been on television causing much rumpus which sent the audience into stitches. He is addicted to ear-lobe sucking, much to the discomfort of Mrs. Breslin. "Hans is our second exotic," adds Regina Breslin, "our first was Klause, a margay which was ill when we got him from a pet shop and died after about eight days. Klause was 4 months old."

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Duncan, 6991 Fern Drive, Cocoa, Florida, do not as yet own an ocelot but are getting one.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ellis, 1417 Highland Court, Cocoa, Florida have a four month old male ocelot which they have not yet named.

Shirley Ireland, 108 Roxboro Road, Calgary, Alta., Canada "Since Christmas, 1963 I have been the proud and doting owner of a male ocelot with the inherited misnomer of "SHEBA", writes Shirley. "His first year with his 'mother' was spent in an apartment with not too much objection from the tenants. In fact he was a social hit with most. Aside from the usual broken bric-a-brac and beaten up furniture, etc. he weathered the confining quarters within his stride. We have now moved into a house which gives him a good deal of territory in which to create his own little islands of chaos. While the neighbors are a bit apprehensive, their children are forever coming to call upon him. He has completely captivated my heart as well as that of the friend who gave him to me, who is his undying buddy."

Dr. F. D. Lewis, 3430 Balmoral Drive, Sacramento, California is the owner of an 18 pound male ocelot named "Mia"... He does not know how old the cat is.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Meehan, 500 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Square, N.Y. 11010 will have an ocelot just as soon as they are ready for it.

Mr. & Mrs. Derek Mason, 1606 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94123 who now have a little Siamese are interested in getting a cheetah or ocelot.

Carl Morris and Dolores Harding, 15520 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 were the owners of "Fearless" a year old male ocelot until Fearless ran away. From circumstances they are convinced someone picked him up. "The ocelot is a most fascinating pet," they write. "We had become so attached to Fearless we decided the best thing to do was to order another ocelot as soon as possible. We are expecting the new kitten in May or June."

Lewis Allen Nettles, Route 2, Box 240, Quick, West Virginia 25045 has been very interested in the "big cat" family for some time. After meeting David Salisbury, Pres of the Florida chapter of LIOC and his Sheba, he decided to order an ocelot.

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas M. O'Brien, 1207 Hamilton Mill Valley, Colorado 94943 are owners of a pair

of ocelots: Rajah a 16 pound female born February, 1964 and Chico, 30 pound male born September, 1963.

Rick Quartay, Mace Avenue, New York, N. Y. has discovered that his ocelot is different from any other cats (felis catus) he has known. "Paris bites when he plays," writes Rick. "He is extremely persistent and likes on occasion to suck on wool sweaters. He is a bit destructive in his constant playing. He is the most affectionate and beautiful animal I ever have had the pleasure of owning."

Donald K. Underwood, 1250 N. State College Blvd, Space 49, Anaheim, California 90680 is interested in a puma.

Renewal Members

Mr. & Mrs. Henri Batisse, Arlington, Virginia
Mrs. Marilyn Casey, Spokane, Washington
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chisholm, Commack, New York
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Curtis, Los Angeles, California
Dr. & Mrs. Wade Elliott, Kansas City, Missouri
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