

NEWSLETTER

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ALI

Ali is the new pet of Pearl and Frank Radelfinger, 1653 - 18th Ave. San Francisco, California, shown in photo at right.

The Radelfingers have been with LIOC since July, 1965, having previously owned an ocelot.

Ali, not a jungle animal, but indigenous to the savannas of Africa, is, like all cheetahs, born blind and naked. Of course he now sees very well, as only a cheetah can. Most Newsletter readers have never seen the typical gray protective mantle the still young cheetah wears. He will lose this fur as he grows a little older, resplendent in his conventional (for cheetahs) black spots on gold.



HELP!

Requested by MARY ELLEN TRACY, (6712 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97213.

We are having a large problem out here. The Portland City Council passed an ordinance January 27, 1967, prohibiting "wild" animals. Since we had no notice the law was coming up and it was passed in one day, we had no chance to present a case for the animals.

The Council has said it could amend the law if we had evidence for the cats. We would like to appeal to LIOC members that they send a letter to: Mr. Ivancie, City Council Member in charge of Public Affairs, City Hall, Portland Oregon, to the effect that they have had an ocelot, margay or whatever for so many years and they have found them to be tame and reliable. Obviously these letters are solicited outside our area where such

a letter might conceivably jeopardize the writer's pet. Gradually exotic pets are being outlawed from all the large cities. If we can get this law changed, it may offer precedence for other cases before all cat lovers are forced into a mass exodus out of the cities where many of their occupations require them to live.

On behalf of the hundreds of exotic cats who live in Portland, **PLEASE HELP!!!!** Even the briefest letter will help. Perhaps if enough letters are received, the Council will amend the law so at least, perhaps, the smaller exotics will be allowed in the city. **THANK YOU!!!!**

Mary Ellen Tracy
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Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1967 is LIOC Meeting Day for the following Sections:

LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB, a Potluck (first one in the East) at Orden's Marina, 1351 Old Northern Boulevard, Roslyn, L.I., N.Y., beginning at 1:00 P.M.

FLORIDA CHAPTER OF LIOC at the home of Ken and Marion Stuckey, 736 - 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF LIOC (Jungle Cats of California), a Potluck at the home of Shirley Nelson, San Francisco, California. Map with travel instructions will be sent to local members directly.

Remember all of the above listed meetings occur on Sunday, March 12th, other meetings below.

CAL-VAL BRANCH OF LIOC, Sunday, April 2, 1967. Location will be announced as soon as it is decided upon. Notices will be mailed locally.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH OF LIOC, Date and location for the March meeting will be announced locally.

GUEST EDITORIAL

WALKING TALLER

I think people who want to sell their ocelots should be discouraged as much as possible from thinking they should receive large sums of money. Some people believe they buy the cat as an "investment" when in reality, by improper or ill-advised treatment they reduce or destroy the cat's value, his personality and his trust in humanity.

When I first saw my ocelot, Zeb, he was trembling. His eyes protruded and looked glazed. Instead of walking he crawled on his belly. He was a year and a half old. He had already had two owners and had been in two pet shops after he left his importer. He had never stayed in one place more than nine months. I not only had to pay for him but also had to pay for the alterations people had caused him to undergo.

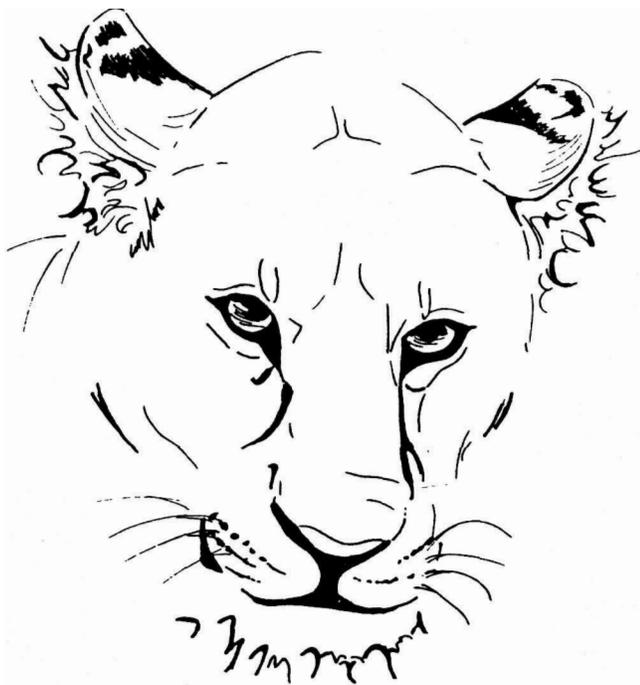
During the first year, he bit me about three times a week with teeth that had been filed down to the core, but still had ragged corners. I had to go to work bloody and scabbed. I probably will retain some permanent scars. For the second year he bit me only about once every six weeks.

I don't think I could have lived with him if he hadn't been so beautiful or if I hadn't seen slow improvement. He "walked taller," was less defensive and had more confidence and more desire to socialize and play. He now shows me affection and, most important, he is willing to look to me for guidance. He trusts me. Now at the end of our second year he is like most other domesticated ocelots.

How many people would be willing to go through this for the sake of an ocelot? What happens to other cats who suffer the same traumas, mental and physical? How many unworthy owners will read this little piece about Zeb and realize that he is one of the more fortunate cast-offs? How many will think twice before mutilating their ocelot children in body and in spirit? How many will walk taller?

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BALBO—

MESSAGE ON PANLEUCOPENIA

By Mary Ellen Tracy
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We had an outbreak of panleucopenia complicated by *E. coli* and a beta hemolytic streptococcus species that came in with a shipment of new cats. The total dead resulting was eleven cats: 2 ocelots (*Felis pardalis*) two lions (*Felis leo*), one little spotted cat (*Felis tigrina*) and six margays (*Felis weidi*). Our vet in the area, Dr. Wegert, on having the first margay brought to him with the symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, refusal to eat, and moping over a water dish, gave him 5 cc. of anti-serum and a shot of dextrose. The dextrose threw the cat into a state of shock. As Dr. Wegert declined to give any further treatment but wanted to "wait a few days to see what will happen," and since we thought the cat would be dead in a few days wait, we took the cat along with the other cat in the shipment which I had observed vomiting a yellowish frothy liquid to Drs. Milleson and Metcalf at Pacific Veterinary Hospital who have a donor cat (blood). The cats were treated with anti-serum, electrolyte solution, kapectate, tetracycline and given a transfusion from a donor domestic cat (one transfusion is usually safe from any antigen-antibody reactions).

After losing two cats, we called Dr. Lorber, recommended in the LIOC Newsletter, who was unable to help us. Also, the article by Dr. Zimmerman deals only with the general care of cats and contains no information a person shouldn't already have before owning an exotic.

Dr. Milleson disregarded our suggestion that the disease was, indeed panleucopenia, but complicated by *E. coli* (the extremely light colored diarrhea along with the regular panleucopenia symptoms, plus a slightly different differential blood picture suggests this.)

Dr. Metcalf varied the treatment of our next cats to take ill, trying Neomycin and kapectate as in the autopsy they had found hemorrhage in the intestines. After we lost two ocelots and three margays, we tried treating the cats

ourselves but we had no idea as to the correct dosages. We knew the correct drugs. We under-treated them.

Finally, Dr. Metcalf recommended we take the cats to Dr. Ott at the University of Washington School of Veterinary Medicine in Pullman, Washington. We called Dr. Ott and described the symptoms. He confirmed our diagnosis. We loaded our truck up with our two large lions, Shurze and Chee-fun, the Jaguar Kwai Mou, a small lion cub, Pung-You, one 7 monthold female margay, Lady Cat and two little margays, Little Boy and Little Girl, all of whom were now ill, except the largest lion, and all of whom had received either the serum shots (the small margays) or rher vaccine and booster shots and all of whom had had anti-serum shots as soon as the first cat had taken ill.

One other small lion was being brought over by one of the veterinary students who worked for Dr. Milleson. (It was well when we entrusted it to his care, but by the time he brought it to the hospital about two days late, and without any treatment, it was quite sick and died in a day.) The incubation period on the disease was running six to ten days.

Upon our arrival Thursday night at the Veterinary School about 10 p. m., Dr. Ott took the cats into the hospital and began the blood tests. Here is a breakdown on the cats he treated:

Little Ott, alias Little Boy, lone survivor, when brought in had vomiting diarrhea, anorexia, opacity in both lenses (five of our cats exhibited this odd symptom which remains unexplained), raspy lungs, and had no previous treatment other than 5 cc of anti-serum, temp. 103.6

Blood: WBC 16,700
Hemoglobin 14.4
P. C. V. 45.4
refractive index-protein gm %8.05
differential: neutrophils 66% 11,000
lymphocytes 32% 5,350
monocytes 2% 334
morphology: RBC much rouleaux,
moderate crenation
WBC 6% atypical lymphocytes

Little Girl, when brought in had vomiting and diarrhea, no opacity of lens, very depressed, convulsions, lungs raspy, temp. 101.4

Blood: WBC 13,600
hemoglobin 10.9
P. C. V. 30
Ref. index 5.9
differential: lymph. 21% 2,860
neutrophils 77% 10,500
mono. 2% 272

Lady Cat, vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, depression

Blood: WBC 900
hemoglobin 12.9
PCV 37.5

Pung-You and Mung Jung, too few white cells to run a good count (both of these lion cubs were suffering from rickets which Dr. Wegert had diagnosed as a form of arthritis; Mung-Jung had a broken leg)

The treatment was as follows: The small margays were given 80 cc of lactated ringers solution subcutaneous-ly, 25 mg chloromycetin intramuscularly (Continued page 4.)

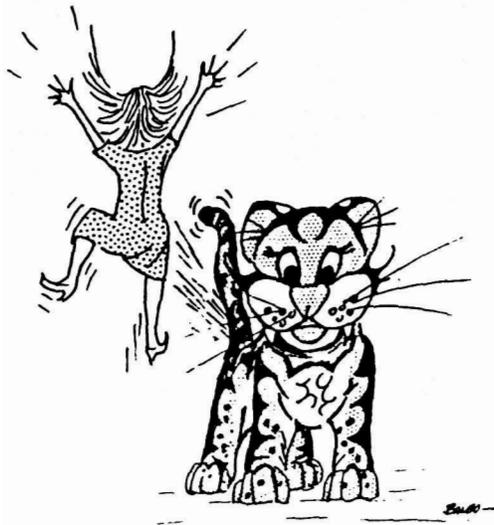
1 cc of B-sol; if vomiting was severe, 1/300 gm Atropine subcutaneously, a sulkamycin pill for the diarrhea. The treatment was the same for the large margay and lions, but in larger doses. Transfusions were given to the very weak cats. The three month old cub, Pung-You, was given a transfusion of 250 cc from Chee-fun, one of our larger lions.

The people at the school were very helpful and informative. Many students spent extra hours staying with the cats and giving them shots. We took the two large lions, the jaguar and two little margays home with us Sunday. The little girl unfortunately had a relapse on Monday. The blood count, white cells, dropped to 1850. We treated her as Dr. Ott had and she held on for four days, but as she was looking quite thin, though she was active and eating occasionally, we took her to Dr. Milleson to see if he could not either tube feed her, or give her a transfusion or something that we didn't know of, to give her some nourishment. He gave her a transfusion in about five minutes; when Dr. Milleson brought her out she was gasping. I took her out to the car but as she got worse, I brought her right back in. He administered oxygen but she died in a few seconds.

We have left now, two large nine month old lions; Shurze about 165 pounds and his brother, Chee-fun, 125 pounds, a nine month old jaguar Kwai Mou, about 85 pounds and a four month old male margay, Little Ott, (plus a nine month old beagle bitch who dominates them). All our cats are doing well. After their recovery from E.coli they had marked calcium deficiency shown by wobbly, bowed legs. We gave them shots of calcium gluconate and Vitamin B. Large doses made them rather dizzy and took quite a while to be absorbed into the system.

Mary Ellen Tracy

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"By George! I think I've got her!"



B. Otto

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

to members who live in vicinities where the SHRINE CIRCUS will be showing -----

Robert Baudy and his wife, Charlotte, will be visiting the following cities on dates given below, with their performing tigers. Consult local newspapers for details about performances of the Shrine Circus.

LIOC is proud to count the Baudys in the membership. Robert and Charlotte will welcome visits from LIOC members after their performances.

Home is Center Hill, Florida, where they have a rare feline breeding compound. An account of their accomplishments and methods, "Hand Raising of Large Felines" by Robert and Charlotte Baudy, will appear in the next (May) Newsletter.

Partial Schedule of Showings
(after this Newsletter will issue)

- FEB 22 through 26, -- Memphis, Tennessee
- MARCH 11 through APRIL 9 -- West Hempstead, L.I., N. Y. at the Long Island Garden Arena
- APRIL 20 through 23rd, -- Indianapolis, Indiana
- MAY 6 through 13th, -- Montreal, Quebec, Canada

CATS AVAILABLE:

SPOTTED CAT, 2 yrs old, 8 lb. female, declawed and defanged. Very pretty but very shy. Needs understanding home with much love. \$150.00 to right person Alyce Crafts, 6410 Riverside Ave., Riverside, Cal. Phone 714 686 2640 or 5454

HYBRIDS, Lynx Chaus x felis catus. born 2/2/67 \$50.00 each. Juleen Jackson, 768-31st Street Manhattan Beach, Calif 90266 Phone 213 874 2463

NEWS

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TAMMY'S EPISODE AT THE VET'S.

(as told by Robert Peraner of Somerville, Mass who with Babs -- Mrs. Peraner -- owns two year old ocelot, Tammy.)

She had developed two bald spots about the size of quarters on her left side. We suspected ringworm. I called Dr. Wolf for suggestions since Tam is not at all handleable even by us when at the vet's. I had to bring over some hair for UV diagnosis. This proved negative so we had to bring her for closer examination.

We tricked her into a small Safari crate by pulling a string through it from the back. Tam followed the string. We needed the Safari Crate so the vet could shine the UV light on her without having her at large. When she first realized she was locked in the cage she panicked and ran around in circles banging against the sides to get out. When Babs put her hand in through the side of the cage to comfort her she held onto it. Whenever Babs was within reach, Tammy would reach out and just hold Babs' hand or draw it up to the cage.

We were convinced she would never forgive us. On the ride over we figured she would be happiest completely covered. We covered the whole cage with large towels so she couldn't see out and nobody could see in. But she wanted to see out. She liked it best when we pulled one of the towels aside so she could see us. She would lay there until we went over a bump, then she would get up and walk in a circle and then lie down again.

When we lifted the towels away in the examination room, Dr. Russell's first reaction was how beautiful Tam is. (Of course, we know that anyway)... Tam didn't appreciate the comment. She let go both ways. We put the lights out and shone the UV on her. Dr. Russell was able to get a close look at the spots. Neither of them showed anything.

She had a third spot but it was on her back near her neck so she couldn't pull the fur out or lick it. The vet told us to wash the spots daily with Physohex. If in a week they hadn't cleared up, have to take a skin scraping and have it analyzed.

Here comes the interesting part. We treated all three spots equally. She hated the Physohex but tolerated it as long as we played with her while Babs put it on. She would constantly lick the two spots on her side. It is amazing that these two spots cleared up much quicker than the spot on her back. Perhaps there is something that nature puts in the saliva that heals?

The spot on her back didn't actually clear up. We noticed that it was becoming very hard and somewhat elevated. Then, while we were playing with her on the bed I found what once was her "bacterial infection," just laying on the bed. Apparently what had happened was that she somehow encapsulated the area from underneath. Then it fell off. It is like a large thick (about 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick) patch with the fur still attached. There is no bald spot since she already had fur growing underneath it. Now there is no sign that anything was wrong.

LUDI, FIRST HOME-BORN LIOC MARGAY

Bill Margetts, Cambridge, Mass.,
owner of Ludi and his parents,
Minx and Sam, reports on his progress.

Briefly about Ludi (named for Hermann Hesse's character Magister Ludi in "Das Glasperlenspiel"...

Figuring backward, he weighed about 6 ounces at birth on November 27th, 1966. He gained about 3 ounces a week until he was about six weeks old when he weighed 23 ounces.

His eyes opened fully when he was 16 days old, although he was sensitive to light about a week before that. Ludi started weaning himself when he was about seven weeks old. He is still nursing and Minx appears to prefer this, becoming quite put out when he eats her food.

I have had some difficulty with Minx protecting Ludi from people. However as she becomes accustomed to losing control of the kitten (in that she cannot catch him) she is returning to her docile self.

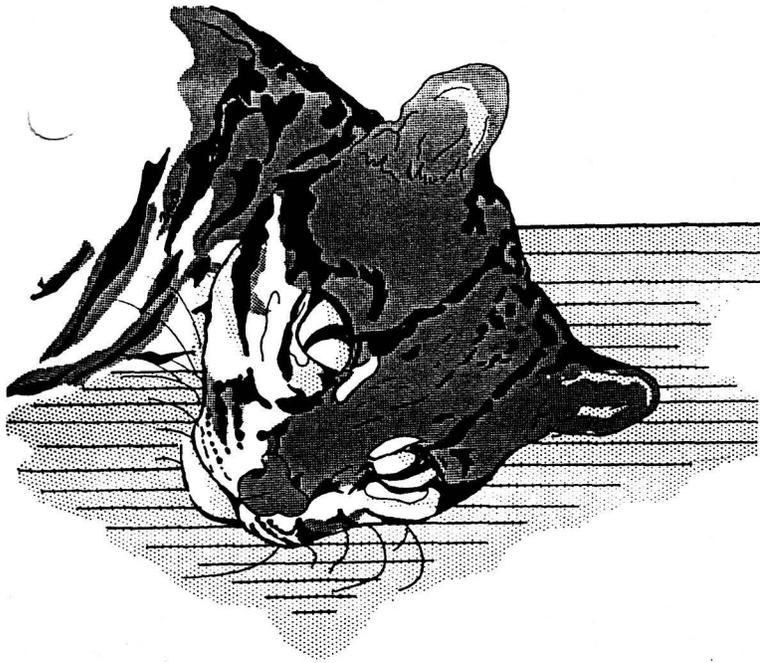
Minx came into heat when Ludi was four weeks old. There may be more margays in March, but I hope not -- at least for a while. Ludi's favorite pastime is climbing drapes, followed closely by climbing pant legs. He has house trained himself, using his mother's facilities.

Sam has been around Ludi and Minx a few times. I am looking forward to the day when I can put the three margays all in their own room at night. I am still keeping Minx and Ludi in my bedroom. Ludi enjoys it, but I find it a little disconcerting playing with Ludi all night.

NERO - OF THE TURNTABLES

Peter Spano of New Britain, Conn. owns a young ocelot named Nero who is well known by the local disk jockeys being a frequent visitor to the studios. Peter showed one of his friends the postcard of Tercera. DJ was much puzzled about what kind of a turntable Terry was sitting on. He asked his friends from adjacent studios. Nobody could identify it until a girl entered the contest. She quickly identified Terry's "turntable" as a washing machine.

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ANESTHESIA

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By William Engler
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(Ed: Vol. 7 No. 5, -- September, 1963 LIOC Newsletter carried an article by Wm. Engler, "Anesthesia and Anesthetics", which is brought up to date in the following rewriting.)

For the owner of the exotic cat, and for the veterinarian caring for one, anesthesia is an important aspect. For the majority of domestic animals, anesthesia is never necessary, but most exotics are subject to it, at least for declawing and defanging. Also, as a rule, the exotic is more highly valued by the owner than the domestics and represents the investment of considerably more money.

In considering anesthesia, or any other medical or surgical procedure for the cat, one must be cognizant of his finely developed physical status. Each pound of muscle in most of the cats is equal to eight pounds of muscle in man. Likewise, his nervous system and his senses are far more sensitive than those in other animals. Handling a cat in medical or surgical procedures like a dog or a human, is like repairing a fine watch with a sledge hammer.

In surgical procedures in the cat, there is a fine stage in which anesthesia must be held. Because of his very sensitive nervous system, procedures performed under light stage of anesthesia may cause shock from the ensuing pain, which can result in death. On the other hand, deep, third stage anesthesia, which is tolerated by other animals, invites disaster in the cat.

There are many anesthetic agents available. Of these, only a few are used to any extent in veterinary medicine.

Some are not used because of the amount of equipment necessary for their utilization, some because of their high cost and some because they are not safe. Herein I will describe the three agents that I use.

For the inexperienced, ether is probably the safest anesthetic for use on cats. With ether, surgery should be performed in light, third stage anesthesia. With ether the stages of anesthesia are readily identified. The criteria that I use for determining these stages are as follows.

Stage 1 - stage of voluntary movement. The cat is still awake and struggling. The respiration is rapid and irregular. The cat often holds his breath and the pulse is rapid.

Stage 2 - stage of involuntary movement. The pupil size is large. The respiration is irregular. The mucous membranes are flushed. The heart beat is rapid and strong. There is involuntary kicking.

Stage 3 - high - the desirable stage for surgery in cats. The pupil size returns to normal, then becomes smaller than normal and the eye is fixed. The respiration becomes slow, regular and deep. The color of the mucous membranes returns to normal. The heart beat is normal and strong.

Stage 3 - deep - The pupil begins to enlarge. The mucous membranes become pale. The respiration goes from delayed thoracic to shallow abdominal. The heart beat becomes rapid and weak.

Stage 4 - the stage of paralysis (death follows). The pupil is large. Respiration stops. The mucous membranes are pale and cyanotic (bluish). The heart flutters, then stops.

Obviously, when the indications are that the cat is in stage 3, deep, the anesthetic should be withdrawn and the cat allowed to return to stage 3, high.

Occasionally laryngospasm occurs during induction of anesthesia with ether, stage 1 or stage 2. A tracheal catheter should always be on hand to use if needed, in this event.

Most deaths resulting from ether anesthesia occur during induction, from cardiac arrest. These can be minimized by close observation of the heart beat through a stethoscope, the ether being removed when it is apparent that there is cardiac trouble. A rolled towel or a sand bag should always be on hand for immediate use for external cardiac massage in event this is necessary. Technique for this procedure was explained Newsletter Volume 9, No. 4, page 4.

Because of its irritation of the membranes of the respiratory tract, it is common for a cat to hold his breath during induction. Ordinarily this is only transient and of no great concern, however, if it is persistent, the ether should be administered in less concentration. It is often tempting to administer ether in high concentrations during induction to get the struggling over with. This should not be done, as high concentrations of the vapor may paralyze the respiratory centers. In this event the mask should be removed and artificial respiration given until the cat breathes voluntarily.

Atropine sulphate should be given to control the excessive salivation caused by ether. I give this intraperitoneally in amount of 1/200 gr. to 1/100 gr. according to the size of the cat as soon as the cat is quiet enough to do so.

Full dosage of tranquilizers should be administered two hours prior to anesthetic, as outlined in Newsletter Vol. 8 No. 5.

Suritol Sodium

Suritol Sodium is probably used more than any other anesthetic in veterinary medicine today. In experienced hands, it is probably safer than ether, but it is easy to give an overdose, which can be fatal. Suritol is a thio-barbiturate which is given intravenously.

Its advantages are rapid induction with little struggling and in proper dosage, it has little depressive action on the heart. Its disadvantages are the danger of injecting too much, especially during induction, and the resultant shock when used for longer operations. Fifteen minutes of anesthesia with Suritol produces as much shock as two hours with ether.

Suritol is supplied as a powder in vials, which must be diluted with sterile water prior to use. For the smaller cats, I dilute this to make a 2-1/2 percent solution. For the big cats, Lions, Tigers, etc. I make a 4 percent solution.

For induction in a cat that has not been tranquilized, about 3 ml of 2-1/2 percent solution per ten pounds body weight is required, or about 2 ml of the 4 percent solution. If the cat has been tranquilized, one half to two thirds of this dosage is required. I usually inject this into the saphenous vein of the rear leg, or the cephalic vein of the fore leg. A tourniquet is applied ahead of the site for entering the vein which raises (makes more prominent) the vein. The needle is entered into the lumen of the vein, which is evidenced by being able to withdraw blood into the syringe. The tourniquet is released and the injection begun. The first third of the dose may be injected at a medium rate, the second third at a slow rate, then, after a thirty seconds wait until that injected takes full effect, the amount of the remaining solution necessary for desired anesthesia is injected very slowly.

In the event the cat stops breathing during induction, which is not unusual, the injection is stopped and artificial respiration is applied until he is breathing well again, after which the induction is resumed.

If the operative procedure is to take less than ten minutes, I remove the needle from the vein and proceed. If it is to take more than ten minutes, and I plan to do the complete operation with Suritol anesthesia, I tape the needle in place in the vein, very carefully remove the syringe from it and attach to it a Venopak 78 tube, connected to overhead bottle of normal saline solution and adjust the flow to about one drop per second. This prevents coagulating blood from stopping the needle in the vein. For further injection of Suritol, when it becomes necessary, there is provision in the tube through which it can be injected. These further injections should be made slowly with only enough solution to keep the cat in the desired state of anesthesia. The reflexes and the respiration of the cat are the criteria for the desirable depth of anesthesia.

Atropine Sulphate may be administered with Suritol as with ether to prevent excessive salivation. Care should be taken to insure a patent airway at all times.

Because of the excessive respiratory depression resulting from a full dose of tranquilizer prior to anesthesia, I do not give more than a half dose.

For defanging any cat I use Suritol. With it I can work uninterrupted until the job is finished, where with an inhalation anesthetic it is necessary to stop work periodically to give more anesthetic. For other of the longer procedures on the smaller cats, I induce anesthesia with Suritol, then continue it with ether. This eliminates the danger of cardiac arrest during induction of anesthesia with ether and minimizes the shock from the Suritol.

In the big cats, because of the large amount of ether necessary to keep them anesthetized, I use Suritol through the whole procedures. In the longer operations I use Dextran (plasma expander) in place of the normal saline solution through the needle in the vein to allay the shock. If necessary I adjust the flow to 2 or 3 drops per second to keep the blood pressure at a desirable level.

Methoxyflurane

Methoxyflurane (Metofane) is a good, and safe inhalation anesthetic. Its advantages are: It is non-explosive at room temperature. It is not irritating to the respiratory mucosa and it seems to effect a greater analgesia than other anesthetics. This is important in that opiates cannot be administered to cats and other narcotics seem excessively dangerous.

Its disadvantages are, its high cost, the long period of time required for induction and the lack of criteria for the depth of anesthesia.

Because it is non-irritating, the cat does not struggle too much during induction, which takes about ten minutes. It has a pleasant fruit like odor. Because of the seeming analgesia, I like to operate in a stage just below the absence of reflexes. During the operation, when the reflexes become apparent, more anesthetic is administered. It seems unsafe to effect deeper stages as the criteria for them are poor and too deep stage can cause paralysis of the cardiac centers and death.

I do not like to use Metofane in combination with other anesthetics. There seems to be excessive respiratory depression when it is used with Suritol. Only half dose of tranquilizers should be given as a preanesthetic because of excessive respiratory depression resulting when a full dose is given. Metofane is my anesthetic of choice for operations on kittens.

Before and After Anesthesia

Prolonged starving prior to anesthesia depletes the glycogen supply in the liver. The energy derived from the release of this glycogen is needed by the cat during anesthesia and during recovery from it. The stomach should be empty at the time of anesthesia. By giving the cat a light meal six to eight hours before anesthesia, one insures both adequate glycogen supply and an empty stomach.

During recovery from anesthesia, the cat should be kept reasonably cool. A cool surface temperature tends to keep the surface veins constricted, which somewhat counteracts the shock resulting from the operation. If this shock is considerable, a vasoconstrictor and fluid therapy are in order.

I do not like the induction box sometimes used for cats. It is an airtight box in which the cat is placed and the volatile anesthetic put (Concluded on Page 13.)

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SNOOPY AND DINO DIDN'T MEET

Jan Giacinto and her cheetah, Dino, were in Kansas City, for the Sport Show. Expecting to have a lonesome time in the strange city where Dino got his first glimpse of snow, (he was born on the savannas of Africa and raised in sunny Tarzana, California) Jan called LIOC in Amagansett for phone numbers of the local friends of cheetahs whom she might contact.

Then she called our famous Kansas City Bobcat, Snoopy and his owner, R. H. Kerle, but in a series of events which can happen only through the mysteries of the telephone company, Jan couldn't contact "Curly." Instead, Jan wrote a letter asking Snoopy to phone them.

The story continues from Snoopy's typewriter: "'Daddy' (R. H. Kerle) always goes to the Sport Show here several times in the week it shows. He knows the promoter personally (Mr. Kahler) and on the first Saturday night he roamed

all over the place. He was looking forward to the performing cheetah. When it failed to appear, 'Daddy' went directly to the Information Booth, but Mr. & Mrs. Kahler couldn't tell him where the cheetah was.

"The next day a letter came from Dino and Jan, asking that they be contacted. On phoning 'Daddy' discovered they had checked out of the Aladdin Hotel. Making a hasty trip to see Mr. Kahler, he was told Mr. Kahler thought the act would be too dangerous and had it cancelled, whereupon Jan and Dino flew back to California.

"The fateful part of this story is that while 'Daddy' was sitting in the Aladdin Coffee Shop downstairs on Sunday, Jan and Dino were sitting in their room upstairs."

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MARIAN ALLEN'S tribute, "Ode to a Pioneer", is printed below after much consideration. I appreciate the sentiments but am very embarrassed by making them public. Pressure from the LIOC Newsletter Staff leaves me no choice. Marian submitted the "Ode" through Gene Brill. Mike Balbo submitted the portrait, below right, to accompany it. Without Gene's Spartan clerical contribution and Mike's inimitable art, the Newsletter would fail. Without Marian's kind of spirit, the club, itself would not endure.

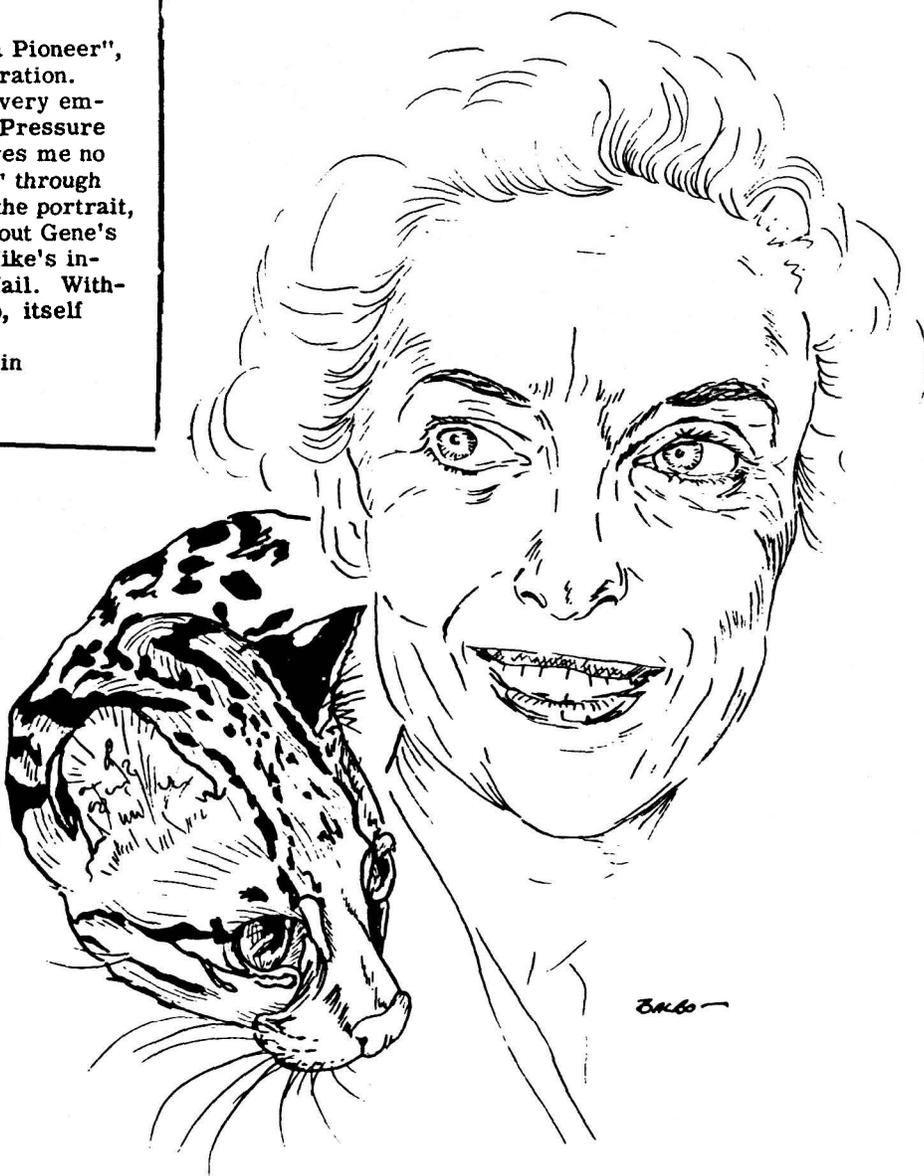
--Catherine Cisin

"Ode To A Pioneer"

*Conscientious about our pets;
Aries, the pioneer never frets;
Dustworthy, shows no fears;
Helpful when we shed our tears.
Energetic, on the go;
Resourceful ever, in the know.
Ingenuous mind, could have no other;
Noble aspects LIOC's mother.
Entertaining personality;*

*Courageous, when the club was new.
Inventive thoughts cross her mind;
Sympathetic towards all man-kind;
Interesting thru and thru;
Natural, kind and we love you.*

Marian Allen





REPORT OF MEETING
 Sunday, January 15, 1967
 at ORDEN'S 1351 Old Northern
 Boulevard, Roslyn, L.I., N. Y.

Attendance: (in order of registration)
 Roy Weiss, 4011 Ralph St. S., Seaford, N. Y.,
 Curtis Anderson, Allen Scruggs both of N. Y. C.,
 W. Harry Malcolm Ralph St. So., Seaford, N. Y.,
 Alan Ainsworth, N. Y. C.
 Errie Zuckert, 150 S. Middleneck Road, Great
 Neck, L. I., N. Y.
 Joanne and Barry Yampol, Forest Hills, N. Y.,
 P. and Catherine Donovan, E. Northport, N. Y.,
 Mike Balbo, 21-01 46 Street, Long Island City, N. Y.,
 Harry and Catherine Cisin, Amagansett, N. Y.
 Richard Seitz, 40 W. Columbia St., Hempstead, N. Y.,
 Denise Pierron, Greenvale, N. Y.
 Barbara and Steve Orden, Roslyn, L. I., N. Y.
 (And I am sure there were others who failed
 to sign the register)

On Sunday, January 15, parent LIOC met at
 Orden's Marina in Roslyn at 2:00. Despite our hesitancy
 to call a meeting in deep Winter, the day was almost too
 warm. Steve Orden had hoped the ground would be frozen
 so parking and walking would be a little less messy in his
 "earth" parking lot.

The warmth of host and hostess seemed so contagious
 that we had a very informal day, -- more nearly a house
 party, with a minimum of business. The two ocelots who
 were present (Spot Zuckert and Hurricane Pierron) were
 so gregarious it seemed as though there were many more.

The one more important matter of business I did
 manage to introduce was our new "CATS IN DISTRESS"
 committee under the chairmanship of Alan Ainsworth of
 New York City. Alan has acted in this capacity, placing
 a few ocelots who might otherwise not have had the obviously
 necessary benefits of good homes.

This committee would serve the metropolitan N. Y. C.
 area and would extend to areas within travelling distance.
 It goes without saying that all cats who use Alan's service
 must be in good health, having been immunized against
 Feline Distemper, and must have had their yearly "booster"
 shots.

"Cats in Distress" invites contact from people
 who have cats who need homes, who are ready to adopt
 a cat, or even those who need temporary homes for
 their cats. This would also include those who need
 "baby sitters" while away from home for short or even
 longer periods. On the other hand, Registration is
 invited by those members who are in the position
 where they want a cat, or can temporarily take care of
 one. Please register at once with

Alan Ainsworth
 c/o LIOC, Amagansett,
 N. Y., or ----
 Phone: 212 UN4 0324

The next meeting will be at Steve and Barbara
 Orden's again, 1351 Old Northern Blvd, Roslyn, New
 York on Sunday, March 12. We will begin at 1:00
 P.M. this time. Taking the example of the West Coast
 groups, we will have a "POTLUCK". We are new at
 this sort of thing, but the general idea is to bring some-
 thing to eat as well as appetite to finish up the goodies
 the others bring.

Barbara invites members to bring slides and 8 mm
 films. Ordens have 35 mm projector for slides and
 motion picture projector for 8 mm film.

- Catherine Cisin

**TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS
 TO LIOC MEETING AT ORDEN'S MARINA**

Queens-Midtown Tunnel, all parkways and bridges to:
 Long Island Expressway (N. Y. 495) to Exit 37
 (Willis Ave. - Mineola Ave.)

North on Mineola Ave. approx. 1/4 mile (first traffic
 light past Pierce Country Day School on right) to
 Old Northern Blvd. (NOT Northern Blvd. which runs
 parallel and by-passes Roslyn Village) Turn right
 on Old Northern Blvd, continue down hill bearing
 right, turning right at fork. Continue straight
 ahead, passing Washington Manor Restaurant on
 left. (Slow down or you'll miss Roslyn's business
 district which is one block long.) Just past Anchor-
 age Tavern on left is a paved road marked
 "Entrance to Tower Tennis." Turn into this road and
 just before the outdoor courts (about 300') make
 another left turn. Directly ahead will be a tall
 slate-roofed white building
 "Roslyn Harbor Marina."

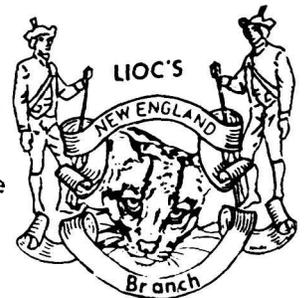
You have arrived and the Ordens will be waiting for you.

Steve Orden (Boatyard Marina)
 1351 Old Northern Blvd.
 Roslyn, L. I., N. Y.
 (516) MA 19610

Roslyn also has a
 L. I. R. R. station
 for those who want
 to come by train.

Roslyn is about 35 miles from NYC Boundary Line.
 More than ample parking area on premises.

The New England Branch
 of LIOC held its January
 meeting at the Hotel 128 at
 the junction of routes 128 and
 1 on Saturday night, January
 28. New members present
 were introduced around. The
 management arranged a pri-
 vate room for us where we
 enjoyed delicious food and
 drink. Bill Margetts gave
 us a report on his baby
 margay, Lupi who is doing
 very nicely.



We hope to see more LIOC members at future
 meetings, newer members as well as the old timers.
 Join us and discuss your problems... the company
 is excellent! Meetings will be announced locally.

- Al Roberts, Coordinator, New England Branch



(NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF LIOC)

Report of Meeting
Northern California Branch of
Long Island Ocelot Club

January 8, 1967 at home of
Betty and Ray Harris
205 Butler Street
Milpitas, California

The meeting was called to order by Dion Vigne at 2:00 P.M. after everyone had been entertained by the visiting cats. Frank and Pearl Radelfinger's adorable cheetah (See picture on first page) had been put into the spare cage and was visible for all to see perching regally on a high board within. He is growing rapidly and is at the frisky stage. Another unusual addition to the group was a new African Lion called "Turtle". She is owned by Bill Moss and had the center of the stage throughout. There were several other new lion owners present as well, without lions, however. They are Charles Anderson, Hughs Call and Joseph Framhover. Other new members are Harry Baker who owns ocelot, Obeah, William Burr, Phyllis and Jack Miller, Pamela Wallace, Edward Weber and Judith Zohn who owns a margay called Chili and who also breeds domestic cats.

We began formalities distributing our new local membership cards for the local group which we now call "Jungle Cats of California." We have usurped Mike Balbo's wonderful rendition of an Aztec cat symbol since it didn't signify any specific species and also because of our close association with the Newsletter. We had a rubber stamp made and can use it on letters, envelopes, and membership cards at will.

All dues (local group) came due on the first of the month of January. Although I had sent out announcements I was very disappointed at the returns. Less than half our members filled out the form I had

sent, and paid their 1967 dues. I would just like to say at this point for the benefit of secretaries to come that there is a great deal of work involved in this job which is done gratis by the one who takes this task on, and that it would be a courtesy to heed these matters and answer club business as soon as possible. As it was I had to do much book-work and send out reminders to those who weren't at the meeting and also who didn't send in their applications. Each local member might have to send something to the local secretary once in a while, but the secretary has to send out many things and go through the trouble of having the forms prepared, etc.

The next meeting was discussed. It will be held at the home of Shirley Nelson on March 12. A map with instructions to get there will be sent to local members. It will be a Potluck with everybody bringing something.

The recent article in the paper was discussed. It was felt this had some undesirable passages. We talked about how this had happened and pieced together its origin. The newsman had interviewed some people who were not members of the club at the time and finally contacted a few of the members. He compiled the information in a haphazard fashion, jumbling the various accounts he received until he came out with what was finally printed. After discussion pro and con, a motion was made and carried to declare a moratorium on publicity involving the club name. Individuals seeking publicity are on their own and are responsible for seeing what is printed is as accurate as possible.

Many of us have had inquiries as to where to purchase exotic cats by novices. How to handle this situation was discussed. By thoroughly questioning those with this intention one can usually tell if the person has the facility for caring for the animal. Those who do not meet the requirements should be advised against ownership.

The trauma of taking the cats to the vet was the next problem we discussed. John Eveland warned the traditional come-along is used successfully for dogs, but when it is used on cats it may cause strangulation or death resulting from a broken neck. He suggested a tube with chain that goes through one end, loops and then comes back out the same end allowing some leeway for turning, which the cats are apt to do.

The best type of collar was asked about and the suggestion to use a leather shop for a hand crafted martingale or to remake one ready-made to fit the cat. Fawn Dawkter bravely stepped forward and demonstrated how this type of harness worked on "Turtle", the African Lion kit, now 65 pounds, but all love. He proved to be a good model.

Some new books were suggested, Among them "Wild Animals in Captivity," by Hediger, "Wild Mammals in Captivity, the latter being described as the Zoo bible and both being on the Technical Aspects of raising wild animals. Other books "Simba, the Life of the Lion" by Guggisberg which is full of lion lore, and a new publication, "The World of the Tiger" by Richard Perry which studies every aspect of the tiger's habits, The recent Life Magazine articles on African Cats was brought to everyone's attention. The Disney program "Joker the Amiable Ocelot" was discussed. Since a good many missed it, there was some discussion about attempting to rent it in the future.

The Index for the Newsletters (by Robert Peraner of Somerville, Mass.) was highly praised. The forthcoming book, Especially Ocelots, by Catherine Cisin was anticipated.

(Meeting 1/8/67 - continued)

The matter of new officers for the Northern California Branch (Jungle Cats of Calif) was the next item on the agenda. Marge Sparrow advised that since the present officers hadn't had a full term, the year might be extended to them. Dion Vigne accepted this offer to remain as acting President but as for myself, I have found the job of Secretary has been too taxing for my busy schedule. So, going by the old axiom, "If you want something done, ask a busy person," I nominated Shirley Nelson and she accepted. I am sure she will do a fine job. This position requires quite a lot of time and should definitely be rotated among us.

Finally, a sad note: There have been a number of deaths among our cat members. Recently, Sol Rocha's female ocelot Abigail whom he had planned to mate with Tico, his male, died of unknown causes. Angelo Ditty's cat who was a big 50 pound male called Tiger-Mike was accidentally strangled by his own leash when left alone for just a second in the yard. Last of all, my own adopted ocelot, Svengali died of Nephritis in the early part of December. This cat had been given to me a year ago after I had lost Lancelot, my former ocelot from the same disease. They were both around five years old when death occurred. From what I can gather it is possible too early neutering can cause this condition in male cats. It was a terrible loss because Svengali had adjusted so beautifully to his new home. Although he had his fangs, he never bit me once and loved to rub his head against mine when ever I would pick him up. His complete devotion was astounding for a cat adopted at this more advanced age.

Since I can't seem to live without an ocelot, and since I have gotten along so well with someone else's cat, I purchased Tina Louise from Pearl Radelfinger who was pretty busy with her cheetah and her other ocelot, Pepe. I have changed her name to "Trilby". She is a lovely cat, two years old and I hope she will find a mate, object-babies. Although she didn't come out of her cage at the meeting, she is really getting over her original shyness with me now and I'm sure we'll be good friends.

Jean Mackay, our Vice President, called me to see that I included with this report, information on a company that makes very fine enclosures for animals. Detailed information can be obtained by sending for Catalog #116 from the Brink Manufacturing and Fence Company, Route 8, Huntoon and Auburn Road, Topeka, Kansas. 66604

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


LORALEE VIGNE
SECRETARY



Report of meeting 2/5/67
California Valley Branch of LIOC
at Lauders Park, Compton

In spite of the vertiable ground hog's prediction of six more weeks of winter, Sunday February 5 was a beautiful spring day in the high 70s. It is hard to us to picture many of our Eastern members snowbound when Californians are already spending weekends at the beach.

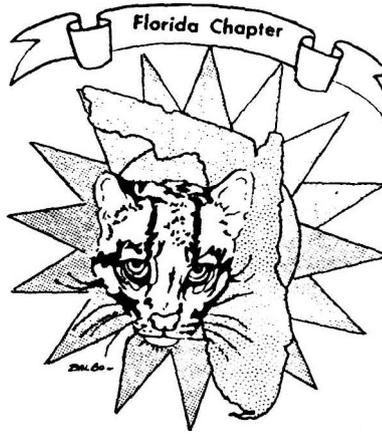
The beautiful weather brought almost 50 of our membership out to Compton. There were not as many cats as usual because of the park's restriction allowing nothing larger than Ocelots. The regulation was cleverly sidetracked by a couple of the member with baby types of the larger cats. The Rackows brought their well behaved young Puma and the Erwins their darling baby jaguar. Other cats in attendance: Ocelot Hans with the Breslins, Ocelot Marius with the Englers, Ocelot Tara with the Herrings, Margay Sambo with the Bakers, Margay Twinkle with Ruthe Miner, Ring Tailed Cat with the Barts.

People in attendance: Ray and Jill Malyszka, Ed & Bev Cleversley, Skip and Andrea McComb, Ruby Winkler, Joel & Larry Herring, Rick Maule, Linda Reed, Charles McIntyre, Chuck and Harriet Leake, Charles & Genora Hall, Nancy Underwood, Gordon, Alyce and Larry Crafts, Ralph Stephenson & Marty, John & Juleen Jackson, Bob & Trudy Lorenz, Jan Giacinto, Dick & Audrey Laird, Jim Cohen. If anyone attended and didn't get listed it is because they didn't sign our registration book, so everyone be sure to sign next time.

Dick Laird called the meeting to order. There was a full agenda. The treasurer was absent so Dick made the announcement for her that we had decided to return the money gathered for the lawyer retained in Santa Ana, because no information had been sent from S. A. asking for money or letting the club know what was happening. None of the donors present wanted their money back and felt it should be held in case it was needed for future problems.

At this time Gordon Crafts introduced Ralph Stephenson who is Pres. Elect of the Retail Pet Dealers Assoc. Ralph told the group that the R. P. D. intends to retain their lawyer to fight a case which they think is a clean case. Where the council and Humane Society have open minds

and make this case a highly legalized example case and upon proving the legality of keeping these pets with proper regulations as there are on dogs, then seeing that this case is accepted as a state-wide law, thus stopping the city by city banning of exotics. The Retail Pet Dealers Association is just re-organized and cannot financially support this effort for quite a few months and then only with the help of all local people interested. This will probably cost many thousands of dollars. We all felt a move like this is becoming necessary. If we can succeed in this sort of venture in California, I feel the precedent set could be used in other States. We will report the further details when they are available.



Report of
Meeting
FLORIDA CHAPTER OF
LIOC
Sunday, January 8, 1967

at the home of
Hermon & Annette Brooks
Orlando, Florida

(23 members and guests,
and 15 cats)

At this time Bill Engler was called up and presented an Honorary Lifetime Membership card from the Northern California Branch of LIOC. Before Bill was allowed to sit down Dick made the presentation we had all been waiting for; a gift of appreciation from all the people he has so generously helped and who feel so strongly about him. Bill was presented a sterilizer, something which a "little bird" told us he wanted.

He was then given a stethoscope with sound amplifier so he could keep exact track of the animals' heartbeat at any time. He said he could not accept these gifts for himself, but must accept them for his friends, Chuck and Harriet Leake and Chuck Knauft and all the rest of us.

Such a generous way to accept a gift! I think we all felt we had received a gift rather than given. . . For Bill we want to thank all the people who made the gift possible, not just our own group but those in the Northern California Branch who helped and Catherine Cisin and Mike Balbo. We wish you all could have been present to see Bill's face. Thank you.

Further business discussed: A possibility of a show for the public to acquaint people with our pets and also raise money for club projects. No details were worked out yet, but will be discussed further in April. Local mating game exchange was discussed. Anyone interested in listing their cats please contact Dick Laird, 3228 Honolulu Avenue, La Crescenta, Phone 213 249 5702. Pictures taken by a friend of Dick's were on display. The photographer is available to take pictures of pets Sunday or Monday, P.M., prices \$7.50 small or \$13.50 large. I understand the ones on display were small but even if they were the large size the price is, if anything, too low. To make arrangements, call Dick at the above number. A raffle was held to raise money, the item donated by a member. The item won was a beautiful toaster. It's the first time I ever won anything in my life!

The location of our next meeting wasn't decided on but announcements will be sent. The date will be April 2, so save the date!

Respectfully submitted,
Alyce Crefts
Alyce Crefts

(Ed.) Apologies to Jean Hatfield, Secretary of the Florida Chapter, whose entertaining, beautifully written report -- right column of this page -- we have mercilessly condensed because of shortage of space. Mittens' inimitable message which accompanied the report is omitted entirely.

-C. C.

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Members present were:

Hermon and Annette Brooks, our hosts, who have among other things, six ocelots - ChiChi, Tasha, Sheba, Tequilla, Big Boy and the kitten born in November Vince and Bella Charder, Cocoa; Wanda Duncan, Cocoa, with ocelots, Rebel & Yankee and margay, Bridget; Peg and Art Freeman, Crystal River, with Safari; R. Gibson, Tampa with ocelot, Tio; Ken & Jean Hatfield with margays Princess & Mittens; Don & Dee Wilson, Cocoa; Dave and Sue Salisbury, Cocoa, with pumas Prince and Piness.

We had a very unusual meeting this time with respect to our cats. Dave surprised us with Prince, his latest addition to the family. He is a Florida puma, was about 7 weeks old and just as spotted and blue-eyed and as cute as could be. We all thought he was adorable, but Princess looked as though she would just love to be left alone with him for about 5 minutes. (Cheer up, old girl, better things are in store for you in the not too distant future.)

Mr. Gibson, a new member, came all the way from Tampa to meet us and join the club. His cat, Pio, is the seven month old son of Tequilla and Big Boy. And is he ever taking after his father? He weighed about 30 pounds and is a beautiful, healthy animal.

Then, of course there was the little two month old kitten from Brooks' same pair of ocelots. His is a rather sad story but it has as happy an ending as is possible. Hermon has built his cats' cages side by side, separated by wire fencing. The breeding pair have the first one, Tasha the next, etc. This fencing is fine enough so the adult cat cannot reach through it in any manner. But it was not small enough to keep a little leg from getting through, and one day shortly after birth, the baby did just that. Then, the tragedy. His left front leg was bitten so badly it was necessary to have it removed from the shoulder. The doctor didn't think he would live but the Brooks were determined to give him a chance. They brought him home to his mother but as if he didn't have troubles enough, she rejected him. They tried all sorts of milk combinations to no avail. Hermon put him in with one of his rabbits who had just given birth. He now has the only tiny three-legged ocelot nursed by a rabbit. I know most people's reaction is one of pity, but believe me he wants none of it. He scoots around on his three good legs, a member of the family. I almost tried to sneak him out in the pocket of my "spotted cat" coat, but went home with a baby rabbit.

Mostly we talked about cats, our own and each others' Wanda Duncan's cats are old enough to learn whether a margay and ocelot will breed. Then what would the kit be called? We peeked in at Safari in his cage in the back of Freemans' car. He just blinked his big eyes at us as though in reproof for disturbing his Sunday afternoon nap. ----- Next meeting Sunday March 12 at home of Ken & Marion Stuckey, 736 20th St. Vero Beach. Come on up you South Floridians! It's not such a long drive on the Turnpike!

DOES ANYBODY OUT THERE HAVE A KINKAJOU???

"If you dont mind a 'different' animal, " writes Gemma Warther, Chicago member, "I'd like to tell you about 'Mathilda'.

" One November day while we were shopping, we stopped in at our favorite pet shop, Lincoln Pet Shop, Huddled in the back of a cage was a small, bulbous-eyed kinkajou. When I say 'huddled' I don't mean to hint the kinkajou was mistreated. The Lincoln Pet Shop takes very good care of their animals. They are clean and healthy.

"We fell in love with the little furry creature. My dad came out at our telephone call and he bought her for ninety dollars. While she had been in the pet shop, Janet who works there and has a kinkajou of her own had been training 'Mathilda'. (She is so named because she waltzes around her cage at night.)

"When we first got Mathilda home, she was very frightened. She has a habit of curling her long tail in a ring and putting her head in it with her nose against her 'tummy.' I coaxed her out of her cage with honey -- sounds appropriate since kinkajous are also called honey bears. Now, two months later, I open her cage and she trots out, climbing a broom for her favorite delicacy -- bananas! She also eats apples, potatoes, sweet potatoes, grapes, lettuce, honey, celery and tomatoes. One of her treats is a piece of hard candy which she licks.

"What I have found strange about Mathilda is her five inch tongue! Whenever she yawns it comes out and waggles around.

"Does anybody out there have a kinkajou?? I would like to contact other who have them. Write, somebody?! Please?????"

Gemma Warther
1227 Altgeld Street
Chicago, Illinois 60614



COLOR CLUB POSTCARD

The newest LIOC postcards are now available, showing TERCERA (Cisin, Amagansett, N. Y.) sitting beside a plain white panel lettered "LIOC". Color reproduction is exceptionally good. Price: \$1 per lot of 40 cards.

Postcard showing AKU, (Nasman, Brooklyn, N. Y.) at-footed, resting on a piece of driftwood on the sand, beach grass in background against a vivid blue sky -- 1 available at \$1 per lot of 40 cards.

Send request and remittance to LIOC, Amagansett, N. Y.



(ANESTHESIA - Engler - continued from page 7.)

in the box on cotton or otherwise. The cat is free to struggle in the box and does so violently. There is no control over the amount of vapor he is breathing at a given time. Too often the cat dies of cardiac paralysis during induction in this apparatus.

Pentobarbital Sodium was extensively used as an anesthetic before the development of Suritol and is still used somewhat. It is a long acting barbiturate and is administered either intravenously to effect or intraperitoneally in a predetermined dose. This latter method carries considerable risk because of the difference of tolerance of different cats to the drug.

Because of the long period it takes for recovery from it in cats, I do not use Pentobarbital Sodium. I have seen cats unconscious for from three to five days after its administration. □

NEWS
from
Around
the
JUNGLE

(Continued from Page 8.)

Ozzie and Anne Habeck who so recently lost four little exotics to distemper are studying all available theories about it, including publications from foreign lands. They flew from their native New York to California to visit with Bill Engler, first having his assurance they could not bring with them, the virus to contaminate his cats. The Habecks are not attending any meetings until they are sure they cannot bring enteritis with them

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Southern California Ocelot Club meetings of December 18 and January 15 are reported by Alyce Crafts, their corresponding Secretary.

The SCOC meets once a month so I will compile our two meetings briefly in one report.

Our first meeting at Lauders Park in Compton was almost our last. The park had failed to tell us that large cats would not be allowed and when Bob Lorenz arrived with Banty, his very large South American Puma, one of the boys working at the park told Bob in not very friendly terms that Banty was no Ocelot and couldn't come to the park. Bob, trying to hold his temper, said he knew it was no Ocelot but he didn't want to come to the park, just to the room where we held our meeting. The boy decided he didn't want to press the matter. Seriously, Banty is one of our best behaved cat members. During the meeting he spent much of the time sitting on the table because he was afraid of Judy Nelson's Ocelot, Tabu, who had growled at him.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Art Mathews. I gave treasurer's report. Our treasury was nearly depleted by the expense of \$250.00 for retainer fee for the lawyer hired in Santa Ana, but through the sale of Club jewelry most of the money has been replaced. Darlene Mathews, Secretary, gave her report. Bob and Trudy Lorenz then told us of their plans to move to South America. Trudy gave us a full account of her recent trip down and the conditions she found there. The Lorenzs had to find a new home for Banty since they couldn't take him with them. Cal-Val Branch of LIOC(Cont'd Page 15)



THE NEW CATS

"ZIPPER"

by Ruthe Miner, Sylmar, California

We first saw Zipper in a local pet shop. She was hardly six weeks old and had diarrhea and was quite sick. I talked them into letting me take her home and also having Bill Engler of San Fernando, look her over. This we did and Bill helped her. Rather than let her go back to the pet shop, we bought her.

We have had her over three months now and she has gone through quite a bit. About a week after we got her she came down with Pneumonia. Needless to say, she made it.

Today we have a very much alive, very busy girl. About her name -- there are little black dots down her chest and stomach which look very much like a zipper to us. Also she is very busy zipping around. We thought the name appropriate.



"BAD BREATH! You've got BAD BREATH!"

"BARBARA"

Dr. Gary E. Miller, Harlingen, Texas

How pleased I am with the beautiful ocelot kitten I recently received from Mr. Carlos Barrera. It is a beautiful, tame and gentle female which I have named Barbara.

I also have had for about three months, four wild bobcats, two females and two males which I am hoping to breed.

"HUITZILOPOCHTLI TLAHUIZCALPAN TECUILLHI"

George O. Jackson, Jr., Houston, Texas

Huitzilopochtli tlahuizcalpan tecutlhi, as I have named him is now about six months old and is the healthiest, gentlest cat that I have ever encountered. He is a Barrera ocelot who I bought from Dr. T. M. Howard in San Antonio who was associated with Paul Newell.

He is as gentle and affectionate with me as he is with perfect strangers. I couldn't be prouder or happier with him. Huitzi, as he is called for short, at 6 months of age weighs about fifteen pounds. He has been declawed and neutered by Dr. George Luquette, Head Veterinarian for the Houston Zoo who is very "sharp" on the subject of exotic cats, having had fifteen years experience working with them.

"PRINCE"

David Salisbury, Cocoa, Florida

Prince, born November 14, 1966 at Center Hill, Florida at Robert Baudy's Rare Feline Breeding Compound, is a puma of the species "Felis Conolor Coryi". He was brought home to Princess eventually to become her mate. At this moment, she seems a little jealous of him. She is two years old and he has a long way to go to catch up with her

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Joanne Zimmerman, Gettysburg Game Farm, Fairfield, Pennsylvania

My third cheetah has just arrived, -- finally a female! She is about six months old and very nice. We got her for "Petter", a male, but I'm afraid the difference in size and age is too great for them to be pals for a few months yet.

(Ed. The question mark means we do not know the little cheetah's name.)

"SIMBA"

Anna M. Pauch, Stockton, N. J.

My new jaguarundi kitten is seven weeks old, a doll and full of play. I bought him from a local pet shop. He chirps like a bird and purrs like a kitten. Everyone loves him. They all look at him and can't begin to figure out what kind of an animal he is. He loves all the attention he gets. He cries if I leave him and purrs when I return. He is sable brown. He weighs one pound eight ounces.

NECROLOGY

PIXIE January, 1958 to 12/10/66 - Elaine Russell Schroeder, Saratoga, California. She was well known to Newsletter readers and fondly remembered by members both in California and in several localities near New York City where she was well known.

QUITOS/15/66 - 12/10/66 - the Portnoys of St. Louis, Missouri, who have a new ocelot, Toleco who rapidly won their hearts.

ANDAMO II - 7/65 - 9/5/66 - Barbara McGinley of Jamaica, N. Y. Cause of death not known.

SHADOW III 9/65 to 1/23/67 - Ted and Vivian Shambaugh, Beaumont, California. This margay died after repeated illnesses evidenced by blood in urine, having recovered from early infestation of hookworm. He moved with his owners from Colorado to California.

LITTLE OGGIE - 3/65 to 12/66 - John and Genevieve Ebner, Wichita Falls, Texas "I've read in Newsletters," writes John, "how quickly a cat can get sick and be completely gone, but I did not really believe it could happen until it happened to us, all in one day. Our little margay got hookworms and in a weakened condition got distemper in her lungs and that did it."

SIMBA - 8/66 - 12/66. Charles and Tula Quirt of Cincinnati, Ohio. Charles explains the sad demise of his little ocelot: "I decided to prove to the cat I meant him no harm. I donned gloves and forced him to let me pet him, but I'm afraid his hate or fear was greater than I'd anticipated. He fought like all fury and suffered a heart attack which was fatal to him."

ZARAKAI 5/2/66 - 12/28/66 Margay

**RIOBAMBA }
BABAHOYA } -- Ocelot kittens**

CAMELOT - six month old ocelot.

Ozzie and Anne Habeck, New York, N. Y. The margay and the ocelot kittens had been brought from Ecuador by the Habecks. Camelot, given to them by a N. Y. C. veterinarian evidently carried the disease (a distemper or allied ailment) which killed all four cats. The deaths occurred between Christmas and New Years, from this time forward, the saddest of all holidays.

MILLIE - adult ocelot - Robert Stasio of Brooklyn, N. Y. Cause unknown.

* **ABIGAIL 7/66 - 12/66 - Angelo Ditty**

* **TIGER MIKE 2/64 - 11/66 - Sol Rocha**

* **SVENGALI 11/61-1166 - Loreale Vigne**

* For further details refer to report of Northern California Branch meeting January 8, '67

MBINIK - 7/66 - 2/67 - Michael Daley, New Brunswick, N.J. Cause of death of this bobcat was determined.

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(Continued from Page 13.) has placed Banty with Ted Derby where we know, with Ted's knowledge of big cats, he'll have a good home.

There were 33 people attending this meeting; cats: 1 Chaus, 3 Ocelots, 1 Puma and 1 Margay.

The January meeting had fewer members and very few cats. The announcement was sent out late. Even though the place and date had been announced the month before, nobody seemed to remember. After business, we discussed the possibility of entering the Long Beach Hobby show again this year. Nothing was settled, but this will be carried over to our February 19th meeting, again at Lauders Park. In March we hope to meet at Art Mathev and see the color film he took of Disney's "Amiable Ocelot" We have enjoyed Art's last domestic-born kitten, Jynx who attended the last two meetings. He appears to be doing beautifully.

-- Alyce Crafts

Renewal Members

Alan Ainsworth, New York, N. Y.

Patti Amon, N. Miami, Florida

Mr & Mrs James Bjorseth, Chatsworth, Calif.

Warwick P. Bonsal, Charleston, S. Car.

Mr & Mrs Hermon Brooks, Orlando, Florida

Sharl E. and Ed Burns, Woodside, California

Mr & Mrs. Michael Cerone, W. Hollywood, Calif.

Mr & Mrs Vincent Charder, Cocoa, Florida

Mr Peter Chisholm, Valley Stream, N. Y.

William Coulborne, Miramar, Florida

Robert S. Cunningham, St. Catharines, Ontario

Mr & Mrs Ralph Curtis, Los Angeles, California

Mr & Mrs. Richard English, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs Maria Falkena-Rohrle, Arnhem, Netherlands

Ralph Ferrer, New York, N. Y.

Mr & Mrs. Randall Franks, Fortuna, California

Van Haycock, Cape Canaveral, Florida

Mrs. Della Hayes, New York, N. Y.

Mr & Mrs David Johnson, El Paso, Texas

Mr & Mrs. George Kafalenos, University City, Mo.

Mr & Mrs Frank Lamping, Saugus, California

Mr & Mrs Edward Lavin, West Hempstead, N. Y.

Mr & Mrs. Ronald J. Law, Sacramento, Calif.

Mr & Mrs. J. Mike Ludwig, Lomita, California

Gerald F. Meadows, Coral Gables, Fla.

Carl Morris/Dolores Harding, Silver Spring, Md.

Mr & Mrs Ernie Neumann, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Mrs. Anna Pavoglio, San Antonio, Texas

Mrs. Thelma A. Peacock, Oakland, California

Mr & Mrs. Ralph D. Phillips, Invercargill, New Zealand

Evelyn, Peggy & Betty Prisk, Berkeley, California

Linda Reed, Sylmar, California

Mr & Mrs. Henry G. Riegner, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Richard A. Seitz, Hempstead, N. Y.

Mrs. Hayden Small, Big Bear Lake, California

Mrs. Laurel Smith, Anaheim, California

Mr & Mrs Robert B. Tayler, San Bruno, California

Mr & Mrs. Clark E. Thayne, Carmichael, California

Mr & Mrs. Donald Underwood, Orange, California

Mr & Mrs. Robert Vlack, San Jose, California

Betty Wharf, Spokane, Washington

JoAnne C. Zimmerman, Fairfield, Penna.

New Members

Mr & Mrs. Donald Amiro, 1086 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, Mass. 02740 own ocelot, "Cancy Neffer" who is a year old and rather shy "except at 2:00 A.M. when she crawls under the covers with us. She is a good pet with our dog and three children."

Robert Emil Baudy, Box 132, Center Hill, Fla. 33514, owns many rare felines and is engaged in breeding them. He shows some of his tigers. His membership application indicates he has 17 specimens in 7 species.

Walter E. Billings, Box 282, Fields Landing, California owns "Panther", a year old male puma born in Lodi, Cal.

Mr. & Mrs. David Brickl, Lomala R D 2, Hopewell Junction, N. Y. 12533 have an "Indian Leopard Cat", so identified by Pompton Pet in Pompton Plains, N.J. He is a tiny thing, about three months old, named "Madhucar". They are anxious for communication from others owning the same or similar species. Please write!

Mrs. A. H. Carpenter, 2151 Favor Road, Marietta, Georgia 30060 has not told us whether she owns or expects to own an "exotic".

Charles Cartwright, 7167 Lynn Valley Road, N. Vancouver, B. C., Canada, acquired Rajah, ocelot, when the cat was a year old. He would appreciate contact with owners in Vancouver who will give him suggestions for training Rajah.

Bruce T. Clemmens, Medota, Minnesota has a four month old cheetah. Any suggestions to help him raise "Banjo" will be much appreciated!

Dr. & Mrs. John I Cranmer, 5532 Wabash Drive, Marrero, La. 70072 expect soon to purchase an exotic.

Norman D. Morrison, Jr. M.D., 77 San Mateo Drive, San Mateo, California is expecting his first exotic, a margay.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Donovan, P O Box 172, East Northport, L. I., N. Y. 11731 have decided on an ocelot.

David M. Eddy, New York, N. Y. announces a breakthrough. His jaguarundi is contented to sit on laps.

Mrs. Andrew Fleschner, 84 Grove Street, Belmont, Mass. 02178, plans to get an ocelot when she revisits Mexico at an early date.

Carl James Frazier, 1716 Westover Rd., Chicopee, Mass, does not yet have his exotic.

R. W. Gibson, Route 4 Box 386, Tampa 10, Florida, owns a thirty pound ocelot, Tio, born in May, 1966 in Orlando.

Gerald L. Giese, 71 Partition Street, Rensselaer, N. Y. 12144 is interested in buying an ocelot, but wants, wisely, to learn as much as possible about them beforehand.

Florence Gustafson, P O Box 173, San Mateo, California who flies between New York and San Francisco, is now the new owner of Suzie, year old ocelot who was purchased through a Newspaper ad. Suzie is an "angel" and is fast making herself at home.

Charles M. Frumerie, D. V. M. 79 State Road, Pawling, N. Y. 12564

Joseph L. Harrison, Treasure Craft, 200 N. Maclay St. San Fernando, Calif. 91340 owns "Blackie" a new,

male, gray phase jaguarundi who weighs about eight pounds.

John T. Hays, 605 W. Healey, Champaign, Illinois 61820 owns "Pao" who he identifies as a "tigrina". She was born in July last year and weighs about 5 pounds.

Joseph F. Keefe, P O Box 234, Litchfield, Conn. does not at present have an exotic.

Dolores M. Lau, Mounted Route, New Cumberland, Pa. 17070 is at present negotiating for an Ocelot kitten, which she expects to import from Ecuador from Barrera.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Nails, 123 Henshaw Avenue Sp 429, Chico, California 95926 does not have an exotic now.

Miss Elizabeth Reuss, New York, N. Y. is much entertained by her bathtub acquaintance, -- a young margay, "Count Caesar Augustus Dracula."

Mrs. Natalie Romanczak, Jr., 401A Bracewood Lane, Stamford, Connecticut, expects very soon to receive her ocelot.

Marcus Sandburg, 6201 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia, Penna, 19141 is learning about ocelots before getting one. Neighbors, please contact him!

Mr. & Mrs. George R. Squires, 2 East Drive, Harbor Acres, Sands Point, N. Y. 11050 now own a pair of Leopards, Giovanni and Liz, who are now in training in St. Louis with Marlin Perkins. They expect very soon, perhaps by the time this Newsletter goes to press, to have a little African Lion.

Mr. & Mrs. James G. Van Valkenburgh, 2247 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento, California 94825 own "Maxmillion" a nine month old ocelot

Earl L. Weber, 217 Sumac Street, Philadelphia Pa., 19128 is learning about ocelots, but does not have one now.

Ruby A Winkler, 8730 Enramada, Whittier, California 90608 is hoping to have her ocelot momentarily. It is coming from Ecuador, shipped by Mr. Barrera as soon as it is available.

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Yampol, of Forest Hills, N. Y. are also waiting patiently for their little import, -- also from Ecuador.

Mrs. Judith A. Zohn, 2847 Kipling, Palo Alto, California, 94306, bought their ocelot, Chili, from Bob Sukienicki of Portola Valley. Bob is a member who has recently returned from Mexico. Chili is 7 pounds at approximately 6 months of age.

