

# NEWSLETTER

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(BILL ENGLER - at right - shown with trailer in background, and friends who helped him to build the trailer: Left to right -- Raymond Ylizaliturri, Linda Willis, Chuck Leake, Harriet Leake and Sonya Kaye.)

"NO. I did not give up my cats! LIOC and the kind hearts of many friends have made it possible in diverse ways for us all to move and rebuild our lives," writes Bill Engler. His heart is filled with gratitude and his special brand of limitless ambition which guided his caravan across the country and inspired his creation of the VALERIE PARK ZOO at 8219 W. Highway 98, Panama City, Florida.

Bill Engler tells his own story which he calls --

### THE EXODUS

Friday, March the fifteenth was here, -- the day I had set for starting my journey from San Fernando, Calif. to Panama City, Florida. The preceeding week had been a busy one: packing, saying goodbye, taking down cages and a myriad of other necessary details. As the day began the situation looked hopeless. It was suggested that I take a

day or two more to get ready, but that day or two could have stretched into a week.

With the help of my mother (Laura Engler) Hank Niel, Jim and Cathy DeLaTierra, Linda Willis, Sonya Kaye, Chuck and Harriet Leake and Raymond Ylizaliturri, all working diligently, everything was loaded and, at ten minutes before midnight, we pulled out of the driveway, finally on our way.

Ours was quite a caravan, -- a large truck towing the trailer filled with cats, a panel truck and a passenger car. In these vehicles were twenty three cats, their cages, freezers containing 300 pounds of food for the trip, tools, medical equipment, camping supplies, books and many other necessary articles. Chuck drove the panel truck to lead the caravan with Harriet acting as navigator. This was followed by the large truck and trailer, driven by Raymond, whose regular occupation is (Continued on page 12.)



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Florida Chapter, Sunday, May 5, 1968 at home of Mr & Mrs Peter Fairchild, Rt 1, Box 816, Delray Beach, Florida

Metropolitan New York Branch, Sunday, May 19 at Orden's Marina, 1351 Old Northern Blvd. Roslyn, L.I., N.Y. 2:00 PM.

Long Island Ocelot Club, Saturday, June 15, 1968 at home of Brenda & Stan Duprey, 793 East St. Lenox, Mass. 2:00 PM

Pacific Northwest Branch, Sunday, May 5, 1968 at Boring, Oregon (at Tracy's) consult coordinator of branch, whose address is listed directly above for details and exact location of meeting.

# GUEST EDITORIAL

WHERE HAVE ALL THE MEMBERS GONE

(A reply to Guest Editorial  
January, 1968)

By: Jim Maloney  
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The question of old members no longer attending meetings of Jungle Cats of California has been raised in these editorial pages. As an individual and a long time member of the chapter, I would like to reply to this question.

Some members have been sacrificed to internecine warfare -- most notably to the famous inter-city Northern Cal. feud which raged so brightly and so destructively. Some have declined to participate in excessively managed meetings where issues only vaguely connected with cats pop up disconcertingly with chapter positions already determined. Some dislike chaos and stridency and an atmosphere in which information is exchanged in spite of the organization rather than because of it. Some are tired of having worthwhile projects obstructed, delayed and frustrated by frantic, wasteful action and by a desire for personal aggrandizement.

But I think that most who have fallen or will fall away are simply not interested and discouraged. They are not interested in taking sides on trivial squabbles during what should be a pleasant, informative, social occasion. **They are discouraged because the main purpose of the organization -- the exchange of knowledge about our beautiful animals -- has been submerged under a welter of extraneous, annoying, petty detail.**

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Where have all the members gone?

Make the meetings interesting again, restore the original sense of purpose to the chapter, and you can ask them when they return.

Jim Maloney  
Berkeley, California



# VIEWS of a NON-OWNER

By: Ann Davison Billheimer  
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Does she want to get me killed? was my first thought when Catherine Cisin asked me, as a non-owner, if I would care to air some views on exotics. A non-owner could get into big trouble by opening a big mouth with all these big cats around.

But cats are pretty nice people and somehow I don't believe they'll get too mad at what I have to say.

A long and varied experience with animals has taught me the hard way that what I know about them would fit nicely on a pinhead, but more valuably, that before embarking on the ownership of a species new to one, it is best, first, to try and find out something about it.

When the idea of becoming exotic owners first struck my husband and me, we joined LIOC, read all we could find on the subject, talked to exotic owners and watched their cats. It soon became regrettably obvious that in our present circumstances it would not be fair either to the animal or to us to own an exotic. We are animal "nuts" and our house is over run with different species, large and small, wild and domestic, numbering anywhere between twenty and forty. **Purely from the pet angle, the most satisfactory relationship with a wild animal is obtained when that animal is an 'only child' and the owners can devote all their time to it.** This was clearly out of the question with us and we had no wish deliberately to doom any feline to a lifetime in a small cage, the only alternative.

Nor, as we delved more deeply into the matter, did we want to be a contributing party to the appalling conditions under which most wild animals are captured, transported and imported. Note I say "most." There are a few conscientious dealers, but not nearly enough and the mortality rate for one live delivery is enough to break your heart.

The longer we associate with animals and observe their position in the world today the more uneasy we have become about the whole pet situation, especially where wild animals are concerned. There are, for instance, too many people who own a wild animal for its fancied prestige value. The unfortunate creature is often mutilated for safety measures, dragged about in most unsuitable circumstances in order to be shown off, and is finally discarded when the novelty wears off. An exotic caught up in this kind of situation has a pretty poor future. But even people who are genuinely concerned for animals often overlook one of the primary necessities for the well being of all creatures. That is the necessity for them to use their brains and bodies to the fullest extent-- to get out and hustle for a living.

Hunting dogs, working huskies, sheep and cattle dogs, even show dogs that are kept on the hop, are usually better off mentally and physically than the loved but neglected house pet. We have found that our domestic cats who are well fed but allowed to hunt in our small urban jungle, keep in better shape than the Siamese who are confined to the house.

If the wheels aren't turned, they rust, and although a house pet may be well loved and seem content, inexplicable skin problems and various minor maladies often occur indicating that all is not quite as it should be.

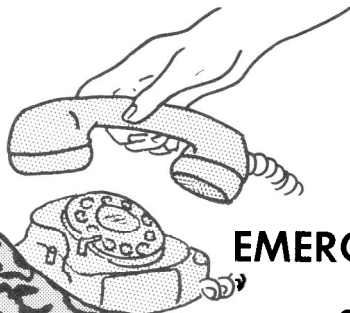
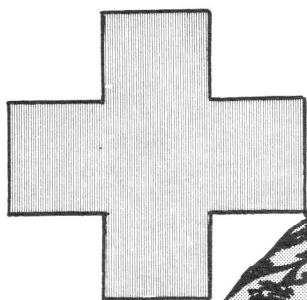
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We will own an exotic when we are able to keep one in a compound large enough for it to lead a life as nearly normal for it as possible. And we may yet become fully fledged members of the exotic owning fraternity for we are now working on a blueprint for a small conservation farm, where we plan to establish a few breeding pairs of animals that are threatened with extinction. The animals will be kept in conditions that as near as possible approximate their natural habitat and the primary aim for the young produced will be in the restocking of areas where that particular species is falling low in numbers, or where their reinstallation could restore the ecology to a proper balance.

Somewhere into this scene we hope to tuck an exotic. Until then, I guess we'll be on the outside looking in, spitting sometimes, purring at others, but always filled with admiration for the felines, great and small, surely the most beautiful creatures on earth. □



"Grrrr... I Want a Word with All You Tigers..."



## PART ONE OF SIX PARTS

# EMERGENCY PROCEDURES and FIRST AID for EXOTIC CATS

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We would like to thank Doctor F. L. Frye, D.V.M., Shirley Nelson, Lorelee Vigne, Catherine Cisin and John Eveland for the suggestions and criticisms they have contributed to this work. The material contributed by Dr. Frye on specific diseases and by Miss Nelson on large cat handling and the treatment of poisons is especially appreciated as is the time and effort that both these people devoted to the critical review of the first draft of this manuscript.

-- Jim and Bonnie Maloney

### INTRODUCTION

An exotic cat owner may face an illness or injury to his cat at any time. Adverse situations can be accentuated due to ignorance, panic or a lack of preparation **on the owner's part. These notes are intended to prevent such accentuation by providing a reservoir of basic information applicable in time of trouble.**

Every attempt has been made to make this material accurate but errors of omission or commission are always possible and the written word is subject to interpretation. For these reasons, no person or organization connected with the writing or preparation of this material assumes any responsibility in connection with the use of information contained herein. In particular, nothing in these notes suggests or implies medical treatment by a pet owner. Medical treatment of an animal is a province rightfully reserved to a qualified veterinarian.

The theme of adequate preparation will recur throughout this presentation. The minutes saved by having necessary equipment at hand, a veterinarian available and an emergency procedure thought out before the event are extremely valuable. Preparation which leads to early recognition of symptoms and which provides a comprehensive, accurate and relevant list of information for your veterinarian is the most important contribution you can make to the well-being of your animal.

As a part of your preparation, you should read Catherine Cisin's book, Especially Ocelots, with special attention Mr. William Engler's medical chapters therein. In addition, I suggest all of Gerald Durrell's enjoyable books on animal collecting as well as a general book about domestic cat care and handling. If you have an ocelot or larger cat, you should also read one of the many works

on large cat handling written by circus trainers, which books are available through your public libraries. Books by zoo directors, handlers, or doctors are another useful source of information about the activity patterns of animals in general and of large cats in particular.

### Lost Cats

Cats sometimes get lost or run away. Before this happens, make a list of every agency in your area which could be involved when your cat is found. A surprising number of such agencies exist. Our own "lost cat list" includes the telephone numbers of police departments, fire departments, animal pounds and S. P. C. A. shelters for seven communities and two counties. In addition, we have the city desk and advertising telephone numbers for each of our area newspapers.

In addition to the lost cat list, be sure your cat is known in the neighborhood. If feasible, invite children from your area in to see or play with your animal but screen cat, children and parents carefully before taking this step. Finally, be sure your cat wears a breakaway or elastic insert collar whenever it is out and that on this collar is a tag with your name, address, telephone number and an offer of a reward for recovery of the animal.

When your cat is lost, check first with people in the vicinity of your home. Show them a picture of

your cat (or one of any ocelot) and mention the reward offer. Begin calling agencies on your list at regular intervals and establish friendly relations with people on the other end of the line. Stress the fact that your cat is a lost pet and not a wild animal. Call the local newspapers and offer a story about your animal as well as taking out an advertisement for its return.

If your cat is seen repeatedly in a given area, set a live trap baited with a chicken or other favorite food. You can also contact a local chapter of a hound club for tracking services. Live traps can often be borrowed from animal control agencies or purchased (any outdoorsman's magazine has ads) or constructed (see the Boy Scout's Handbook.)

The one time we used our lost cat procedure, it worked very well. The newspapers ran stories on our lost female and stressed her gentle and affectionate nature. The people on our lost cat list became quite friendly as we called at hourly intervals. When wandering Daphne was found living in a nearby garage, she was well known. The pound man called us at once and brought her directly to our home. Throughout there was no panic. Daphne was gently and affectionately treated and she showed no ill effects from her two day vacation.

### BASIC GENERAL TECHNIQUES

You should have a set of general techniques to deal with the adverse aspects of cat ownership. In this section we present suggestions on a variety of situations with which you may be faced.

#### Lifting and Handling. Cat

Always wear a heavy jacket and heavy duty, flexible gloves when handling an ill cat. With these on, a single technique can be used with all cats up to about sixty pounds. Have a dishtowel or cloth of similar size available. Back the cat into a corner as gently as possible and, by "boxing" with the cat, get him either to sit up or lie on his back. Then grasp him firmly around the rib cage as far up under his front legs as possible. (Caution - do not lift him by his front legs.) Point your thumbs up toward his head and quickly lift him clear of the floor with his hindquarters dangling. Simultaneously, a second person flips the rolled dish towel around the cat's stomach and keeps him from jack-knifing. The cat cannot use his claws or teeth effectively when in this position but he is not immobile and cannot injure himself. However, he can be readily examined or treated. Obviously, this technique should not be used with a cat which has possible internal injuries.

#### Stretchers and Stretcher Lift

Situations requiring the use of a stretcher as a cat carrier usually also require that the animal's body be kept as motionless and as near its original position as possible. For this reason, use of a blanket or other non-rigid material as a stretcher is not suggested. If a conventional collapsible stretcher is not available, a wide board, ironing board, table top, or other rigid surface is best.

To lift the cat onto the stretcher, have one person kneel on either side of the animal. Both persons carefully slide their hands under the cat, spreading their fingers

as widely as possible and alternating hand positions. A third person can hold the cat's head level during the lift. One person counts and on an agreed number, all persons lift while keeping the cat's body level and motionless. Lift the cat only high enough to clear the stretcher which is slipped under the cat. Do not carry the cat to the stretcher; instead bring the stretcher to the cat. Do not try to straighten the cat out or to make him more comfortable. For larger cats, use more people.

#### External Heart Massage

Place the cat on his right side on a table or other firm surface. Tilt his body up about 45 degrees by placing a pad of rolled cloth under his rib cage, leaving his backbone resting on the table. Apply pressure directly over the heart with the heel of one hand in a firm downward movement. Release the pressure with a sharp upward snap which lifts your hand off the chest. Repeat the cycle 60 or 80 times per minute. Be careful not to press down hard enough to break ribs and watch for a simultaneous respiratory failure. Further discussion of this technique is presented on page 121 of Especially Ocelots.



#### Artificial Respiration

The mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration system is essentially the same for cats and humans. Place the cat on his back on a table with his head hanging over the edge. Open his mouth and clear it of any mucous or debris, flatten his tongue and pull it forward and out of his throat. Place one hand on the cat's rib cage between his forelegs and pull the cat's head down and back until resistance is felt with the other. This latter step is intended to open the air passage into the cat's lungs. Place your mouth over the cat's muzzle, covering his nose, and exhale into his mouth. You should feel his chest expand as you do so. If no chest expansion occurs, check again for obstructions, make sure the tongue is out of the way and pull the head back a little further. You can get an idea of the correct head position by lifting your chin as high as possible while tilting your head back as far as you can.

When you feel chest expansion, remove your mouth and push gently down on the cat's rib cage, thus causing him to exhale. (Continued on page 6.)

Continue the cycle at your own breathing rate until the cat recovers and/or bites your nose.

### Control of Bleeding

Heavy bleeding ranks second only to heart stoppage in seriousness. Arterial bleeding is characterized by spurting, bright red blood while venous bleeding is steady in flow and darker in color. Both types of bleeding must be controlled as rapidly as possible.

The methods of controlling bleeding are: direct pressure, restricting bands and as emergency means, tourniquets and direct closure of blood vessel. Direct pressure is just what the name implies -- a compress (gauze, an undershirt, etc.) is applied directly over the wound and firm pressure is applied with fingers. The object is to slow the blood flow and allow coagulation.

A restricting band is a wide band of cloth, rubber tubing, belt or similar material wrapped tightly around the injured member between the wound and the heart. The objective is the same as that for direct pressure.

Tourniquets and direct closure are extreme measures to be used in extreme circumstances. A tourniquet is a wide band of material with a square knot tied in the middle (the "constricting knot"). Place this constricting knot directly over a pressure point on the injured member. Exact pressure point locations can be obtained from your veterinarian. In general, these are located between the muscles on the inside of each leg near the animal's body.

Holding the constricting knot in place, bring the ends of the band around the injured member and tie them off snugly with a square knot directly opposite the constriction knot. Insert a flat protective pad under this second knot.

Next, tie a second square knot about half an inch above the tie-off knot. Separate the two tourniquet strands between the knots and insert a stick, knife or other lever. Using this as a handle, twist the tourniquet tighter until the bleeding stops. Hold the tourniquet at that pressure until you reach the hospital.

If tourniquet or restricting band is precluded by the location of the wound and direct pressure fails, look for the severed vessel ends and, if you can reach them, pinch them shut with your fingers. Continue pinching the ends shut until you reach the hospital.

### Tranquilizing your Cat

Tranquilizing your exotic can be a serious matter but can also be a valuable technique in times of stress. Obtain tranquilizers only after consultation with your veterinarian and carefully note the time and dosage whenever they are given. Use one half the recommended dosage for general purposes as a light dosage will calm the cat but will not sedate him heavily.

The effect of tranquilizers may vary with individual cats. Therefore you should test any tranquilizer

on your cat before an emergency arises. Pick a time when your veterinarian is available and when you can spend several hours observing your animal, then administer a light tranquilizing dose. Note all effects carefully, particularly the symptoms exhibited as the medicine begins to take effect and the length of time before this occurs. If convulsive symptoms occur or if signs of shock are seen, take the cat to the veterinarian at once.

### Giving Medicine

Giving medicine to a cat can be a trying experience for all concerned. Cats seem to instinctively know how to make things as difficult as possible and many owners, including Jim Maloney, develop a particularly severe case of butter-thumbs (five per hand) at the critical moment. However, some techniques we have used work fairly well.

Pills are usually inserted in the cat's favorite food or placed directly on the back of his tongue with his mouth held closed until he swallows. Dipping the pill in water before insertion helps but grinding the pill into a powder and sprinkling it over food usually doesn't work due to the bitterness of the medicine.

We use a 2 cc disposable plastic syringe with the needle removed to give small quantities of liquid medicine because of the precision of measurement and the force of the ejected stream. Insert the tip of the syringe in the side of the cat's mouth in the gap between the teeth and shoot the stream at the roof of the mouth in back. Do not shoot liquids directly down a cat's throat. The tip edges of the syringe can be rounded with a nail file and will not cut the cat's mouth. For large amounts of liquid, use a turkey baster instead of the syringe.

Powdered medicines are either put into empty gelatin capsules and handled as pills or put into solution and given as liquids. Empty gelatin capsules can be obtained in various sizes at almost any drug store. Vitamins and concentrated food supplements are given in the same manner as medicines if the cat will not take them voluntarily.

### Concentrated Food Supplements

At times a concentrated food supplement may be desirable, especially when your cat is weakened, suffering from intestinal blockage or irritation, or under post-operative care. Commercial preparations are available through your veterinarian -- Dyne and Initol are two good ones. We use a home brew called "supergoop" and prepare it as needed. The recipe is:

Yolks of four raw eggs (no whites)  
Four tablespoons polyunsaturated vegetable oil  
Four tablespoons canned, concentrated milk.  
Vitamins for three days.

Put ingredients in a blender and blend until emulsified. Between three and four tablespoons per day provide sufficient nourishment for a 30 pound cat for a short (3 day maximum) period. If given with other food, supergoop may be fed as needed to build up cat's weight and strength. Supergoop is palatable to many cats but can be given via turkey baster if not. Expect a loose stool.

### Getting your cat to Eat

Since predatory animals tend to have cyclical eating habits, (This first installment concluded on next page.)



loss of appetite for a day is seldom a serious symptom of illness. Extended loss of appetite is serious and indicates a veterinarian's attention is necessary. However cases arise in which cats lose appetite for psychological reasons and in which force feeding would only aggravate the condition. Often this involves a cat recently shipped from one home or one set of owners to another.

Assuming favorite foods and special inducements have failed, a simple trick will often start the cat eating again. Obtain a hungry domestic cat, cage him securely, and place him in your exotic cat's room. (Be certain your cat has had his shots.) Feed the exotic's favorite food to the domestic and allow the exotic to watch. Be certain the exotic smells the food and can see the feeding dish. Repeat the process several times.

Then put a fresh dish of food in the cage and remove the domestic and yourself from the room leaving the cage door open. Allow the exotic to "steal" the food in the cage. Once started, the exotic will often continue to eat.

Other gentle feeding techniques can be used. A liquid food supplement can be smeared on the cat's nose, paws and chest. As the cat cleans himself, he feeds himself. Alternatively, dip your gloved fingers in a concentrated food supplement and allow the cat to lick or bite them. A food supplement should be used rather than plain milk to take advantage of the concentration factor.

#### Cats Left at Home

Travel in the United States has become something of a risky business. Many persons go on short one or two day trips leaving their cats well supplied with food and water at home. Before doing this, make arrangements with a veterinarian or with a qualified neighbor to enter your home and care for your cats if you do not return within a specified length of time. As this may require legal authorization, make arrangements well in advance of your trip. When you return, call your friend to tell him all is well.

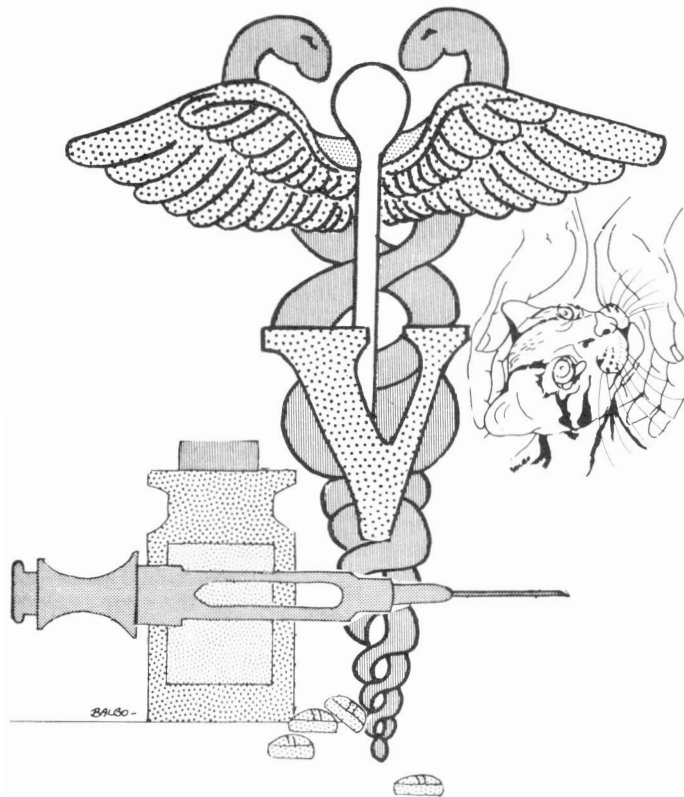
#### Directed Play

Fright is a major factor in dealing with any ill or injured animal. There is no point to increasing the cat's fear by introducing strange equipment or motions in a difficult situation. For this reason, it is desirable to turn emergency equipment into toys through play. For example, cages make delightful hiding places and gloves are fine for chewing. Duplicate motions used for handling or examining the cat during play sessions and always scratch and play with the cat after giving medicines or force feeding. **Try to make the total experience as pleasant as possible.**

By: James E and Bonnie L Maloney.

(NOTE: This is the first installment of "Emergency Procedures and First Aid for Exotic Cats." There will be five subsequent installments. Part 2 will relate to "Your Relationship to a Veterinarian," Part 3, "Illness and First Aid," Part 4, "Poisons and Counter-dose," Part 5, "Emergency Equipment and First Aid List," and finally, Part 6 "Handling Large Cats." PLEASE READ, ABSORB AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE every word of this valuable work. Ed.)

## VOICE of the VETERINARIAN



It gives me great pleasure to be able to announce at this time that the Newsletter will run a question and answer column written by

ALFRED W. MOLLER, D. V. M.  
St. Louis Zoo

and his associates. Many club members feel the Newsletter needs a regular medical column and until now we have been unable to comply with their wishes. Any member who would like to ask Dr. Moller's advice should write him c/o LIOC, Amagansett, N. Y. The question and Dr. Moller's answer will appear in future issues of the Newsletter.

As Dr. Moller expressed it in his letter to me, "I and my associates here at my office and at the St. Louis Zoo will be glad to contribute to the ocelot magazine. We feel we can better judge the problems of our ocelot friends through a question and answer column. This will enable us to do some research to try to solve their problems. So if you care to put a note in your next issue asking for questions from your readers, send them to us and we shall perhaps answer one or two of them each issue."

*Dr. Mike Balbo*

Dr. Michael P. Balbo  
Vice-President, LIOC



### THE ONCILLAS OF ARNHEN

Maria Falkena-Rohrle of Arnhem, Netherlands is an old friend of LIOC, a member for many years. Her drama about her Oncilla, Candy, appeared in Newsletter Vol. 10, Vol. 3. Since then no less than ten oncillas have been born at Maria's cattery, including Oncilla-Abyssian hybrids.

"Rex was No. 8 in the Oncilla family. Now we had to do something," writes Maria, "either find homes for coming oncillas or have the males neutered. I knew, and so did my husband that we would, in fact, never have been able to part from one of these little cats which had been born in our house, so we -- with heavy heart -- have now neutered the three breeding males. Rex is still too young to neuter."

Maria has made the observation that the oncilla family has a very strong family tie. She has observed the development of her Oncillas for nearly seven years. She is in a knowledgeable position to comment as follows:

"Oncillas, like Lions must have a life in groups. They do not want to leave each other. They have their own rules. Girls are allowed to eat only when the boys have taken their portion. They call a harsh cry when one is left alone by the others. In case of need, they will accept another cat as partner for play or sleeping basket, but prefer one of their own species."

Observation in the zoological aspect. One dead little Oncilla was sent to a biological institute where it was discovered that the Oncilla has two chromosomes fewer than the domestic cats. "This might explain," comments Maria, "why our Oncilla-Abyssinian hybrids have been sterile."

**Ed: Observation for our general membership.** The Oncilla is a very small tropical American spotted cat (perhaps the smallest) weighing up to six or eight pounds.

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### ATTENTION GENTLEMEN!!!!

TOLECO is quite forward in asking for a mate. After all, she was one and 3/4 years old this February and isn't this leap year?? She is a big girl, -- already weighs 46 pounds: she's an ocelot(spelled backwards as you will note.)

Contact Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Portnoy,  
#5 Carole Lane, St. Louis, Mo. 63131  
Toleco's phone number: 1 314-VO3 9400

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### GOOD/BAD NEWS

"On February 9, 1968, our ocelots had two kittens," writes Janell Fair, 11423 Tuxford, Sun Valley, California. The Fairs have been members of LIOC since 1964.

"We have had the male, Gringo II," she continues, "and Carmencita, female, for four years this summer. They finally had their first litter. I fully suspected she was pregnant. She just looked that way. She delivered in the same cage with the male, so we had to move her. I fear the move was bad. She ate one of the kittens and the second one, a male, died the next morning. We had just about given up hope of them breeding, but now we know they will. We hope to have better luck next time. I feel she is adjusted to the process of delivery and I think next time she will make out fine."

### \* \* \* \* \* ONE MORE DOMESTIC MARGAY BORN

"Minx had another kitten last December 30th," writes Bill Margetts of 23 So. Normandy Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. Minx is the mother whose picture with her kitten, Ludi, appeared on the cover of the November, 1967 issue of the Newsletter.

"The kitten didn't survive," continues Bill. "I was there when it was born. Minx was quite gentle and wanted the company. I would say this kitten was smaller than Ludi and quite hyperactive -- at the time quite too hyperactive to do any nursing. It appears Minx dispatched it as when I later returned the kitten was dead. It had a head wound which would have been due to Minx. I suspect the kitten was not in the greatest of shape, but that's only conjecture."

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### ADVENTURER: INTREPID BUT HUNGRY

"Our 'Saber'," write Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gair of 24491 Groesbeck Hwy, Warren, Michigan 48089, "we suspect turned out to be a margay. He is two and a half years old now, and lives mainly on chicken and venison, but doesn't put on weight. He weighs 15 pounds. Of course, he doesn't believe he is anything other than people, so he doesn't care too much.

"Saber sneaked out twice this winter, both times during zero weather and was gone three days both times. The first time he returned of his own free will. But the last time was really an adventure. He crossed the highway we live on and proceeded for about three blocks, crossing some pretty wild territory in his travels.

"On the third night he boldly walked into the home of some perfect strangers. He was very hungry after three days so put on quite a fuss. They attempted to feed him everything they had which did not include chicken or deer meat. With each failure he got madder. They finally got him into a bedroom, shut the door and called the police. They had been alerted when he left home, so they immediately called us. (Continued on page 9.)



(ADVENTURER, Cont'd from page 8 .)

"Nobody would go near Saber," the Gairs' story continues, "because they 'just new he would tear them apart with his vicious claws' -- which we had had removed when Saber was 18 weeks old. So when our 15 year old daughter walked in and picked him up, and he began nibbling on her nose, everyone was relieved."

Ed. (NOTE: At last, a whole male margay!)

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### OCELOTS NO LONGER QUALIFY

"While in Washington," advises Mr. Paul W. Moran (P O Box 724, Rockland, Maine 04841) 'we eagerly sought ocelots at the 3,000-animal National Zoo, but found they are no longer exhibited there because they are now classified as 'semi-domestic' animals: Ocelot owners have 'arrived', apparently."

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### SILENCE

No word has been heard to date (April 1) regarding Dan Cronin and Jan of New York City, missing since 6:14 P.M. January 28th when Dan's private plane left Glens Falls, N. Y., homebound for Teterboro, New Jersey.

The name of Dan's passenger was not too clearly written on the Flight Plan he filed before leaving. In spite of Jim Nolan's careful transmittal of the information (he researched Dan's activity that evening) it was incorrectly reported in the Newsletter. Your editor had "corrected" it.

While Carla Tremaine had met Jan at the LIOC picnic in Amagansett last September, there was at that time no apparent link to connect her with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York City, where Carla had been associated for many years. Only recently she learned that their Supervisor of Nurses (Lower East Side Center) had not returned after a ski trip which ended abruptly January 28th. Jan Iley, Supervisor of Nurses had gone with Dan Cronin in his Piper.

And the world grows a little smaller.

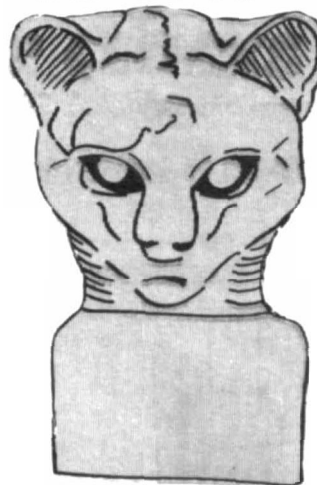
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### HOME AT LAST

The little ocelot kitten who was brought back from "safari" in Colombia found herself at the United Nations Building in New York. She lived mostly in the UN office continually on display since her captor had two antagonistic dogs at home.

Through the efforts of two LIOC members, she eventually found a happy home with Marika and Ed Bellair. "Michelle follows me all around the house. She sleeps in my lap, knows just where her toilet is, nicks a few plants now and then, -- WE LOVE HER!" reports Marika, who has longed for an ocelot since her first kitten died some months ago. Michelle's veterinarian is Dr. Zimmerman in Mt. Vernon, who reports her healthy.

## THE '68 LOTTY



### WILL BE AWARDED TO **DR. MICHAEL BALBO**

Saturday, June 15, 1968 at the home of the Lotty's sculptress, Brenda Duprey in Lenox, Mass.

There will be a picnic on the spacious grounds of

BRENDA AND STAN DUPREY at  
793 East Street, Lenox, Mass.

The general membership is invited. It is known that there will be generous attendance from the New England Branch of LIOC, and we hope members from other areas will also come to honor Mike Balbo who has done so much to illustrate medical articles in the Newsletter and to lighten its pages with his inimitable cartoons and capable art work.

Travellers will be staying at

THE HOLIDAY INN  
(Lenox-Pittsfield)  
US 7 & 20 Pittsfield Road  
Box 486, Lenox, Mass.  
Phone: 413 637 1100

Make reservations early!!!! This is the beginning of the busy season near the Berkshires. The Inn is located very close to the western end of the Massachusetts Turnpike where it joins the New York State Thruway. Holiday Inns welcome animals, -- even ours!

**MOST IMPORTANT:** Please let Brenda Duprey know you'll be coming. Her phone: 413 637 3347. Ocelot, Zapata (Duprey), will be on the welcoming committee. Please be on hand at about 2:00 P.M.

Previous LOTTY  
Awards:

Mrs. John Erill (1966)  
LIOC's Capable  
Secretary  
Mr. Wm. Engler (1967)  
LIOC's knowledge  
able "Felidologist."



(at right - Zapata) .....



### REPORT OF MEETING

March 3, 1968

#### METROPOLITAN NEW YORK BRANCH OF LIOC

at the home of  
Ed and Marika Bellair  
201 Clinton Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

The second meeting of the Metropolitan New York Branch of LIOC was held at the home of Ed and Marika Bellair, Brooklyn, N. Y. Seventeen members and guests managed to attend regardless of the 19 degree temperature. Three from Philadelphia, two from Connecticut and one who makes every meeting a personal "fly-in", - Charlene Taggart from Ithaca, New York. The balance present was from a relatively local area.

The first hour was spent getting acquainted, trading news and information and admiring pictures of the cats. ( hope no new members came in hopes of observing cats, since no cats were present.)

Thanks to Ed and Marika's hospitality, everyone was quite at ease by the time the business of the meeting was discussed. At 3:00 PM Cathe Westhall, who has a most efficient way of doing things, called the meeting to order. Since Barbara Orden, our secretary, could not attend the meeting, I, Joanne Yampol, am substituting for her and report the meeting to the best of my ability, as follows.

The first topic was "why the members (who own exotics) have them". The following is a concener of this discussion by members present: A. Most had and have a basic love of cats. Most were fascinated by the beauty of the "exotic" cat to the extent they wanted one. B. Most members admitted that at the time they bought their cats they didn't know much about the care and problems that come up with exotics. And though they could get some help by speaking to other members of the club, they learned mostly by experience since no two cats are alike. What's good for one is not always good for another. C. They all agreed that although these cats present many problems, they're well worth the effort and care involved. D. They would all like to know how to get more information on how to care for their cats -- that although questions are asked, there are rarely any answers. (Ed. At the first meeting on January 14,

Cathe Westhall urged everybody to get a copy of Catherine Cisin's "Especially Ocelots" -- an all inclusive source of information.)

The main problem seems to be communications due to geography since the branches are nationally spread out. The LIOC Newsletter, of which this report is part, is intended to be the medium through which widely scattered members of LIOC are informed of Branch findings. (Exp: I'm still trying to solve the 'dry pads' problem. Maybe some one in the other branches can help me?)

Earl Weber of Philadelphia, Pa. spoke about how the wild-life of the world is becoming extinct, urging that something be done about it before it is too late. All too many exotics are being killed for their pelts, thus throwing off the balance of nature.

The members of the Metro Branch were very shocked and saddened to read about the unfortunate loss of Dan Cronin, Vice President of LIOC and of the Metro Branch. Mike Balbo as been appointed Vice President of the Metro Branch. (Ed: Mike has also agreed to accept the Vice-Presidency of LIOC.) Roy Weiss for L.I. at Roslyn will assist during the May 19th meeting.

There will be a general meeting in Lenox Mass on June 15th at the home of Brenda and Stan Duprey to honor Mike Balbo who is to be awarded this year's 'Lotty'. Complete details on page 9.

The next meeting of the Metropolitan N. Y. Branch will be held Sunday, May 19th at Orden's Marina in Roslyn, L.I. Your hostess requests that the cats who attend be kept on a leash at all times during the meeting. It is hoped that the Long Island members will make a special effort to come. While Roslyn is just outside NYC limits in Nassau County, it is still in Metropolitan New York area. **It may come as a surprise to some,** but Brooklyn (Kings) and Queens Counties are also on Long Island! Please let Barbara Orden, your hostess, know you are coming?

### TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS

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

North on Mineola Ave. approximately 1/4 mile (first traffic light past Pierce Country Day School) 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 at fork. Continue straight ahead, passing Washington Manor Restaurant on left. (SLOW DOWN or you'll miss Roslyn's business district) Just past Anchorage Tavern on your left is a paved road marked:

Entrance to Tower Tennis. Turn into this road and about 300 feet make another left. Directly ahead will be a tall, slate-roofed building: ROSLYN HARBOR MARINA. You have arrived!

Steve Orden (Boatyard - Marina) COME AT 2:00  
1351 Old Northern Blvd. PM  
Roslyn, L.I., N. Y. (516) MA 1 9610



Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Yampol, Sec. Pro Tem.



Report of meeting March 10, 1968  
at the home of the Feldmans in  
San Lorenzo, California

The Feldmans, non-members and non-cat owners, hosted our March meeting. Thanks, Bruce and Jackie, for your hospitality.

52 people and 7 cats attended. Cats: 1 jaguar, 3 pumas, 3 ocelots. There were several guests representing other animal clubs. They attended at the invitation of JCC to find out the aims of our club and to see how our meetings were conducted. We would in turn be invited to send representatives to their meetings.

Walter Billings and Panther (puma) have traveled over 3000 miles to attend our meetings during the past year. Sherry Ames and Bob Merchant brought Snoopy, their ocelot who is overcoming the nerve damage resulting from Myelitis (March newsletter). Snoopy tries to walk but it is more a swimming motion. She is very uncoordinated but making progress. She has to be held to eat and held over her kitty litter. Bouquets to Sherry and Bob. Very few people would put the time, effort and money necessary to salvage their pet on one fighting such formidable odds.

It was evidently a "puma party." Billings, Ditty and Townes provided the pumas. The weather was magnificent and many of the members took excellent pictures.

This seems to be "pass an ordinance month." One of the Bay Area counties has introduced an amendment to their ordinance to specify 2 dogs (canis familiaris) and 2 cats (felis catus) and thereby prohibit Exotic pets. We are requesting that instead of this arbitrary restriction, the county consider an ordinance which will not prohibit any particular species. If a complaint was received, the SPCA and/or animal control division would determine whether adequate housing and proper sanitation was provided to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and the animal. If not, owner would be required to improve conditions or be cited for keeping an animal under unsafe or unsanitary conditions.

Club members voted that a committee be formed to prepare a newspaper release and statement of club policy and to contact zoos, pet dealers, etc. to obtain favorable statements concerning the keeping of Exotics as pets. Volunteer committee members: Marian Allen, Angelo & Carol Ditty, Betty Harris, Shirley Nelson, Sue Olson, Dion & Lorelee Vigne. Club members then voted this committee the authority to act in behalf of the club. The committee will release a statement to the newspapers just prior to the April 1st hearing on the amendment to the ordinance.

Ron Girard, representing the National Wholesale and Retail Pet Dealers Association, attended our meeting and requested that our club put its support behind this organization which depends on pets for its livelihood. They are not asking for any money. They are requesting a non-discriminatory ordinance which will allow an animal to be kept as a pet with due consideration for the health, welfare and safety of the public and the animal. Mr. Girard attends all the hearings concerning animal control ordinances and states the position of his association.

For the information of LIOC members --- PET FOOD is the second largest selling item in grocery stores! Perhaps the wholesale and retail grocers would back our position. It's certainly worth a try.

Our pot luck was scrumptious. The Feldmans provided a monstrous punch bowl -- almost as big as a Doughboy swimming pool!!! Naturally, we stuffed ourselves until we could hardly move. After all, we wouldn't want to slight anyone by passing up their offering.

After the business meeting and pot luck, many people had to start home. The last of the Mohicans had a special treat -- 2 movies (free loan) on the Busch Gardens - one in Florida and one in Los Angeles. These were entertaining and informative. (Someone thought the Busch Gardens were full of bushes). HA. Many members didn't know about the Busch Gardens in L. A. although they have been in Los Angeles many times. After the movies and more "yak" we finally left. --- Bet you thought they had to pay to have us hauled away!

#### INFORMATION

There are some excellent movies available FREE on Africa, Kruger National Park, etc. If you are interested, write Sterling Movies, Inc., 43 W. 61st St., New York, N. Y., 10023, and ask for the brochure "South Africa Perspectives."

#### GOOD BOOKS

Here, Keller, Train This by George Keller. You name it, he trains it.  
Basic Book of the Cat by William Carr. Very informative and written by a man with a love and understanding of cats.

#### WANTED

Male ocelot - not neutered. Either kitten or adult.

Baby ocelot - or young ocelot - either sex.  
Write Jungle Cats of California, P. O. Box 5427, S. F., Calif. 94101 and include all details including price.

MEETING - the May 5th meeting has been canceled

*Shirley Nelson*  
Shirley Nelson,  
Secretary



**REPORT OF MEETING**  
 Sunday, March 17, 1968  
 CAL-VAL BRANCH  
 of LIOC

Our March meeting was hosted by Bob Boerckel's gracious little Margay and Ocelot Kittens in the beautiful tropical setting of Bob's lovely home.

A word must be said about the site of this meeting because of its unusual setting. Bob has done a wonderful job of landscaping and we're certain the cats attending felt very much at home in this tropical paradise complete with real, live pet peacock.

Dick called the short "formal" part of the meeting to order and a unanimous good luck wish was expressed to the absent Bill Engler who has left us for his new home in Florida. We all miss him very much and are saddened by his leaving, but happy for him for the chance he will now have to do what he has always wanted to do, -- spend all of his time with his animals. We all certainly wish Bill all the good fortune and best wishes he so rightly deserves.

There were several new members present and a sincere welcome was extended. We wish to mention at this point that if any members were inadvertently omitted when meeting invitations were sent, please contact Dick and Audrey Laird at 213 249 5702 so that we can be certain the omission will be corrected for future meetings.

Following the "formal" meeting, hot dogs were barbecued by Dennis and Carol Herring and sold to all the hungry members for 25¢ each, -- or was it 15¢? Anyway, all those present will be pleased to know that we broke even. Everyone seemed pleased with the change of pace from our usual potlucks, although nothing can really compare with the gourmet delights prepared by our many good cooks!

Congratulations to Pat Renfrew who won this meeting's raffle! We sorely missed the presence of our regular corresponding secretary, Alyce Crafts, who took a well-deserved weekend holiday from her secretarial duties.

In Alyce's absence, we failed to keep track of the number of cats or members present, but we can at least report that the yard was full of cats, kids and grown-ups and all present appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The next meeting (May) will be announced locally.

Respectfully submitted,

*Audrey Laird*

Co-Coordinator, Cal-Val Chapter.

BILL ENGLER (Continued from Page 1.)

truck driver. I brought up the rear with the Cadillac.

We travelled through a back route in California to avoid Freeways and the almost sure brushes with the police thereon. We drove until 3:00 P.M. Saturday. We stopped a few miles east of Yuma, Arizona to feed and water the cats and to eat a bite ourselves. We were exhausted so we slept for two hours after which we were awakened by Chuck to get on our way. Chuck had a tight schedule to keep so he was the pusher on the trip.

Our route was through Yuma and Tucson, Arizona, then about 150 miles through New Mexico to El Paso, Texas, Houston and Beaumont, Texas, then Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mobile Alabama and our destination, Panama City, Florida. Except for a little rain encountered in Texas, the weather was good. We stopped late each afternoon to feed, water and clean the cats and to prepare and eat our supper, then we would drive until midnight or later, sleep for a few hours at a truck stop, eat breakfast there and resume our journey.

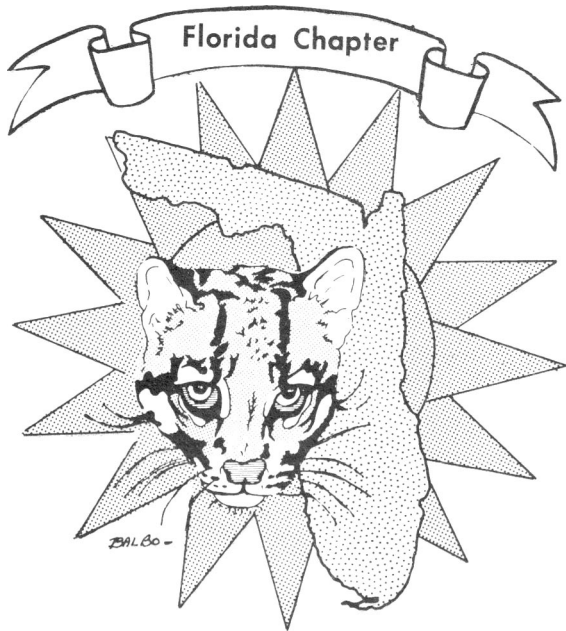
45 or 50 miles per hour was the speed limit for trucks in all states traversed which was as fast as we would have wanted to travel with our load. Though I took pains to be sure all our automotive equipment was legal. We anticipated being held up by police in California or Arizona, but were not stopped. Our only encounter was in a small town in Texas where I had stopped to fix a headlight and a policeman stopped to see if he could help. He insisted on, and did pet Lati (Puma) who rode in the back seat of my car.

Excepting Valerie (Lioness), who did not eat during the trip and who developed a cold at the end, all cats made the trip well. With treatment after arrival she recovered.

The journey took six days. We arrived at the Kermels Tuesday afternoon. We unloaded the small cats from their crowded quarters and cleaned all the cages. These were in an unsanitary state after six days of travel with no hose or water with which to clean them properly. Valerie sensed that we had reached our destination and ate well that night.

The cats and I are, and I am sure will be, very happy here. The gracious hospitable Kermels have made us at home. The (to be) zoo grounds as well as the surrounding country is fresh and beautiful and the air is so good after having been in the Los Angeles smog for eleven years.

I have so many good people to thank for my being here. First, the Kermels, who let me have (Continued Page 15)



### REPORT OF MEETING

Sunday, March 10, 1968

at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Alexander and their new ocelot, Tamika, in New Smyrna.

We had a lively gathering of about 28 members, guests and children and 6 cats, even though the "Florida Dew" was rather heavy that day. Members attending were: Carl & Kasie Alexander with ocelot, Tamika, Darden & JoAnn Craig with margay, Tibba, Charles and Sadie Douglas with margay, Sheba, Art and Peg Freeman, Bob and Sandy Hartkopf with ocelot, King, Ken & Jean Hatfield with margays Mittens and Luanda, and Dave and Sue Salisbury.

The Alexanders have their new ocelot, Tamika now, a very friendly kitten who did rather well considering the fact that he was having a nice quiet Sunday and all of a sudden was descended upon by a group of complete strangers accompanied by various sized, yowling and fussing felines. We had all arrived by 1:30 and as usual we gathered in small groups centered around one cat or another and caught up on the latest goings-on of our felines.

We, the Hatfields, had margay Luanda (Scharwenka) with us as well as Mittens. Luanda lived in New Jersey. She is a 7 year old female. Her folks had placed her in a new home in Florida but due to illness the lady wasn't able to keep her. The Scharwenkas are in the process of adopting a child and feel that a margay wouldn't be acceptable. We are keeping her until they find another home. I would also like to take this opportunity to mention another margay up for "adoption." She is 2-1/2 years old, neutered, female. Mrs. Phillips (of Miami) is now working 7 days a week. She has kept her cat in an outdoor cage and due to her working hours hasn't had the cat in the house very much. She feels that it would be better if she could find a home for her with people who understand margays and would take the time to work with her. When she was in the house more, she was good about her toilet habits, incidentally.

To get back to the meeting, -- for some reason or other, the Salisburys didn't bring any pumas with them. After all, David, just because you would have to sit out in the rain holding Prince's leash and couldn't get around to talk to anybody or to eat lunch, is no excuse! (Aint' it fun to own a big cat??) Tibba Craig was in her new carrier. JoAnn said she seemed happier and more secure travelling

that way. Bob & Sandy Hartkopf made it over from Tampa with King and the sarcoptic mange. I don't remember which one of them had it at the moment, -- King, Bob or Sandy. Seriously, it is quite a problem with them; it is travelling from spot to spot on the cat and it is also passing to them. Anyone with a sure-fire cure for Sarcoptic Mange? We were glad to see the Freemans over from Crystal River, even if they didn't bring Safari. And, of course, little Sheba Douglas brought her family with her. Charles and Sadie think that Princess (formerly Hatfield and Buck) may be "expecting." (We went over to their house after the meeting for a short visit. Princess is just fine -- it's Sadie who is a nervous wreck!)

After a while the Alexanders served a delicious lunch, for which I am sure I speak for all when I say "Thank you!" They wouldn't accept any reimbursement for it as they wanted to show their appreciation to members for all the advice and information about cats they had received. And if there is one thing we are all good at, it's giving advice!

Then Dave called the meeting to order. He told us about the theft of the Baileys' little tiger kitten. It seems that they brought her home one afternoon, put her in her cage and locked it, then went out to the store. When they returned the lock was broken and she was gone. If anyone hears of a female, light colored, cross-bred Bengal-Siberian tiger kitten suddenly appearing, please contact Dave or Baileys immediately. At the time (end of January) she was 14 weeks, about 35 lbs.

Then Dave made the big announcement -- Bill Engler is moving to Panama City, Florida. When I sent out the letter appealing for funds to help Bill a few months ago, Mr & Mrs. Carl Kermel wrote him inviting him to set up his zoo in Panama City adjoining their shell-rattan shop, 'The Pink Clam' at 8219 W. Hwy 98. Now it is official. Bill left California on March 15th with his animals, bound for Panama City. So -- Welcome To Florida, Bill. We're happy to have you here!

Before introducing our next guest, Dave told us that the Cisins -- Catherine, Harry and Tercera -- expect to visit Florida during May. Then Dave introduced Dr. Oliver, veterinarian in New Smyrna who takes care of exotics in the area. He spoke briefly about the many and varied diseases our felines are subject to. He recommended reading an excellent article in the current issue of "Cat Fancy" on this subject. In choosing a doctor for exotics it is important to find one who likes cats and has had experience. but most important, one who really wants to treat them. Then a question and answer session: we touched on mange, worms, operations, anesthetics and many other subjects.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 5th (not the usual second Sunday to avoid conflict with Mothers Day.) We will meet at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Fairchild, Rt 1, Box 816, Delray Beach. Directions will be distributed with local notice. All welcome! (If any who live in the Dade-Broward area do not normally receive local notices and would like to attend, please call me, Jean Hatfield, at 888 7506 or drop a line to me at 80 E 34 Street, Hialeah.)

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hatfield, Sec.  
Florida Chapter LIOC

REORGANIZATION OF  
NOR. CAL BRANCH OF LIOC ??

Two meetings have been held to discuss the possibilities of re-forming the Nor. Cal. Members of LIOC who own or have an interest in ocelots of lesser cats. The first meeting was on March 10th. We found the best answer to "Where have all the ocelots gone?" could be the fact that there has been little or no opportunity to discuss ocelots in the presence of larger cats, our needs and problems differing greatly.

The second meeting of the group was at the Bonnie and Jim Maloney's in Berkeley. Dion and Lorealee Vigne were there with 2 ocelots, Caesar and Trilby. Matt and Karen Wyse with friend Jackie Feldman and Ray and I (Betty Harris) were there. Our hostess was Daphne, green with envy for St. Patty's day as Chico was entertaining his lady friend, Samantha in hopes of a great romance. Samantha is owned by Dr. Frye, -- D.V.M. from Berkeley. Confined in a clothes basket was little Phaedra, a 3 month old margay who was boarding with the Maloneys.

For the first time in many moons ocelot owners were able to discuss ocelots. Jim showed us how to convert a carrier to a squeeze cage. Above all else, the cats were turned loose in the house to become acquainted with each other. Caesar, Trilby and Daphne had a wonderful time. Daphne showed her guests around the house: took them to the powder room, the sink and drain board, the cat buffet, and -- the linen closet. I made the mistake of wearing perfume so I was nibbled at all during the day by Daphne -- that is when Ray would put her down. There is hope that Trilby may be expecting -- at least she has a cauliflower ear to show that Caesar has made the effort.

Our next meeting will be a social gathering at our home in Milpitas -- BETTY AND RAY HARRIS, 205 Butler Street. We do not plan to have any officers or dues -- just warm times and earnest discussion about our cats, like old times.

-- Betty Harris

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There have been two meetings of LIOC members in Connecticut, object being the formation of the Connecticut Branch of Long Island Ocelot Club. The first was held at the home of Peter Spano in New Britain with Nero, ocelot, hosting. The second, on the afternoon of March 31 at Sherry Houchell's house on Cedar Drive, Cromwell. Ocelot, Natasha, was hostess. Present were the Humans, the Hucks, the Fords, Dominic DeGeorgia and several guests including Mr. & Mrs. Sweat, Sherry's mother and father. "Officers" were chosen as follows: Peter Spano, President, Robert Grasso, Vice-President, Joseph Keefe Sec. and Treasurer. Next meeting will have been Sunday, April 28 at Mr & Mrs. Robert Grosso's home at 131 Salmon Brook Drive in Glastonbury. Since the meetings are out of phase with the Newsletter publication dates, it is difficult for LIOC to be of service to this new branch for meeting announcements and reports.

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# PREVIEW

"THE ANATOMY OF EXOTIC LEGISLATION," which would have appeared in this Newsletter had there been more space, will appear in the next (July, 1968) issue of the Newsletter. This carefully researched effort by attorney Joseph Keefe of Hartford, Connecticut, will be of great assistance in helping exotic owners to understand the complex procedures which precede any animal legislation.

The author, Joseph Keefe, is a member of Long Island Ocelot Club and its newly formed Connecticut Branch.

Watch for "THE ANATOMY OF EXOTIC LEGISLATION" by Joseph Keefe in the July Newsletter.

PREVIEW:

IT'S HERE !! The July Newsletter will include the first addendum to the "LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INDEX" prepared as was the original index by Robert Peraner, 250 Willow Avenue, Somerville, Mass. 02144.

Addendum #1 includes Newsletters starting with Volume 10, No. 6, November, 1966, up to and including Volume 12, No. 2, March, 1968. Copies of the General Index, Vol. 1 No. 1 through Vol. 10 No. 5, are available from LIOC Headquarters.

IF YOUR VETERINARIAN HAS NOT HAD EXPERIENCE WITH THE SPECIFIC EXOTIC FELINE YOU PRESENT TO HIM, 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 felis catus, the common cat.

NEAR THE WEST COAST

have your veterinarian phone:

415 848-5041  
Dr Frederic L. Frye  
Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital  
2126 Haste Street  
Berkeley, California 94704

NEAR THE EAST COAST

914 MO4 2784  
Dr. Theodore Zimmerman  
17 West Grand Street  
Fleetwood, Mt. Vernon,  
New York 10522

Both these veterinarians maintain hyperimmunized donor ocelots should blood transfusion be required. Both are ready and willing to share their rare experience in the very special field of EXOTIC FELINES.



## AMONG THE NEWCOMERS

(Names and addresses of cat owners who are new members of LIOC are published here in the hope that contact will be made between old and new owners.)

**THE OCELOTS:** SABU, 3 month, 3 pound male from Colombia, - Mr & Mrs James Avery, 215 Redington Av., Troy, Pa 16747; ?? 3-months old, Maggie Bowman, 25 Panorama Drive, Oxon Hill, Md.; ALFIE, 15 lbs at 7 months, Karen L. Chovan, 149 S Myers Ave., Sharon, Pa. 16146; TANG, 5-1/2 lbs Dolores E Edal, 235 E 9th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501; RAJAH 7 lbs at 7 months, Robert A. Grasso, 131 Salmon Brook Dr. Glastonbury, Conn 06033; PHAEDRA kitten, Marcia Lou Hobbs, 2403 Virginia St., Berkeley, Calif. 94709; SNOOPY year-old ocelot, Female, Jo Anne G. Homstad, 10847 University Ave. N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55433; ZIEPHIL, 5 lb. 6 month old female, - Mr & Mrs. Robert B. Kellogg, 703 E. Calif Blvd. Apt #5, Pasadena, Calif. 91106; PEPPI, female kit; Mr & Mrs. Robert Lentini, 125 Riverside Drive, Mastic Beach, N. Y. 11951; TOM, Mexican yearling, whose Collie Dog is his playmate, H. James Perry, 4132 Rainbow Blvd, Kansas City, Kans; ENDORA, domestic born at Brooks' in Orlando, Mr & Mrs Ward Price, 2519 Wakulla Way, Orlando, Fla. 32809; TOPEZ, 35 pound two year old - Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Rega, 2686 Bailey Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10463; TUFFI, 6 month old, 7 pound Honduran, Dr. & Mrs. Reuben S. Roy, 246 Brockenbraugh Ct., Metairie, La. 70005; SCHNAPS, 1 lb. male kit, all feet -- Mr & Mrs. Reiner U. Tholke, 351 S. Serrano Ave., Apt 3, Los Angeles, Calif. 90005; EMPRESS, 28 lbs 2+ years, who shares her home with Bobcat -- see below, **Chuck & Judy Williams**, 1841 S. Craycroft, Tucson, Ariz. 85711

**THE MARGAYS:** TAMBA, female about two months old, James A. Nolan, 1917 E. Broadway Ave. #2S, Tempe, Arizona 85281

TINA, a 4 month three pound Peruvian, 24596 Alcoba Drive, Mission Viejo, Calif. 92675. (Mr & Mrs H M Stevens)

**THE CHEETAHS:** PRETTY BABY female kitten (20 lbs.) , Raymond Araujo, 5 Ganna Lane, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y. 11746; NATASHA female 12 lb. kitten, Marsha & Donald Van Vliet, 536 Commonwealth Avenue, Apt 602., Boston, Mass.

**THE BOBCAT:** MONICA ("GOGEE") 40 pound 2 year old born in Tucson, neutered; Chuck & Judy Williams, 1841 S. Craycroft, Tucson, Ariz. 85711

**BILL ENGLER** (Continued from page 12.)

the land on which to build my zoo, **The Long Island Ocelot Club**, its various branches and many individual members whose donations made it possible for me to build my trailer in which I transported my animals across the country, many friends in Southern California who helped in building the trailer and in putting my truck in shape. Those who furnished refuge for my animals before I moved, those who donated animals for the zoo, those who helped in getting the animals and equipment loaded and on the way and those who drove my vehicles across the country.

I shall forever feel indebted to LIOC and its members and will always do that which I am able for them and their cats.



-- Bill Engler

### SINGULAR BLESSED EVENT MAKES THIS SPECIAL OFFER POSSIBLE:

Domestic born Jungle Cat kittens (Second Generation!) Felis Chaus. Jungle Cats are natives of South Asia. One race, F. c. nilotica, is the "Mau" of the ancient Egyptians and therefore part of the ancestry of the domestic cat. These kittens are of the race Praters Jungle Cat, the most handsome of the several races of Jungle Cats.

\$125.00 Juleen and John M. Jackson, 768-31st Street, Manhattan Beach, California 90236 Telephone: 213 374-2463

(Ed: Vol. 10, No. 5 - September, 1966 carried a picture of a Chaus. Vol 11, No. 5 - September 1967 included a history of the species by John M. Jackson)

## NECROLOGY

**SUZIE** - 5-62 to 1/8/68 Ocelot belonging to Jan and Bob Marshall, Sacramento, Calif. Autopsy's pathogenic diagnoses: "Bile duct adenocarcinoma and Interstitial Pneumonia (chronic and mild.)"

**MAXIMILLIAN** - 2-1/2 year old margay - Laird, La Crescenta, Calif.

LIOC HEADQUARTERS at Amagansett, N. Y. will be CLOSED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1968.

Mail will very likely go unanswered during this time, so please hesitate before writing, knowing letters will have no attention until June. If questions arise, consult the coordinator of your local branch, or if geographically separated from a "branch," write the nearest one. Addresses of coordinators are given on second page of every Newsletter. Should questions arise concerning membership, write to Mrs. John Brill, Secretary of LIOC, whose address appears at top of first page of each Newsletter.

During the month of May, the Cisins, -- Harry, Catherine and Tercera -- will be in Florida to greet our Felidologist, Bill Engler who is now installing his Valerie Park Zoo in Panama City, Fla. and to visit with many old friends in the Florida Chapter of LIOC. We hope to meet some new ones, too!

BACK TO WORK BY JUNE --



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