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DON HERNANDO CORTEZ Cheetah from Somaliland, with his playmate, **INKY** plain dog of unknown origin. Owners of these animals are Evelyn and Joseph Lowe of Cleveland, Ohio. Inky was a stray dog who Joe rescued from heavy traffic when the dog was almost hit by a bus. When this picture was taken Don H.C. was six months old. He seems to have taken on the role of Inky's protector. Inky's age is unknown, except that he is fully grown.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

ANSWER FROM A CONSERVATIONIST

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It never ceases to amaze me the nonsense some people speak in defense of the profit motive. I have been appalled recently to read statements in your otherwise excellent Newsletter that, if implemented, could result in the destruction of the wild animals that we all love. As a conservationist I especially resent a comment like: "This so-called conservation business is the silliest thing I've heard of..." and "... 'exotic' pets will be very much curtailed by 'conservation' ..." **First one must define conservation.** I think most conservationists would accept a three fold definition for conservation. The first and oldest is: conservation means wise usage, the second point involves inviolate protection for those resources tottering on the brink of exhaustion and finally, conservation aims at the restoration of renewable resources.

I, like many zoo directors, have opposed a blanket endorsement of the keeping of exotic pets. I can only speak for myself with regard to my motives in this opposition but I suspect many of my colleagues share my feelings. I am first concerned for the safety of those keeping the exotics and their neighbors, when exotics are kept by individuals that do not fully understand the animal's behavior or exercise proper security. Second, I have been concerned for the health of those associated with exotic pets because of their failures to understand possible zoonoses associated with the animals involved. Finally, I am concerned that the demand for certain exotic pets contributes to the extinction of the species involved.

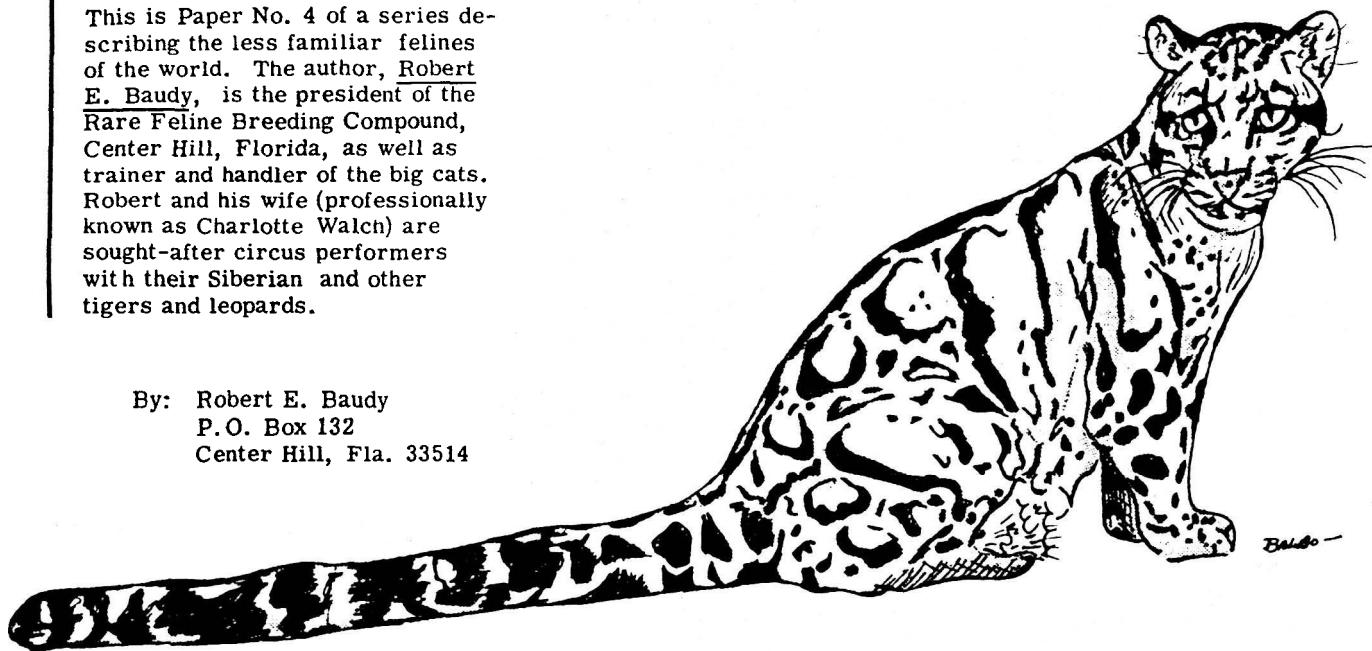
From reading the Newsletter, I have become convinced that most of the members of LIOC are sincere in their efforts to meet the first two objections that I raise and I commend the educational efforts of LIOC officers. In the last area I know of no conservationist who would today suggest that all wild cats belong in this category. In fact the total list of wild cats currently appearing in the IUCN Red Book of rare and endangered species are as follows: Spanish Lynx, Texas Ocelot, Texas Margay, Barbary Serwal, Eastern Panther, Florida Cougar, Asiatic Lion, Caspian Tiger, Amur Tiger, Javan Tiger, Chinese Tiger, Bali Tiger, Sumatran Tiger, Siberian Tiger, Barbary Leopard, Arabian Leopard, Anatolian Leopard, Amur Leopard, Sinai Leopard, Snow Leopard and Asiatic Cheetah.

It should be obvious from the names of these animals that it is only certain subspecies with limited ranges that are endangered. The Yarborough and Lennon Bills only prohibit the importation of such animals from places where they are endangered. The bill itself does not contain a list of animals whose importation is prohibited as implied by some of the bill's opponents but states: "...any species or subspecies of fish or wildlife or parts thereof which the Secretary of the Interior determines to be threatened with extinction... A species or subspecies of fish or wildlife shall be regarded as threatened with extinction whenever the Secretary of the Interior finds, after consultation with the affected foreign country, and, when appropriate, with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural (Continued on page 12.)

STARS OF THE CAT WORLD.

This is Paper No. 4 of a series describing the less familiar felines of the world. The author, Robert E. Baudy, is the president of the Rare Feline Breeding Compound, Center Hill, Florida, as well as trainer and handler of the big cats. Robert and his wife (professionally known as Charlotte Walch) are sought-after circus performers with their Siberian and other tigers and leopards.

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THE CLOUDED LEOPARD

We are dealing at this time, not simply with another remarkable feline species, but with one of the very few outstanding "super Stars" of the family felidae. As every zoologist knows, the Clouded Leopard along with the exquisite Snow Leopard, the extremely rare giant Siberian tiger, the handsomely furred and marked Korean Leopard and the diminutive Manul or Pallas cat comprise the most "wanted" Big Five in any collection striving for the best.

Although the technical appellation of neofelis nebulosa immediately entices the layman to imagine an animal in the 150-200 lb. weight range, the very handsome Clouded Leopard is, as far as size goes, the Ocelot of the Orient. Extremely large males may reach 55 lbs and much smaller females will average slightly over 30 lbs.

Here, however, the similarity ends. While we all know the striking but more "conservative" beauty of the Ocelot, the Clouded Leopard's markings surpass any designs, spots, stripes or shades familiar to cat fanciers, and have to be seen to be appreciated.

The large, irregular, never-alike marbled blotches are much more definite than in its smaller relative, the mysterious Marbled Cat previously treated here. (See Paper No. 1 in the January-February, 1969 Newsletter, Vol. 13, No. 1.) The thick, furry tail (in most instances noted on animals indigenous to high altitude areas) of unusually long proportion, reminds one of the Snow Leopard and adds to a unique picture which is better expressed by Dr. Balbo's art work than by a long and tedious description.

The conformation of the animal is also extremely odd. The front part of the body is low-slung, compact and powerful. The unusually large front paws, short, muscular and slightly webbed legs and the pugnacious lower jaw are strongly reminiscent of another denizen of the deep forest in this hemisphere, -- the jaguar. The canine teeth are relatively and by far the longest among felines. They invariably astonish the non-initiated. Many scientists have, indeed, ascertained

direct relation in this respect between n. nebulosa and the now extinct but famed Smilodon or Saber-tooth tiger.

Its ways of living, mating and killing in its secretive natural haunts are very much left to our imagination or sense of deduction. One can suppose that this extremely active and powerful animal is an excellent climber, -- even almost completely arboreal in his habits. The Malayan appellation, Rimau-Dahan, the final word of which means "forked limb." Whether this name came from the cat's habit of lying on top of tree limbs as they often do in captivity, or from the strangely shaped body markings, remains to be studied. Bornean natives affirm that Clouded Leopards spent most of the daylight hours in huge nests, built about twenty feet from the ground in dense tropical forest. This habit among these cats is dwarfed by the same native observation that the Clouded Leopards actually build these huge nests, a fact which would warrant extensive field study.

Unfortunately, as I found out in West Africa, the observation of wildlife in dark rain forests is extremely difficult and at this stage, it appears to me that cat fanciers all over the world will have to ponder what little we know or can surmise for years to come.

Many of the Clouded Leopards which have reached our shores were captured as very young animals and were kept as pets in countries of origin. They are probably one of the best predisposed cats for this purpose and if properly handled, would remain so. The rarity and high cost of the animal makes it unlikely that LIOC members will be able to admire the neofelis nebulosa at their meetings in any significant numbers. The current market value of the species is around \$2,500 for young adult specimens. Their rare occurrence on the market increases the zoological demand whenever they become available. (Continued on Page 4.)

THE CLOUDED LEOPARD - Baudy (from P. 3.)

Among the four Clouded Leopards which we own at the time of this writing, is "Romper" an 8 month old, artificially raised male which was sold to us as a "young clouded leopard with a clouded eye" due to glaucoma of its right eye. Romper delights our two daughters and I must admit, in all frankness, that to be able to bury my hand from time to time in its soft, beautifully marked fur, while listening to his happy purring is, indeed, a delightful experience. The extremely varied vocabulary of this specimen leads me to state that the Clouded Leopard is, rating with the female puma during estrus periods, one of the most articulate members of all felidae.

Habitat of the Species and Zoo Distribution

This South East Asia denizen even occurs, although now in very limited number on the Island of Formosa where the local race is easily differentiated from the mainland subspecies by a larger size and shorter tail. Incidentally, a male specimen indigenous to Taiwan is at this time exhibited at the St. Louis Zoo. It is probably one of the very few Formosan specimens exhibited in any zoological collections. As late as 1967 *neofelis nebulosa* was represented in world collections by 43 males and 38 females, 24 of these specimens being in American collections.

The breeding record of this species in captivity is extremely poor probably due to the fact that this jewel of the cat family is the most inadequately managed feline in most institutions displaying it at the time of this writing. Practically always, it is housed in the big cats cage row, next to a huge lion or tiger. This has the immediate effect of dwarfing this small species and making the audience forget their uniqueness. Usually the heavy iron bars completely eliminate what was left of the animal's attraction.

Among the 20 specimens I recently observed in North American collections, only two or three institutions were providing the Clouded with the necessary elevated benches, high logs and adequate breeding boxes, all minimum requirements for any such arboreal species. Practically every *nebulosa* was on the standard diet of horse meat, which in most cases had been previously frozen, with an occasional feeding of chickens or rabbits, a regime which should be exactly reversed. The Clouded Leopard are predators of birds, monkeys and small animals. A few exhibitors were keeping their Clouded Leopards in over-heated buildings, behind thick glass away from the necessary fresh air. It is, by the way, important to state here that specimens originating from high altitude areas such as Sikkim, Bhutan, North India need to be cool. They actually bloom in freezing temperatures which bring about a richness of the fur never equalled in warmer conditions.

Two years ago I was privileged to enjoy watching a family of three babies raised by the mother at the Frankfurt Zoo in Germany, where this species is consistently bred and kept on a diet of freshly killed rabbits, rats, pigeons and chickens. In this country, back in 1955, the Cheyenne Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colo. had a few cubs born, none of them surviving for any appreciable length of time. Later in the Dallas Zoo in Texas, a litter survived for some time. The Brookfield Zoo in Chicago artificially raises one or two cubs every year and I was fortunate, while visiting the

Oklahoma City Zoo, an institution, by the way, which has an impressive record of breedings, to see a one-day old Clouded being hand raised in a human incubator. (March, 1969.)

A few days prior to this writing, while visiting the Dallas Zoo I was elated to find that one female, placed there on loan was evidencing signs of pregnancy. Hoping for the best, this would put the number of actual breeding successes at five in the 42 zoos exhibiting the species, only 22 of which have pairs or trios.

The Clouded Leopard is completely protected and banned for export from Thailand, India, Borneo and Sumatra but it was not, at least until quite recently restricted in North Vietnam which shipped quite a few specimens to Communist East Germany. Through exchanges or outright sales with West German zoos and dealers, many of these "red" Clouded Leopards are now in American collections.

We do have some strong evidence that their nocturnal and arboreal habits in addition to their perfectly camouflaged coat account for the very few actual sightings reported in their native haunts. One of our contacts in Northern Thailand reports plentiful spoor along river and stream banks. Here is a completely virgin and challenging work for a unique field study for someone with the dedication and precision of a George Schaller, (The Year of the Gorilla, The Year of the Tiger, The Tiger & the Deer, etc....) who could help in opening a window on this exciting and mysterious creature.

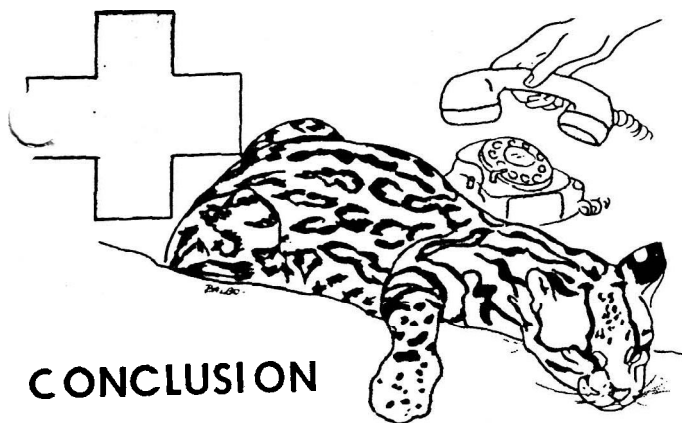
It is possible that in the near future some wealthy LIOC members may obtain a Clouded Leopard. We would then strongly advise new owners to concentrate not primarily on the pet aspect of ownership, but first and above all on the reproduction of the species in captivity. The consistent breeding of the Clouded Leopard, an exciting challenge to any feline lover, must become a reality which will guarantee posterity the enjoyment of admiring Rimau-Dahan in our highly modernized world for years to come. ☐



COLOR CLUB POSTCARD

Two color postcards are currently available at \$1 per lot of 40 cards, either version or mixed. Card No. 1 shows AKU (Nasman) on the beach and Card No. 2 shows TERCERA (Cisin) in her kitchen.

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CONCLUSION

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES and FIRST AID for EXOTIC CATS

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EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND FIRST AID KIT

The items below belong in any well-stocked general emergency kit but provide only a basic list. A little thought will suggest other items, especially those which would be useful in dealing with your specific cat. The use of each item listed has either been explained in the notes or is obvious in context.

The emergency equipment includes: veterinarian list, lost cat list, chain leash, travelling collar (chain or solid leather), "at-home" collar (breadaway type or with elastic insert), a heavy coat, heavy gloves, a squeeze cage and a heating pad.

The first aid kit includes: 2 cc plastic syringes with needles removed, plastic eye droppers of various sizes, a turkey baster, a rectal thermometer, a recipe for a concentrated food supplement, vaseline, sodium bicarbonate, activated charcoal, aromatic spirits of ammonia, glycerin suppositories, a mild disinfectant (3% solution of hydrogen peroxide), olive oil, 10 milligram sparine or trifluoromazine tablets, a safe flea powder (SOK is good), a cat flea and skin shampoo, a roll of gauze, gauze pads in various sizes from four inches square on down, scissors, adhesive and masking tape, cotton swabs, a roll of cotton and lint-free, clean rags (old sheeting is good).

HANDLING LARGE CATS:

The major points discussed previously apply equally well when dealing with large or small cats. However, some special considerations are significant when considering large cats.

First, the rule of generally taking the cat to the veterinarian may not apply. In the first place, your veterinarian list will be limited and, as a second consideration, you may not be able to handle your animal under the strange conditions at the veterinarian's office. Further, the travel time to a doctor who will treat your cat may be quite long. If this is so, you should obtain a basic antibiotic and the equipment necessary to administer it as well as becoming especially aware of the symptoms

of respiratory diseases. You will also need a strong collar, at least two heavy chains and a squeeze cage or travelling cage capable of holding your animal.

No infallible technique exists for handling a large cat which is frightened, hurt or otherwise seriously disturbed. However, several general rules apply to the situation.

Time is usually on your side. Given time, the cat will probably calm down a bit, especially if he is only frightened. If you move slowly, speak in a low, quiet voice, and do not panic, yourself, you have a good chance of getting out of the situation with little damage to yourself, the cat or other people. The basic idea under which you operate is do not upset the cat further, do not create an uproar, do not panic or allow others to do so, and do allow the cat time to get over his fear.

When your large cat becomes uncontrollable, have one person watch the cat from a distance to keep his location pinpointed. Then get everyone else away from the cat and out of sight. Remember, you must control all people involved as well as the cat.

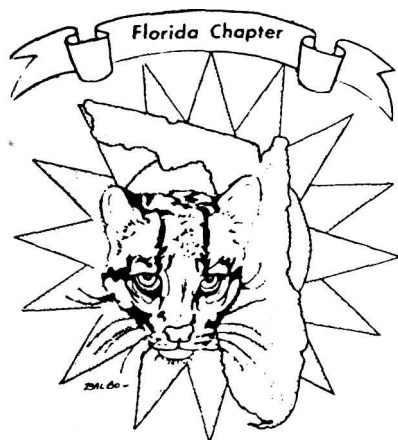
Next, stop and think out what you will do, step by step. Select people who are calm and who have had some experience with large cats to help you. Get all necessary equipment gathered and make certain everyone directly involved knows exactly what he is going to do and when he is to do it.

Finally, always have a sense of priorities in your plan. For example, if the cat is loose outside, your first consideration should be getting him confined in a cage, car or house. After this is accomplished, you can work out the next part of your strategy, but the animal must first be confined.

Before charging a specific object, a cat fixes his gaze on that object, tenses his muscles, crouches and wriggles end of tail. By disrupting any of these phases, you can prevent the cat from mounting his attack. Poles, chairs, blank pistols, snapper whips, and other devices used in circus acts are intended to prevent the cat from focusing on the trainer. Using a pole or chair, you can do the same. Touch the cat on his nose or paws with the distracting object. Keep it moving in front of him and poking at him to keep him from getting set. Do not attempt to actually hurt him or move him with the chair or pole you use. It is a distraction but not a punitive device. If on hand, garden hoses or spray cans can be used for the same purpose. Hot shots sometimes provoke attack.

If the cat does charge, your head and shoulder area is the most likely target. You can prepare for this eventuality in several ways. First, wrap one of your arms with considerable padding (newspaper, sweater, blanket, etc.). If the cat charges, shove this arm into his mouth and push hard. Secondly wrap towels, a heavy jacket or leather jacket around your neck before approaching the cat. Third, a sheet of plywood or a door carried shield-like in front of you can provide a handy refuge to fall under. If you are downed by the cat, go limp. Do not run or jerk under the attack as the predatory cats instinctively attack anything moving or running, but often release limp prey.

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REPORT OF MEETING 5/4/69

at Orlando,
Hosted by Doug &
Richard Gleason

Reported by Jean
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LIOC-FLORIDA

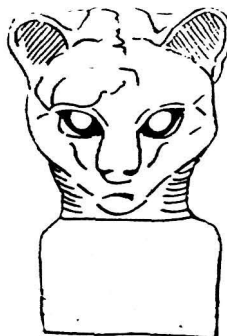
The Florida group did it again - had wonderful weather, a large gathering and a very enjoyable time. Counting members, families and guests we had about 60 people and the felines present numbered 12. Those members attending were: The Gleasons with ocelot, Rahja, Harry & Catherine Cisin (from New York), the Salisburys, the Prices with ocelot, Poncho, the Hartkopfs with ocelot King, the Wilsons, the Morriszes with Margay, Alfie, the Lights with Margay Tiger, the Charders, the Freemans, the Kindts, Lance Giller, the Douglasses, the Mastenbrooks with ocelot, Chuno, the Littles (from Indiana) with margay Poco, the Cantys, the Bitsacks, Gray Whaley with puma, Pu, the Tiktins with Cheetah, Shawna and the Hatfields with margay Mittens and black leopard, Satana. A prospective member brought a young African Lion.

The hosts of this special meeting were Doug Dick Gleason of Maitland, just north of Orlando. As it was expected to be quite a large meeting, they persuaded a friend, Mrs. Betty Joyner, to lend us her beautiful home for the occasion. It was a perfect spot for a group such as ours with spacious, tree-shaded grounds and a 3-story house with an attic playroom to show the movie in!

To begin at the beginning, some of the out-of-towners made up a cavalcade and trekked out from the motel, arriving about 1 pm. (We wanted to make sure the Cisins got there!) Quite a few people had already arrived and were still arriving until we had, as I said, about 60 people altogether. Usually it is the Hatfields who are late, but this time we began to wonder if the Lotty was going to have a recipient that day! When the Salisburys finally arrived we were glad to hear it was only the directions that got them lost. (So how come everyone else made it???) They didn't have any of their famous felines with them as they had to bring the movie projector and screen. We'll forgive them this time.

After much visiting with all the different cats (6 species were represented) and swapping of stories about who was having what problems these days, we were served a delicious lunch. (Of course we had a minor problem, -- Dave went to sit down to eat but found out a branch from a rose bush had occupied that seat first. Boy, he sure can move fast!) Naturally as we were eating we were still talking about our cats, some news good and some sad. The Douglasses lost their cats to distemper: both domestic-born margays, their domestic companions and one ocelot. And it seems the Wilsons' 12 year old margay, Tiger, who had been sick for quite a while had tumors and had to be put to sleep. On the brighter side, both the Bitsacks and the

Kindts who had lost their cats recently, are now the proud "parents" of new ocelot additions to their families. I understand the Kindts are buying mercurochrome in the LARGE size bottles these days, but other than that everything was fine. Perhaps by the next meeting their little ones will have had all their shots and can join us. I was interested in seeing Gray Whaley's young puma (or actually, his fiancée's) as our puma was almost a year old when we got her. Theirs is about 6 months old, but I understand they may have to sell him. They have been told that being a Canadian puma from Vancouver he will grow to be quite large and they won't have the facilities for caring for such an animal.



To get back to the meeting, after our lunch we all gathered around as Catherine presented the 1969 Lotty Award to David Salisbury, our Chapter President. She gave a brief summary of how the Lotty came into being, what it stands for, and its previous recipients. Many of those present haven't been in LIOC very long and now have a better understanding of what the Lotty means to all of us. After Dave made his short acceptance speech, we all adjourned to the upstairs gameroom.

There we watched a short movie loaned to us by Dion and Loralee Vigne of San Francisco. They filmed it at Club Meetings in Northern California. It was a very entertaining film and I'm sure each of us watching saw someone's cat that was acting just like his own does. Many thanks to the Vignes for making it possible for us to see it.

We then trooped downstairs to help finish up the lunch. (We didn't want them to have any problems with left-overs!) By this time it had gotten to be after 4 o'clock -- where does the time go to on our LIOC Sunday afternoons?? Everyone started packing up to leave and soon we were on our way after a very enjoyable afternoon. And again -- "thank you" to Mrs. Joyner.

The next few meetings have been scheduled as follows: JULY at the home of Peter & Cynthia Fairchild in Boca Raton (they had an ocelot named Heidi which they gave to us and we are still trying to find a mate for her -- is anybody listening???); SEPTEMBER is not certain yet but will be somewhere in the Orlando area; NOVEMBER at the home of the Joe Winsors of West Palm Beach.

That's all for this time, except to say it was delightful to see the Cisins again (but Tercera stayed in her motel room) and to meet the Littles from Indiana and their adorable pair of margays, not to mention the local members who haven't been able to get to meetings before. Hope to see everyone Sunday, July 12 at the Fairchilds. 498 N.E. 47 Street, Boca Raton.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hatfield, SEC.
LIOC- FLORIDA



The NEWS

REHEARSING FOR THE HONEYMOON

"Hello from Tacoma, Washington! -- just to let all LIOC know how my ocelots are getting along. Yes, there are two now. Last month while attending a seminar in San Antonio, Texas, I was fortunate in hearing about a 3 month old female ocelot from Colombia. I went to see her and just couldn't resist. She had been bottle fed since two weeks of age and was tame, naturally. I named her Hazel and she is now the child-bride to my beautiful nine month old Henry. Both are whole, so maybe in the future, Tacoma will be blessed with little ones.

"My ocelots are never caged, have the complete use of the house and also are allowed to go outside completely unattended. They will stay out for two to three hours at a time and always come running when I whistle for them. Live on a lake and have about an acre of wooded grounds. They love to play for hours near the water and in the woods. Henry has really tamed down now that Hazel is here to consume some of his energy. He loves people and is as affectionate as a St. Bernard. Both ocelots never bite -- only love nips. Henry weighs 23 lbs now and Hazel weighs ten.

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to LIOC. The Newsletters and Catherine Cisin's book, ESPECIALLY OCELOTS, have helped me much with my unusual pets."

Bill Boyle
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Tacoma, Washington, 98498

OOPS! SORRY ABOUT THAT!

"We are happy to be in LIOC membership. But we noticed in 'Among the Newcomers,' CHESTER was listed as being a neuter. He is unaltered, actually, and we wish, eventually, to breed him. He is, this spring, only 7 months old and we understand that he will not be ready for productive breeding for perhaps another year, but we can be prepared, can't we?" (Chester is a margay.)

Richard Johnsen
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THERE IS NO GENERATION GAP

(And an ocelot is available, lest readers get too involved in the story to realize this.)

"Members will recall that in September of 1967 (Page 14, Vol. 11 No. 5) Mrs. Fred Neumeyer of Owego, N. Y., offered Mogo through LIOC. My son, Joseph Cummings brought Mogo home.

"Phyllis Neumeyer was relieved to know he had a good home and would be loved. She also wrote LIOC remarking that Joe reminded her of her own son, Fred. Fred had brought Mo home from Mexico. Phyllis had lost her son in a tragic accident. Mo and Joe had little difficulty adjusting to each other. Mogo soon became #1 around our house. To relate about Mogo would fill a book. He is truly one of God's most beautiful creatures.

"Mogo is also responsible for the most unusual, once in a lifetime experience that we have ever had happen to us. The name, "Neumeyer" somehow disturbed me in a strange and unexplainable manner. How awesome to discover that Joe's great grandfather and Fred's great grandmother were in fact, brother and sister! Small wonder that Phyllis Neumeyer was reminded of her son, Fred, when she met Joe. It was all of forty years since Fred, Sr. and I had seen each other. To compare the uncanny resemblance that sixteen children of the "now generation" share, is indescribable. To see Mogo and his old playmate, Trinka, the Daschound, and realize that they "didn't forget" cracked me up. I remain in emotional shock.

"Joey is in Police Academy and the demands of twenty-four hour availability plus other personal involvements, are simply unfair to Mogambo.

"We cannot release Mo indiscriminately. He must 'own' someone who is deserving of him. His 'equipment' includes his beloved barrel in which he sleeps, a new Aluminum and wooden doweled squeeze cage, etc. We will assist in any information regarding his care, idiosyncracies and feeding. He is 35 - 40 lbs, neutered and declawed. He is something special and is all ocelot.

"It is with deep regret we have to part with Mo. Please correspond with Joseph Cummings, 255 West Borden Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y. Any reasonable offer accepted. Phone: 315 478 4214.

"To members, old and new, read and heed the LIOC. It's all right there contained in your own contributions. It's great!"

Dorothy R. Greenwood.

FLORIDA RE- RE- RE-VISITED (as Catherine Cisin tells it)

That we took Tercera to Florida with us during the latter part of April and the early part of May is literally true, even though only a few folks saw her. Since she is shy, she shared few of our activities, enjoying the familiar convenience and comfort on Holiday Inns during the days when she was not travelling in the car with us, and all the nights.

Our primary errand in Florida this year was to deliver the Lotty Award to David Salisbury, President of LIOC-Florida at the meeting of his branch on May 4 in Winter Garden near Orlando. But this activity will be covered thoroughly by Sec. Jean Hatfield in the report of that meeting. The aspect of this day which moved me most deeply was seeing so many old friends, and, of course, meeting the new ones.

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Preventive Medicine in Exotic Cats

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In a world where the natural habitat of wild animals is rapidly shrinking, and where many such species are actually threatened with extinction, it is important that the death of wild animals in captivity be prevented wherever possible. Most of the fatalities we see in our exotic cat practice are preventable, if a proper program of preventive medicine is followed. The three major parts of such a program are nutrition, parasite control and immunization.

Nutrition

In our practice, the leading cause of disease in exotic cats is feeding a diet consisting solely of red meat. It is a common fallacy that raw red meat is the "natural" diet of the cat. This is not true. In the wild cats do not eat meat, - they eat other animals including such organs as bone, blood and connective tissues. Such tissues are rich in calcium. Other tissues such as skeletal muscle (meat), liver and heart are deficient in calcium and also have a calcium to phosphorous ratio which is seriously imbalanced. These foods are rich in protein and otherwise nutritious, but if fed excessively, result in a lowered blood calcium level. Any time the blood calcium level falls, an emergency mechanism is set off in the body. The Parathyroid glands secrete a chemical which dissolves calcium from the bones. This restores the blood calcium level to normal, but if this process is allowed to continue, the bones will become completely de-mineralized, resulting in collapse of the skeleton. The speed with which this occurs depends upon the age of the cat, and how severely imbalanced the diet is. This disease, often misnamed "Osteogenesis imperfecta" or "Cage Paralysis" has been observed in domestic cats as well as in exotic Felidae.

The correct name of the disease is Nutritional Secondary Hyperparathyroidism. It is diagnosed by X-ray studies of the skeleton. Once present, prompt and immediate treatment must be instituted to save the cat.

To prevent this insidious disease of malnutrition learn how to feed cats properly. The owner must realize that cats are readily addicted to improper and often fatal diets, and to change their eating habits requires great patience and perseverance. Smaller exotics will thrive on a natural diet of smaller mammals and birds, but a more practical way to insure a balanced diet is simply to feed commercial cat food just as is fed to a domestic cat. Milk, meat, vegetables, fish, poultry, eggs and other foods are all wholesome, and may be offered, but the bulk of the diet should be a good brand of commercial balanced cat food.

To me, this is a much more logical method of insuring proper nutrition than feeding red meat and attempting to offset its deficiencies by adding oystershell, calcium carbonate and other supplements. Excessive amounts of vitamin D will not cure this disease and may, in fact, worsen it. There is no objection, however, to feeding a good brand of vitamin supplement. We've had success with "Paltone" (Pitman-Moore). But use a single supplement and do not exceed recommended dosages. Larger exotics do well on whole chickens, which are cheaply available in any area near a poultry farm.

Recently the Hill Packing Company of Topeka, Kansas has come out with a line of zoo diets called "Zu/Preem." This is available in canned and sausage form and has been thoroughly tested by several years of zoo feeding. The company is respected by the veterinary profession.

Parasite Control

Nearly all exotic cats captured in the wild are infested with internal parasites, as are many born in captivity. A microscopic fecal examination will yield the diagnosis. Hookworms are very common in exotic cats. We use D.N.P. for hookworm and, if unsuccessful, we will use Dizan or Thiabendazole. For Ascarids (roundworms) we use Piperazine (except in African Lions in which toxicity can occur). Dizan may also be used. For coccidiosis we may use Sulfa drugs, Tetracycline or Furadex. Tapeworms are best eliminated with Yomesan, a relatively new drug, and one which is effective but quite gentle.

Immunization

Feline Panleukopenia, also known as Cat Fever, Cat Distemper or Feline Enteritis, is a serious virus disease to which exotic cats are highly susceptible.

The most successful method of vaccination in our experience is with the older killed multiple dose vaccines IN ADEQUATE DOSAGE. We give baby exotics two cc of vaccine per ten pounds of body weight, and repeat the injections every two weeks until sixteen weeks of age. We recommend an annual booster.

We have not had success with mink enteritis vaccine, although it seems to work well in domestic cats. And, we have not been able to personally evaluate the new live virus vaccines or Norden's new single injection vaccine, although both are claimed to be effective in immunizing exotic cats. The single injection oil-based vaccines are effective, but we find them unwieldy to use and undesirable reactions sometimes occur. For these reasons we use the older multiple dose killed vaccine as outlined above. We have had excellent results with this technique in a great variety of felidae during the past decade.

A WORD ABOUT ANESTHESIA

Owners of exotic cats usually want to have their pets defanged, declawed and sometimes neutered. There is a popular notion that general anesthesia is very dangerous in such animals. Over the years we have anesthetized great numbers of exotic cats without difficulty but certain precautions must be taken. (Cont'd on P. 9)

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE - Miller (Cont'd from P. 8)

If your local veterinarian has had limited experience with exotic cats, the following hints may be useful to him:

Never use pentobarbital sodium in exotic cats. Instead, inject intramuscularly, Sernylan (Parke-Davis) one milligram per pound of body weight. Atropine will control salivation, and a small dose of any phenothiazine tranquilizer will control muscle spasms. If the depth of anesthesia with these drugs is inadequate to permit surgery give, to effect, either Surital, by slow intravenous injection, or Metophane by gas machine through an endotracheal tube. All small animal practitioners will be familiar with these drugs. ☐

Robert M. Miller DVM

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES (Maloney) -- Continued from Page 5.

Two other general points are significant. First, avoid hurting the cat as this only increases his anger and frustration. Second, once the cat begins moving in a desired direction, keep him moving unless he shows signs of psychological or actual cornering. Conversely, if the cat is moving in an undesirable direction, stop him as quickly as possible. Do not allow him to fix his attention on an undesirable goal.

With these ideas in mind, your objective is to get a large cat confined in a place which he regards as safe and subsequently to allow him to calm down. The place of refuge may be an automobile, a room in a house or any dark, quiet area. However, it can also be a fence corner or a patch of tall grass. In holding the cat in the open, use a number of people equipped with chairs, poles, etc. quietly standing in a ring outside the critical distance of the cat. To determine the cat's critical distance, have one person advance slowly on the cat. The critical distance will be marked by an increase in bluff behavior and initiation of false charges. As long as no threat is perceived by the cat within that distance, he will be relatively calm.

After establishing a place of refuge for the cat, allow him to calm down before taking further action. Food and water can be offered and may be helpful, especially if safe, known tranquilizers are used. In general, one should not attempt to put a collar or chains on a cat in a frenzy or on a badly injured animal until he has had time to get over his fear, shock and confusion.

To separate large, fighting cats, pick the animal that is winning. He must be distracted. Use a garden hose, pole or other device to accomplish this purpose. Any aerosol can is good as is a weak ammonia solution thrown on his face. Do not get between two animals or try to grab them. Once you have interrupted the fight, keep the cats moving and separated. Be sure to check for injuries and to watch for symptoms of internal bleeding after any fight.

If possible, go with one or two others to catch cat. If he is located, walk up to him, talking to him as you ordinarily do, slip "pick up" rope around his neck,

then a chain that will not tighten. Clip second chain onto first near neck of cat for cross chain if necessary and lead cat to car or other refuge. Too many people with ensuing excitement are bad. If in populated area, get TV and radio to broadcast for people, especially children and police, to stay inside. ☐

Ed: Those who have read the concluding (big cats) installment of this series will realize the suggestions made and instructions given are not intended for the average owner. Professional help is best, but only qualified professional help.

From this final installment it is hoped that the reader who entertains the thought of acquiring a large cat will be forewarned when he pictures himself in the emergency positions described. It is also hoped that people who own big cats will strengthen their precautions against the cat's attainment of liberty.

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Please keep all installments -- all five -- ready for the time of emergency. To know what to do in time may save the life of your cat.

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 95704

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.



REPORT
Meeting 4/15/69
and
Meeting 5/4/69

By:
Shirley Nelson
P O Box 5427
San Francisco,
94101

Our April meeting was held in the beautiful Marin County Humane Society Education Center. In the absence of President, Earl Sparrow, the meeting was conducted by the Vice President and the Secretary.

53 members and guests attended and we had 16 Exotics including 1 African lion, 2 jaguars, 4 mountain lions, 1 ocebob, 4 ocelots, 1 fishing cat, 1 jaguarundi, 1 margay and 1 raccoon. Each owner identified his Exotic and gave particulars as to origin, sex, age & weight with any other comments they cared to make.

It was voted to hold future meetings at rented lodges - rent to be paid by the club, and to dispense with pot luck and serve coffee and doughnuts since some members do not want to bring food. It was also voted to advertise the meetings in the pet column of the paper 2 weeks in advance giving date and a phone number to reach Exotic owners who don't know about the club and also prospective owners. People who are really interested will be sent a meeting notice and directions

Guests included shelter personnel and their wives and the President of the Marin Cat Fanciers Assn. (domestic). We answered questions from shelter personnel while they petted the Exotics. We toured the shelter and asked questions about its operation. We also served a fantastic pot luck ably assisted by Mrs. Tormanen of the shelter. Our club movie was shown and it was voted to have a duplicate made since it is available for use by other clubs and we need to have 1 copy on hand here. Following the movie the meeting was adjourned.

A letter was sent to the shelter to thank the director for the free use of this superb facility.

May 4th meeting

32 members and guests converged on the Webers for the May 4th meeting. We were greeted by Suki, their jaguar, and their dogs. The weather was excellent and the spacious yard provided ample room for the cats and people.

In the absence of our President, Earl Sparrow, Vice President, Aida Anderson, opened the meeting with a welcome to new members and guests and the introduction of our official club veterinarian, Dr. F. L. Frye, who attended with his wife. Dr. Frye gave shots and discussed Neutering and Spaying of Exotics.

The following conclusions were reached:

Neutering a male Exotic kitten is not advisable - wait until he is nearly mature. Neutering too early can cause future bladder problems in the male. Neutering will not stop spraying. Neutering will not make a tractable pet of an untractable cat. Neutering will not cause a cat to become too fat - overfeeding and lack

of exercise will. Spaying an Exotic is more complex than spaying a domestic. There are no after effects and an Exotic can be spayed as a kitten.

Dr. Frye also discussed various vitamin and mineral supplements and it was his opinion that Vionate is the best. He further suggested that instead of using the various coat oils, the same results could be obtained by using corn oil. In conclusion, Dr. Frye suggested that we investigate Zoopreme - a new meat product which comes canned or in a sausage style. This is a complete diet for Exotics and has been tested extensively by zoos. It eliminates the need for supplements.

Dr. Sorokin, a new veterinarian in the bay area attended as a guest. He formerly worked with lions and is willing to treat Exotics. Dr. Sorokin is keeping up on the latest anesthetic techniques for Exotics and is very interested in them.

In addition to jaguar, Suki, the following Exotics were present: Dan Meier's mountain lions, Huntley & Brinkley-VanderMeer's cheetah - Vignes ocelots, Caesar & Trilby-Pearl Radelfinger's ocelot, Chita - Ron Bygum's ocelot, Gaggy - Anderson's ocelot, Ajax, who will be on the Miss America program & Toni commercials - Shirley Nelson's fishing cat, Phi Sing & raccoon, Wild Child.

After the program new members and guests talked to the various Exotic owners and led the Exotics around on leashes while they attempted to decide which type was for them. In order for new members and guests to obtain the information they need, we have a name tag system - guests' name tags are in red so members can readily identify them and offer assistance and advise. Members' name tags are black & also include the type of Exotic owned by that person.

This was our first meeting without pot luck and coffee and doughnuts were served while we discussed pertinent subjects like Exotics and if the Webers' house was going to slide all the way down the hill -- or only part way! The meeting was then adjourned.



Shirley Nelson
Shirley Nelson, Secretary

MEETING - July 13 - notices will be sent to members or can be obtained from Shirley Nelson, P. O. Box 5427, San Francisco, Calif. 94101

For Sale

Fishing Cat - From Thailand - in U.S. 1½ years. 2½ year old whole male. Declawed, fangs filed. Suitable for adults. Housebroken. 25-28 pounds. Suitable for breeding to fishing cat, ocelot, ocebob, golden cat, etc. Ocelot markings on head, body gray with black spots. Loves water (tub or pool). Eats chicken necks, beef or lamb - ½ - ¾ lb. per day. Exceptionally strong, hardy and healthy. Kept outside for 1 year by previous owner. Will not jump at people. Will take food from your hand. Can be petted after 1 - 2 week adjustment period (left with club member for 1 week to see if other people could handle). For experienced Exotic owner or for breeding. \$200. to party with references.

Shirley Nelson, P. O. Box 5427, San Francisco, Calif. 94101



The Greater New York Branch of LIOC met on May 18th at Orden's Marina in Roslyn, Long Island.

Roy Weiss, Branch Coordinator, acted as Chairman and welcomed approximately thirty members, and five felines, namely: CEMBU, CHIMAL, SPOT, PEDRO and WEMA. Members in attendance represented localities as far distant as Connecticut, Atlantic City, Queens and Westchester. From Amagansett, Long Island, the attendance of Catherine and Harry Cisin, who had recently returned from Florida, was a most pleasant surprise. (Several new members who had spoken to Catherine on the phone, expressed their pleasure at having the opportunity to meet her.)

Catherine gave a brief report on the presentation of the Lottie Award in Florida.

Roy stated that he had no agenda for the meeting, but, instead, invited each person present to introduce himself or herself, describe his or her pet and tell of any experiences the owner might have encountered with the pet which would be of interest to the meeting.

As each person introduced himself, a new area for lively discussion was opened -- from food, to animal hospitals. In particular, Ted McDonald, a new member, stated that in the New York City area prompt attention for exotic felines could be obtained at The Animal Medical Center in N. Y. C.

Roy's idea of holding a "No Agenda--Let's Just Talk" meeting proved to be very informative and so absorbing that there was not enough time to show the complete film supplied by Ted McDonald of his pet "Pedro."

Roy read Stan Grant's Treasurer's report. We are still operating in the black but only by a thread. Members of LIOC, living in the Greater New York Area, are urged to join this Branch of LIOC and enjoy the benefits of meetings such as this. At this meeting, six additional new members were added to the Branch rolls.

Although GENERAL MEMBERSHIP meetings of this Branch have been suspended for the summer, plans are being made to hold mid-summer picnics and/or "Pot Luck" meetings before we commence our general meetings in the fall.

Tentatively, Saturday, July 19th, has been set for a "POT LUCK COOK-OUT" -- i. e.: bring your own food for Bar-B-Q'ing PLUS your favorite casserole dish or salad for the "Pot Luck" table -- at Orden's Marina in Roslyn, Long Island -- RAIN or SHINE. Hostess will supply steamed clams with broth and liquid refreshments. ALL ARE WELCOME -- members and non-members of this Branch. Members will be advised of the positive date by mail. Non-members of this Branch who wish to attend may confirm the date by calling 516-MA. 1-8077.

(If you would like to host a summer get-together, contact Roy Weiss at Branch Headquarters, 4011 Ralph St. So., Seaford, N. Y.)

After the meeting was adjourned, small group discussions continued, and all enjoyed a delicious cake baked and supplied by Catherine Cisin, and various liquid refreshments supplied by the hostess of the meeting.

Submitted by:

Barbara Orden
Recording Secretary
LIOC Greater N. Y. Branch

REPORT OF MEETING Sunday, May 18, 1969 LIOC-Cal-Val

in
Valinda, California



Our meeting this month was held at the home of Jean and John Breslin. The Breslins have a most beautiful place with very spacious front and back yards. The weather was typically lovely and the only thing to mar such a wonderful setting was the absence of our President, Dick Laird. It seems the Lairds came down with the 24-hour flu. With two whole months between our meetings, wouldn't it be just like Dick to come down with the thing on the weekend of our meeting? But we were glad that Audrey had recovered enough that she could stand in for Dick and she did a wonderful job.

Dick and Audrey had announced their plans to resign at a previous meeting, but I think we've talked them into staying on for at least two more meetings. I'm not quite so sure that we'll even let them resign. They've done a marvelous job for our club and I think each and every member of the Cal-Val Branch appreciates them as much as I do.

We were happy to have several new members in attendance at this meeting as well as several new cats, including a 58-pound ocelot named Brutus. What a cat! This guy isn't as big as Tygor (yet). Another big fellow in our club belongs to Dennis and Carol Herring. Tygor weighs in the vicinity of 69 pounds. The reason I say "yet" is because Brutus is only 18 months old. We'd like all the new members to know that we really appreciated their presence and we hope to see them at our future meetings as well.

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NEWS

(Continued from P. 7)

One of our most memorable days (which was shared with us by Tercera) included a visit with Robert and Charlotte Baudy in Center Hill. They graciously took us on a tour of their Rare Breeding Compound, showing us many of their unusual animals. To mention a few, there was "Romper", the incredibly friendly clouded leopard which Robert talks of in his "paper" on page 4 of this Newsletter. This friendly cat rubbed against us in the familiar manner of all cats, his extra long tail clinging to our legs. And there was the female, playful, black jaguar who at full growth enjoys her swimming pool. Her favorite sport was diving in to retrieve weighty objects which Robert tossed into the pool. He has clocked her at 30 seconds staying completely submerged, including head.

We saw the pair of Servals whose three kittens had been born in Ohio in early April while the circus was "on the road." As soon as the mother killed one, Charlotte took the other two away from her and hand raised them. At the time of our visit, one of the kittens was in "intensive care" and the other frolicked clumsily in the living room as we talked.

We regret that we did not visit with Bill Engler, LIOC's "Felidologist." He was in process of moving his zoo to Ft. Walton, Florida. He needed every second available for his tremendous task. I know he was too busy at the time to notice we did not stop to see him and I am equally sure he was just as disappointed as we were when he became aware that we had missed each other.

And there was much visiting among old friends, some with new cats and some with the old familiar ones. There were the Salisburys with their four pumas, -- three original and one new Florida Panther, Princess, raised by a Seminole Indian as a pet and loaned to Dave by the Florida Fish and Game Commission to be serviced by "Prince", Dave's original Florida Panther. And there was "Tawny", the almost grown leopard who is a pet of both Dave and Sue Salisbury. As a matter of fact, she still sleeps with them as she has since kittenhood.

Safari Freeman, the diminutive Crystal River "ocelot" was put to the same test as nearly all my favorite cats, but his response was surprising. Usually I pet the cat about the head and then ask, "Are your whiskers in tight?" Then I give them a gentle tug to make sure. Safari drew himself up to his full, fat, fifteen pounds and hissed emphatically at me.

At this point I might explain to the many people who wonder at my reluctance to pet the cats at meetings. The reason is simply that I do not want to risk being a carrier of disease, present or imminent, from cat to cat. I most certainly want to pet them all!

Three thousand miles later, we were back home refreshed (?) and anxious to tackle LIOC matters which had accumulated in the interim.

Catherine Cisin

GUEST EDITORIAL - Ogilvie (Continued from Page 2.)

Resources, that its existence is endangered...." The statement has been made: "...if you transport your animal anywhere interstate, and he is on their list, you may be fined \$1000 and 6 mos. in a federal prison." To quote again from the bill: "Whoever knowingly transports or ships, or knowingly sells or causes to be sold..." The key word in this section is knowingly and it should be pointed out that the effect intended by this section of the bill is to stop present traffic in protected animals between the states. For example, one may pick up any journal of the pet trade and find advertisements of Florida or Louisiana dealers offering Texas Tortoises and Texas Horned Toads protected in the state of their origin, or, one can find alligator hides openly and quite legally sold in the New York leather market of animals taken illegally in the southern states. This bill would effectively end this disgraceful violation of the laws of the several states.

With more and more zoos breeding small cats in captivity and with more and more LIOC members breeding these cats in their homes, there will be an ever increasing supply of captive born animals. I am sure that we would all prefer such animals, when they are available, rather than contributing to the drain on threatened species in the wild.

The argument has also been advanced that it would do no good to have such legislation in the United States since other countries do not have this legislation. I should like to point out that history shows that all conservation legislation, or for that matter all legislation must start somewhere and that in the past the United States has been a leader in the field of both humane and conservation-oriented legislation and that other countries have followed our leadership.

If any of you feel that my quotations are taken out of context or would like to examine the total bill, I would be more than happy to send copies to you if you will just drop me a line.

Let me appeal to you as individuals interested in the total welfare of animals, to give your support to this legislation. Write today. Write to your Senators or Representatives supporting HR 248 and S 335.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Ogilvie
Philip W. Ogilvie, Ph. D.



AND STILL MORE NEWS

A RECORD IS SET IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA !!!! A JAGUARUNDI IS BORN !!!!!

The first domestic born jaguarundi lives with his mother, Kabuki in the home where he was born in Sherman Oaks, California. The proud "grand-parents" are Wanda and Wendell Mull.

The infant, sole survivor in a litter of three, weighed 4-1/2 oz. shortly after birth on May 24, 1969. Looking carefully under the mother's head in the picture below, the kitten is discernible. His head is the dark area under her chin, between her nose and eye.



(Kabuki and her kitten)

The mother and the kitten she produced after 75 days gestation, are gray phase jaguarundis, as is the father, Rajah who is owned by Pierre Riolland. The complete story of this record breaking event, as told by Wanda Mull, will appear in the next (September-October) Newsletter. Wendell Mull and Pierre Riolland are very much part of the story.

ADULT BOBCAT AVAILABLE

Junebug who has been the pride and joy of Anna Paveglio, Box 21041, San Antonio, Texas, for the past many years, -- since shortly after he was born in May, 1961 -- is now to be offered to a prospective buyer. He would be a good cat for breeding (in spite of his age), Anna thinks. "He is a lively cat," she says. It is just as heartbreaking to Anna as it would be unthinkable to many readers, but she has recently suffered permanent injury in an automobile accident which injury incapacitates her to the degree that she no longer feels able to care properly for Junebug. He is beautiful, lovable and very friendly.

Please write Mrs. Paveglio directly. Please?

AND ANOTHER DOMESTIC OCELOT BIRTH

On Saturday, May 31, in Wilson, New York, Lydia Sporleder's ocelots, Mr. Lovely and Princess

produced another kitten. This is their fourth litter and sixth kitten since 1967 when Mrs. Sporleder acquired Princess. Mr. Lovely's first mate, Rebel, had five kittens before her death in 1966.

TWO PUMAS FOR SALE

"Yesterday (May 23) we obtained three female pumas from Vancouver Island," writes Mary Ellen Tracy of Portland. "They are approximately six weeks old and are being bottle fed. We plan to keep one and sell the other two for \$275 each, preferably to LIOC members."

Please contact Mrs. Wilbur Linton Tracy, 6712 N. E. Sandy Blvd., Portland Oregon. Phone: 503 281 8181.

SHADRACH IS GONE, June 11, 1969

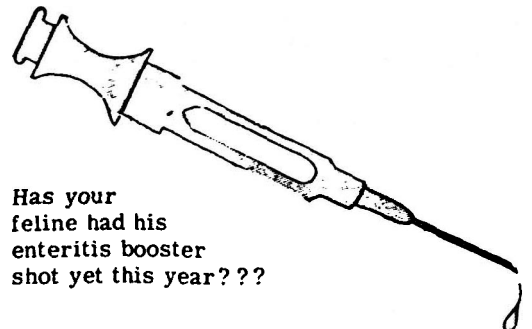
A dear friend of LIOC has joined the legion of the departed. Caroline Nolan phoned the morning of June 11, shortly after Shadrach's death to inform us. Jim and Caroline Nolan accepted Shadrach from Dr. Zimmerman as soon as Dan Cronin's estate released him, two months after Dan's death.

But back to the beginning: Shadrach was born in June, 1958 and lived the greater part of his life in New York City with our then Vice-President, Dan Cronin. In his kitten days, Dan transported him in a portable typewriter case which he eventually outgrew as he did all commercially available pet carriers.

He attained a total weight of nearly 60 pounds, part of it obesity. He attended many Eastern LIOC events and is therefore well known to many of us. He was loved by all.

Shadrach was 9 years old when his master's plane was wrecked early in 1968. He was welcomed into the Nolan's New Jersey home. While he never completely adapted to his new surroundings and owners' patience and kindnesses comforted Shadrach who seemed eventually to "come around," in Caroline's words.

Having lost his appetite in his last three weeks, Shadrach died quietly at home.



Has your
feline had his
enteritis booster
shot yet this year???

REPORT OF MEETING 5/18/69 CAL-VAL BRANCH
(Continued from Page 11.)

After the meeting we all gorged ourselves on the delicious pot-luck lunch and admired each others' cats. We had quite a few species including ocelots, margays, chaus, leopard cats, -- and one little guy from South America who closely resembled a margay but at three years weighed only about three pounds. We even had a baby fox. It was a very wonderful meeting and I think everyone there thoroughly enjoyed himself. With the addition of new cats and new members, I think every meeting is just a little more enjoyable than the last.

We would like to thank the Breslins for the privilege of having the meeting at their home and we hope to be welcome there for another meeting sometime in the future.

Roger P. Kitchens
Roger P. Kitchens, Cor. Secy.
Cal-Val Branch of L.I.O.C.



BE PREPARED TO COME! -- There will be usual

LIOC PICNIC

In mid-September in Amagansett, N. Y.
The hostess, as usual, will be Tercera Cisin.

Details will be given in the September-October Newsletter.

The usual goodies will be served. Other activities unplanned, as yet. Suggestions welcome! Tercera wants to please!

THOUGHTS ON THE MUCH-DISCUSSED
"EXTINCTION"

By Lorelee Vigne
1503 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California

In view of the possibility of legislation banning the importation of animals including felines, it seems as though the only answer to insure the availability of ocelots as pets, is accelerated domestic breeding. We have had a good start in LIOC with the births reported in the Newsletters over the years.

A law may actually help in preventing the extinction of certain species, but I feel those cats best suited for pets should be allowed into the country. Our effort to breed them might not only preserve the species, but add variety in the choice of pets. My contention has always been if dogs come in all sizes and temperaments, why not cats?

But it is my hope that through our collective knowledge we can attain the acceptance of the ocelot as a domestic pet born and bred in the United States. It seems selfish and a pity to alter our pets and add to their possible extinction for our own pleasure.

In any case, I hope none of us will be denied the pleasure of knowing the ocelot as a house pet in the future. This would be tragic since they make such wonderful companions and adapt so readily and happily to domesticity. I am not of the opinion that civilization is offensive to animals accustomed to living in the jungle.

We continue to hope for success in breeding our Trilby and Caesar, ocelots who enjoy the security of our home (and theirs).

LIOC DECALS ARE AVAILABLE NOW --
These are circular (4" diameter) bearing same design as our original decals, -- our club "seal", same as on top of first column of Page 2. The letters "LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB, AMAGANSETT, N. Y." are in black on the white perimeter. The ocelot and branch of the tree are in color on a green background.

Price is: two for \$1. Available from LIOC Box "W" -- Amagansett, N. Y.

ON THE BANNING OF THE USE OF SKINS OF EXOTIC CATS IN FURS

Dr. Michael P. Balbo, our Vice President, has made a special point of asking that the Newsletter reproduce the following "poster" which has been issued by the WORLD WILDLIFE FUND.



The World Wildlife Fund recently launched a major campaign to change the attitude of the fashion world toward the use of spotted cat skins. This poster, 16 1/2 x 22 inches, actual size, is being used widely to promote a change in the current fashions, which call for furs of all kinds to be used as trim and as full-length coats, pants suits and evening pajamas. There is space left for organizations and individuals to insert their names before display. (As reported in the last issue of the News, most spotted cats are now listed in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red Data Book on the world's rare and endangered species. The IUCN reports that it is unquestionably the fashion demand which is leading to the wholesale destruction of the leopard, cheetah, ocelot, jaguar and other spotted cats. AWW wholeheartedly endorses this WWF effort to stem the tide.)

Heeding this message, shall we all follow the movement to ban these furs from our wardrobes?

It seems appropriate here to reprint a poem which appeared in a recent Newsletter by courtesy of Shirley Nelson, Sec of Exotic Cats of California Branch of LIOC.

THE LEOPARD COATS

by Vernon Bartlett
(from Animal Kitabu)

Once in a moment of great generosity
God has shown to me
A leopard running free.
How, from that moment, could he expect of me
Born without his tolerance, calmly to see
All those women, those bloody awful women,
Dressed up in leopard skins and sitting down to tea?

ADDITIONAL RENEWAL MEMBERS (See Page 16)

- 995-568 Susie & Chuck Kindt, Jupiter, Florida
- 771-367 Marianne Kirby, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 225-362 Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Klein, Somerville, N. J.
- 169-361 Warner Koenig, New York, N. Y.
- 449-165 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lavino, Grahamsville, N.Y.
- 699-1166 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Leake, Kansas City, Kansas
- 418-1164 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Leeds, Birmingham, Mich.
- 987-368 Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Leggett, S. Burlington, Vt.
- 574-166 Lee Malkin, Big Bear Lake, California
- 819-567 Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Martin, Christoval, Texas
- 178-561 Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Mechana, Jr., Baton Rouge, La.
- 633-566 Gary E. Miller, M.D., Austin, Texas
- 788-367 Willard Minnick, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- 830-567 Paul W. Moran, Rockland, Maine
- 985-368 Mrs. Frances J. Moritz, San Antonio, Texas
- 609-566 Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Mull, Sherman Oaks, Calif.
- 974-368 Mrs. L. F. Niedzwiecki, Syracuse, N. Y.
- 829-567 James Nolan, Elizabeth, New Jersey
- 797-367 Wm. E. & Susan Olson, San Jose, California
- 436-165 Mrs. Margaret Owings, Big Sur, California
- 273-163 Mrs. S.J. Pasquinelli, Compton, California
- 476-365 Mrs. Anna Paveglio, San Antonio, Texas
- 615-566 Dale J. Pender, Beaverton, Oregon
- 821-567 Mr. & Mrs. Deno Poolos, San Jose, Calif.
- 778-367 Anthony S. Poulos, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- 971-368 Mr. & Mrs. Ward Price, Orlando, Florida
- 595-366 Misses Evelyn, Peggy & Betty Prisk, Berkeley, California
- 455-165 Arturo C. Quiroz, Colonia Del Valle, Mexico
- 580-166 Miss Linda Reed, Sylmar, California
- 740-167 Miss Elizabeth Reuss, New York, N. Y.
- 734-167 Natalie Romanczak, Stamford, Connecticut
- 980-368 Mr. H. L. Rosenberry, Auburn, California
- 474-365 Robert J. Scheid, Rochester, Indiana
- 992-568 Mrs. Barbara L. Schenks, Oakland City, Ind.
- 283-363-2 Mr. & Mrs. G. Schwarz, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 769-367 Mrs. Jeanne Sellers, Sacramento, Calif.
- 491-565 Edward Shaw, Hialeah, Florida
- 984-368 Mr. & Mrs. Irv Shuckman, W. Orange, N. J.
- 453-165 Mrs. Laurel Smith, Tustin, California
- 803-367 Mrs. John V. Spitz, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- 955-368 Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Stevens, Mission Viejo, Calif.
- 794-367 Mr. & Mrs. N.H. Stevens, Menands, N. Y.
- 986-368 Corrie Mae Stewart, Florence, S. Carolina
- 465-165 Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Stone, Oakland, Calif.
- 629-566 Bob & Doris Sukiennicki, Los Altos Hills, Cal.
- 447-165 Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Swenson, Seattle, Wash.
- 845-567 Don Tewksbury, Newtonville, Massachusetts
- 915-1167 Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Thomas, Manotick, Ont., Canada
- 626-566 Mary Ellen Tracy, Portland, Oregon
- 296-563-2 Mr. & Mrs. Gene R. Trapp, Madison, Wis.
- 792-367 Mrs. Shirley T. Treanor, Mobile, Alabama
- 468-365 Mrs. Henry W. Tremaine, East Hampton, N. Y.
- 998-568 Mrs. Russell V. Tucker, Hamlet, N. C.
- 978-368 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Turney, Cocoa, Florida
- 479-365 Mr. & Mrs. D. K. Underwood, Orange, Calif.
- 213-162 Dion & Lorelee Vigne, San Francisco, Calif.
- 828-567 Mr. & Mrs. R. Vreeland, N. Milford, Conn.
- 768-367 Mr. & Mrs. Don E. Wagner, Ottumwa, Iowa
- 618-566 Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Walker, Whittier, Calif.
- 434-165-2 Carol & John Weinhart, Hollywood, Calif.
- 970-368 Mr. & Mrs. Charles William, Tucson, Arizona
- 943-168 Brenda Lee Williams, Decatur, Georgia
- 843-567 Linda L. Willis, Sepulveda, California
- 790-367 Mr. & Mrs. Mike E. Wilson, Des Moines, Iowa
- 114-360 Jim Yoakum, Reno, Nevada
- 171-361 JoAnne C. Zimmerman, Fairfield, Pennsylvania

New Members

1177-569 David R. Benton, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
 117-569 George W. Berg, Portland, Oregon
 3-569 Donald L. Chesnut, Streator, Illinois
 1169-369 Allen J. Coleman, New York, N. Y.
 1167-369 Sanford Director, Portland, Oregon
 1180-569 Fred R. Elleser, San Juan, Puerto Rico
 1175-569 Mrs. Donna Farina, Gretna, Louisiana
 1182-569 Paul C. Fleischer, San Diego, California
 1189-569 Wanita Floyd, Chula Vista, California
 1184-569 Mrs. Juanita Gex, Oakland, California
 1164-369 Betty Inzerillo, Antioch, California
 1183-569 Alton Kinshaw, Naranja, Florida
 1173-369 Gary & Carole Knutson, Midland, Texas
 1186-569 Miss Lisa Lawton, Daytona Beach, Florida
 1188-569 Miss B. J. Lester, Neptune Beach, Florida
 1171-369 Dr. Vratislav Mazak, Prague, Czechoslovakia
 1190-569 Loy R. Mullins, San Diego, California
 1185-569 John B. Nutting, Boulder, Colorado
 1168-369 George Oberheide, Shreveport, Louisiana
 1176-569 Peter Polizzano, Brooklyn, New York
 1170-369 Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Rabe, Downey, Calif.
 1165-369 Mr. & Mrs. P. D. Robertson, Lubbock, Texas
 1174-569 E. Larry Rowlings, Downsview, Ont., Canada
 1172-369 Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Shifley, Delaware, Ohio
 1181-569 Mrs. Bonnie J. Sullivan, Cleveland, Ohio
 1166-369 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Twedell, Van Nuys, Calif.
 1179-569 Miss Mary Renkert Wendling, Canton, Ohio

Renewal Members

(Including those who would have been listed in the May-June Newsletter, had there been room)

578-166 Jim & Marian Allen, Daly City, California
 287-363 Betty Allour, Lansing, Michigan
 968-368 Mr. & Mrs. John Avery, Troy, Pennsylvania
 994-568 Debra Babe, Mill Valley, California
 793-367 Roger Addison Baker, Hayward, California
 611-566 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bargiel, Woodland Hills, Cal.
 991-568 Charles Barrett, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
 813-367 Mrs. Loretta Bell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 411-1164 Mrs. Ann Davison Billheimer, Opa Locka, Fla.
 735-167 Walter E. Billings, Fields Landing, Calif.
 848-567 Barbara Bishop, Hallandale, Florida
 810-367 Dee Bleack, Woodland Hills, California
 471-365 Warwick Bonsal, Charleston, S. Carolina
 343-364 Drew Bosee, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania
 422-1164-2 Mrs. Phyllis Bradley, Channelview, Texas
 486-565 Mr. & Mrs. John Breslin, Valinda, Calif.
 736-167 Mr. & Mrs. David Brickl, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.
 478-365 Mr. & Mrs. Hermon Brooks, Orlando, Florida
 605-566 Mr. & Mrs. J. Bulyovszky, Pasadena, Calif.
 798-367 Mrs. T. Busconi, Flushing, N. Y.
 782-367 Mr. & Mrs. R. Cameron, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
 448-165 Mr. & Mrs. V. F. Charder, Cocoa, Florida
 958-368 Karen L. Chovan, Sharon, Pennsylvania
 779-367 JoAnn & Darden Craig, Nashville, Tennessee
 783-367 Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie DaRos, Woodbury, N. Y.
 1173-566 William Dehn, Old Westbury, N. Y.
 1165-566 Mr. & Mrs. V. P. De Luca, Hollywood, Fla.
 117-364 Lee DuBray, Cleveland, Ohio
 719-1166 David M. Eddy, New York, N. Y.
 1179-561 Dr. & Mrs. Wade Elliott, Kansas City, Mo.
 833-567 Robert Emerson, W. Yarmouth, Massachusetts
 982-368 Lorrie Ericksen, Corrales, N. Mexico
 881-967 Mr. & Mrs. P.T. Fairchild, Delray Beach, Fla.

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281-363 Mrs. Hazel W. Frese, Baltimore, Maryland
 511-765 Mrs. Wm. M. Gerhardt, Riverside, Calif.
 844-567 Antonio O. Gomez, Miami, Florida
 425-1164 John & Vivian Halstead, Aptos, California
 973-368 Mrs. Hazel Harris, New York, N. Y.
 815-567 Sandra & Bob Hartkopf, Largo, Florida
 585-366 Mr. & Mrs. D. Herring, Pasadena, California
 977-368 Mr. & Mrs. K. Hirschberg, Saratoga, Calif.
 959-368 Marcia Lou Hobbs, Los Angeles, California
 607-566 Mrs. Ernest V. Horvath, New York, N. Y.
 598-366 Victor M. Huddleston, Jr., Toledo, Ohio
 908-1167 Mrs. Patricia Hurick, Abilene, Texas
 800-367 Mrs. Dale Jackson, Savannah, New York
 440-165 Hans U. Jaeger, Fairview, New Jersey
 302-563 Mr. & Mrs. Paul James, Hayward, California
 597-366 David M. Johnson, Boston, Massachusetts
 445-165 Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Jones, Fresno, Calif.

AMONG THE NEWCOMERS

OCELOTS: TIKI, male, 18 lbs, 1-1/2 years, George W. Berg, Portland, Oregon, 97213;
CAESAR, male 1-1/2 years old, Mrs. Donna Farina, Gretna, La. 70053; CLEO, 15 lbs, 6 months old, Mrs. Juanita Gex, Oakland, Calif. 94605; DIANA, 15 lbs. one year, Mr & Mrs Paul J. Rabe, Downey, Calif. 90242; NERO, 1-1/2 years, 25 lbs, Mr. & Mrs. David C. Shifley, Delaware, Ohio 43015; LANCELOT 5 months, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Twedell, Van Nuys, Calif. 91406.

GEOFFROY'S: JEFFREY, 6 months, Coleman, N. Y.

MARGAYS: LOVER, 6 month old female, Sanford Director, Portland, Oregon 97201;
DUCHESSE, 5 mos., Fred R. Elleser, San Juan, P.R. 00936; TIGER 15 lb. Brazilian male looking for a mate, Paul C. Fleischer, San Diego, Calif. 92110; JOSE, 9 months, Geo. Oberheide, Shreveport, La. 71105; BORIS 15 lbs. birth date unknown, Betty Inzerillo, Antioch, Calif. 94509; PAKA MISUL, 20 pound, four year old female, Lisa Lawton, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32014; TROUBLES 15 pound young male, John B. Nutting, Boulder, Colo 80302; SABER, 6 month old male, Miss Mary R. Wendling, Canton, O 44799;

PUMA: MOONDIS, six month old, 50 pound female, Peter Polizzano, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11234

JAGUAR: REINA, 20 pound young female, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick D. Robertson, Lubbock, Tex 79410

CHEETAH: PRINCE MARCO, 58 pounds, 1-1/2 years, E. Larry Rowlings, Downsview, Ont., Canada.

AND ANOTHER OCELOT: Simon, 25 pounds at 1-1/2 years, Wanita Floyd, Chula Vista Calif. 92011 and Loy R. Mullins, San Diego, Calif 92106.

