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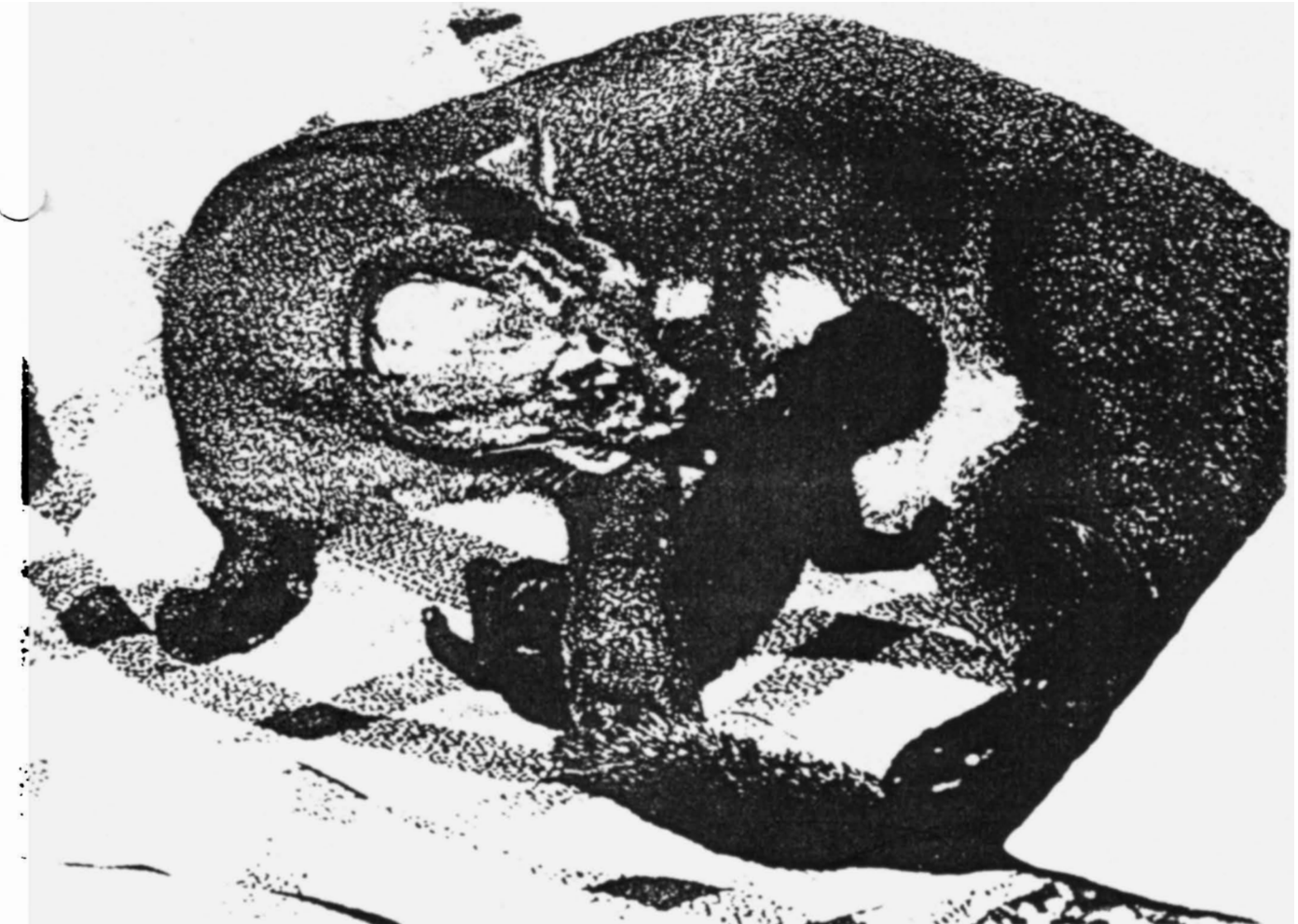
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ABUKI & SON Jaguarundis, whose intimate birth story is told by owners, Wendell and Wanda Mull, of Sherman Oaks, California, on pages 4 and 5. While we don't pretend domestic birth of pet jaguarundis is unprecedented, this was the first in LIOC history. Shortly afterwards (See news item on page 12) word came from Montreal of the birth of four jaguarundi kittens. We look forward to many more now that the trend has been started!

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For location, time and date of imminent meetings of LIOC branches, please refer to the report of the local branch which appears in the following pages, or communicate with the Branch Representative listed above. In all cases, branches in all locations welcome participation of LIOC members in their activities and efforts.

EDITORIAL

TOO LATE IT NEVER IS

"Too Late" for inclusion in any given Newsletter, Branch meeting reports are nearly or equally as important as if they had been "On Time". In order to allow for timely publication of a report, the meeting which is reported must be held in the month when the Newsletter issues. The "deadlines" or dates by which the Newsletter must go to the printer occur in alternate months. Since the Newsletter issues in the "odd" months (January, March, May, July, September and November) meetings must, if they are to be reported while still "fresh," be held in the "odd" months and the reports submitted to LIOC by the first of the following "even" month.

It is often desired that a report carry the announcement of the forthcoming meeting. The Newsletter is the logical and convenient place to do this. Most often, especially where there are detailed travel instructions which concern only the local, not the nation-wide, membership, the coordinator or secretary of the local branch sends out supplemental announcements to the local membership.

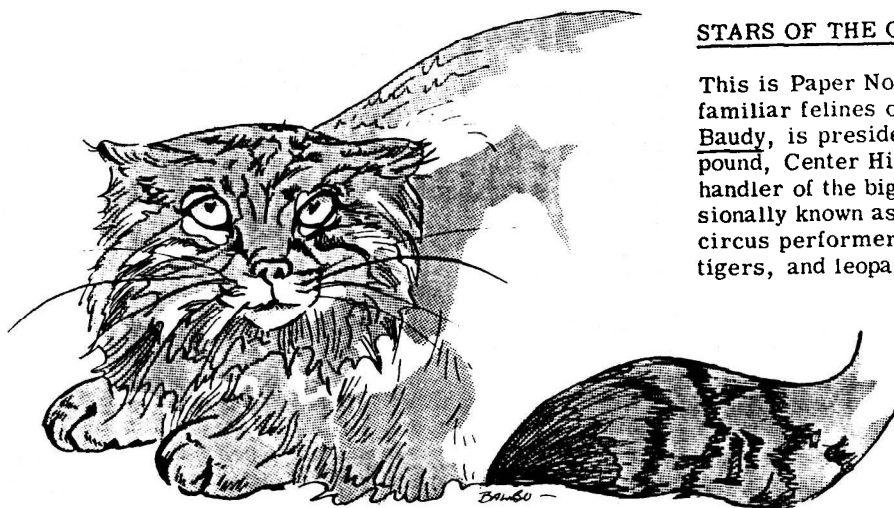
But the reports of local meetings are of national interest since they contain valuable information and particularly because inclusion in the Newsletter is automatically inclusion in the "Journal" of LIOC. Thus, no matter when they appear, meeting reports are timely. Whether a meeting was last week or last year is really not important. The reports will always bear reading and re-reading to glean from them bits and pieces of data.

These and all the other data, have been extracted and catalogued by our intrepid historian, Robert Peraner, 250 Willow Avenue, Somerville, Mass. 02144 and have been presented in the form of a comprehensive Index to Newsletters which was distributed with the January, 1967 Newsletter. This presented an alphabetical arrangement of subject matter beginning ten years previously. Keeping his work "current", the first addendum to the original index was distributed in July, 1968.

Bob's enthusiastic compilation of the ever growing index never lags. He soon will present Addendum No. 2 for distribution. He plans to continue these supplemental indices as time goes on.

The foregoing will impress on members the importance of saving and keeping Newsletters. Losing the Newsletters, much of the otherwise unobtainable information they contain is lost. Simultaneously, the usefulness of the Index is lost since many of the issues it catalogues are no longer in print and not available.

The very few members of LIOC who have complete sets of Newsletters to date are in a most enviable position. Having Volumes 1 through 13, -- seventy eight issues -- and the Index, they have the "Journal" of LIOC.



STARS OF THE CAT WORLD

This is Paper No. 5 of a series describing the less familiar felines of the world. The author, Robert E. Baudy, is 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 Tigers, other tigers, and leopards.

THE PALLAS or MANUL CAT

Felis manul

By: Robert E. Baudy
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Blending almost perfectly within the drabness of its moonlike native landscape, a Pallas cat slides silently from boulder to boulder towards a family of several guinea pig-like, diminutive mongolian "pikas".* The pretty, slate gray, light-colored fast rodents, however, are no match for the Felis manul's cunning and his own unbelievable rapidity. In a few seconds, our richly furred little cat walks out of our picture, proudly holding a dead member of its staple diet.

Seen from a distance, our present subject, with its roundness, its almost invisible legs and ears, seems hardly to deserve the distinction of being included among the outstanding representatives of the feline family. At closer and more attentive observation, our 8 pound F. manul reveals a beautiful and indeed very unique creature. Its plush, luxurious winter fur which is long and soft, surpasses in thickness even the previously treated Siberian lynx. The heavy, extremely short, black-tipped tail is enormous in diameter in comparison with its owner's size, and when the animal moves hurriedly, its pace is unlike any other cat. Observed in quick motion it "rolls" close to the ground, exactly in the manner of our groundhogs.

Although the species has been reported living mainly in low brush or treeless environment, its ability to spring effortlessly to a high point is remarkable. At our compound any of our F. manuls can leap to their six foot high shelves or boxes, disregarding most of the time, the wood ramps which are available to them.

Pallas, the zoologist whose name is associated with the species, asserted that F. manul was undoubtedly the basic wild stock from which our modern domestic angoras and persians were developed. Important and very obvious physical differences between these species (among others: skeletal structure, shape of pupils and nostrils, etc...) are, at least in our opinion, clear evidence to the contrary. Three races of Pallas cats were recognized by scientists

mainly established on background coloration differences. A close observation of the thirteen specimens received here in three different shipments from various geographic areas of Asia could be, however of significant value in reducing the previously classified number of subspecies. On arrival at our compound the thirteen specimens evidenced three major different colorations (two of these being predominantly distinct.) Approximately six weeks after reaching us, and when our temperature began to reach the upper 80 degree mark in the daytime, all specimens started to moult profusely, shedding almost completely their 3" thick winter fur. During this process the true, actually slender build of the animals was clearly exposed. This was a complete surprise in contrast with the shapeless, stocky aspect of the cats when fully furred. The most interesting finding was that when moulting was terminated, all specimens were identically clad in slate-gray fur, with the top of the head practically shiny black.

The huge, gold-colored eyes are the most striking feature of the species and the almost invisible ears, buried in thick fur, contribute to the amazing impression, when viewed from the front, of a vague similarity with human features.

The astonishing capability of this little known species endowed with fur heavy enough to withstand extreme cold (they have been recorded at 10,000 foot altitude in the Himalayas), to also thrive in the lowland, treeless, furnace-hot asiatic deserts.

To date and after months at our compound, all specimens received seem to do very well, even in our humid Florida climate. Their behavior in captivity is extremely bold in opposition to so many other feline species (Continued on Page 5.)

* *Lagomys alpinus*.

KABUKI AND SON

By Wanda and Wendell Mull
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Born approximately July 31, 1967 in the jungles of South America... Captured and sent to a pet shop in Southern California at the age of four or five weeks.... Spent the first 8 months of her life with a family of three: one three-year old boy, two adults and a German Shepard dog.

Janet Giacinto (World Pets Society) purchased Kabuki in April, 1968. The original owners were moving and felt they could no longer keep Kabuki. Jan mentioned that she had a tame jaguarundi for sale. I couldn't resist going over to see this tame jaguarundi. We are now the proud owners of a very tame, very lovable jaguarundi. We decided that since tame tractable jaguarundis are so scarce and that since, to our knowledge, no jaguarundi kittens have been born in captivity, we would attempt to breed Kabuki.

We found a mate for her in a very roundabout way. While at Jan's house filming a documentary for television on exotic pets and their owners, the photographer mentioned to us that ours was the second cat of her kind he had ever seen. A friend of his had the other one. We asked if the cat was male or female. He wasn't sure. He took our name and address for his friend. We received a phone call the next night from Pierre Riolland. Pierre told us he had a male jaguarundi named Rajah, and was interested in finding a mate for him. He assured us Rajah was very tame.

Rajah came over to see Kabuki the next night and immediately fell in love. He talked to her and followed her around. She ran away, playing hard-to-get. (It should be noted here that Pierre is an experienced and knowledgeable handler of exotic cats. His own jaguarundi testifies to this fact.) After finding a prospective mate, we brought Rajah to our apartment each time Kabuki came in heat: November 12th and January 15th. Finally, during her March 10th heat success was indicated.

This involves more than one would expect. Although the cats were together during these periods of time, Kabuki wouldn't accept Rajah. Strange as it seems, they only mated when someone was around. On March 10, Wendell was sitting on the floor talking to me (Wanda) on the phone and petting Kabuki. Our jaguarundi falls in love with Wendell (or other men she is used to) when she comes in heat. While Wendell sat there rubbing Kabuki's head, Rajah sneaked up behind her and they mated. They mated several times on Both March 10 and 11.

On April 1, we crossed our fingers because Kabuki was getting fatter, eating more and her milk glands had started swelling. This continued and she layed down and played less toward the middle of the month. By the end of April she had slackened her pace even more and was nervous and jumpy. By May 22, we thought she would never have her kittens, but she started removing fur around her nipples. The kit-

she started removing fur around her nipples. The kittens were obviously kicking violently. They had been moving for about three weeks.

On Friday 23, at about dinner time, Kabuki started calling to us and stayed near the closet where we keep the linens. Deciding it was time, we made her nest in the bottom of the closet where she would feel secure. She started having labor pains shortly after 6:45. The time between each pain was about 1-1/2 minutes until 7:30 when they started coming every minute. From 8:30 until 8:45 they were 1/2 minutes apart and we started worrying since she was showing no visible signs of success.

We tried to locate the veterinarian, but he was unavailable. Wendell went out to search for him and in his absence Pierre arrived. Kabuki finally had her first kitten at 9:25, large, perfectly formed, but born dead. Pierre tried artificial respiration and everything else he and I could think of, but couldn't breathe any life into the kitten, which was born feet and tail first, and probably suffocated. Kabuki instinctively knew the kitten was dead. She didn't try to clean it but cut the umbilical cord and cleaned herself, just before Wendell arrived home.

Kabuki immediately started having contractions one minute apart. After fifteen minutes they were 1/2 minute apart. At 10:05, the second kitten was born (also backwards). She cleaned it only for a short time, then proceeded to cut the cord and clean herself. We could detect no movement in this kitten either. We were about to try to take the kit away from Kabuki and attempt to revive it, but Kabuki wouldn't let us. She started washing it around the face and all of a sudden the kitten let out a squeak and started moving its feet. Kabuki cleaned it a little more and left it.

The kitten was breathing, but having difficulty doing so. Pierre took it, cleaned it and removed some mucus from its nose and mouth. It then started breathing normally. We turned on the furnace next to Kabuki and put the kitten there on a towel to dry. She started to take back the kitten very roughly and might have killed it had we not taken it away from her immediately. We moved it into the kitchen and put it on the oven door to keep warm, feeding it some Spf-lac (for new-born animals) in a small baby bottle. It drank its fill and went right to sleep. We continued this procedure about every half hour until returning the kitten to Kabuki.

Meanwhile, Kabuki seemed to be finished but was still very large. By palpating her we could feel another kitten. She began contractions again at 11:30 which continued until 2:15. Then, with each contraction, the kitten's tail and back feet would show and be retracted. Finally, at 3:00 after 4-1/2 hours of labor and with our with our assistance, she again gave birth. This kitten really never stood a chance. The afterbirth and cord were wrapped around its head at birth. It was also the largest kitten of the three. We were all glad it was over.

At 3:30, after giving her a rest, we brought her live kitten to her. She immediately grabbed it and ran into the bedroom taking it up on the bed (which is where she always sleeps. We stayed with her to calm her as she proceeded to clean it again, this time in her own way, and let it nurse. We were thankful for this, as the kitten would stand a better chance of survival getting food from its mother. Wendell and I took shifts staying awake with the new mother and kit. (Continued on Page 5.)

THE PALLAS or MANUL CAT - Baudy (Cont'd)

high spend most of their time in hiding. Manul cats will walk deliberately toward a close observer, tail raised and stride towards the face of the person, while letting out a characteristic, brief spitting cry. This, however, is no more than a courageous front, this pretty little creature being practically defenseless after being netted.

Another striking feature, never observed by the author in any other feline species is the ability to close absolutely airtight, the nasal openings. This can clearly be seen at close range when the animal is hissing in hostile fashion. This unique point of conformation no doubt was dictated by the long lasting, murderous, violent dust storms of its bleak environment, a good example of the marvels of evolution.

Up to the time of our recent importation into this country (which took three years of paper work) only one pair of Manuls was recorded in American collection (one male in Brookfield Zoo and one female in Bronx Zoo.) Since then the Cincinnati Zoo has also obtained two male and one female and we are currently furnishing three other major zoos with this species, giving a total of 19 specimens in U.S.A. The 1967 Zoo Census lists only 16 specimens in foreign collection. Thus, this pretty cat is rare in captivity.

Our friend, Al Oeming, owner of the Edmonton Game Farm in Alberta has successfully bred the species several years in a row. This is a "first" to our knowledge, not only in the Americas but in the world.

Here is a beautiful cat of special concern to the LIOC Newsletter reader interested in a small, financially attractive, exotic cat breeding enterprise. Not only because, according to Russian pictures in our possession, the animal makes a pet comparable to the domestic cat in disposition, but also because the seldom available species brings interesting returns on the zoological and scientific market, with single females currently quoted up to \$900.00. Would-be breeders located in our northern regions could possibly have an edge in successful breeding over southern fanciers. The high adaptability of this versatile, tough denizen of harsh environments, can match man's own amazing ability to live in many climates. Any prediction of success in breeding these Manuls in any specific geographical area would be extremely difficult. □

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.

Please send request and remittance to LIOC, Amagansett, N. Y. 11930, adding 12¢ for postage.

KABUKI AND SON - Mull (Continued from Page 4.)

Saturday afternoon she decided she didn't like the kitten in our bed any longer so she moved him into a corner next to the bed on the floor. We put a blanket down for them and she seemed happy with the situation. She would get up on the bed and look down at her kitten, satisfied he was allright. The next day we bought a heating pad for their bed. Kabuki seemed to like this very much. Every time the kitten strayed off it, she would pull him back by the neck or the tail, whichever was closest.

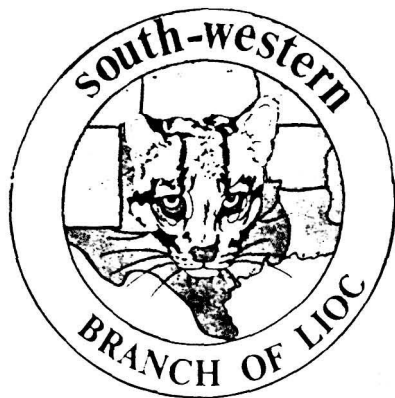
Monday, May 26th we weighed the kitten for the first time. He weighed 4- 1/4 ounces. By that time we could also determine for sure that the kitten was a male. He was eating and sleeping well. We felt he had a good chance of surviving. For a while we weren't so sure about Kabuki. She wouldn't eat so we force fed her as much as we could. Finally on Sunday, June 1 she started eating her usual amount of chicken necks again. The kitten doubled his weight in the first week and weighs 10 ounces today, June 4

Also on Sunday, June 1, the kitten's eyes started opening. By Wednesday, they were all the way open and he could see a little. He also started purring on Sunday while he was nursing and sometimes when he is petted.

Kabuki is very good with her kitten and with us. We can pick him up and pet him and she tolerates it. We are very thankful and fortunate to have a very lovable, tame jaguarundi and her healthy growing kitten. □



OCELOT by Christopher von Volborth



Report of
Meeting
June 7, 1969
at Ebners'
Wichita Falls,
Texas.

by Roger Harmon, M. D.
Guest Reporter.

The South-Western Branch of LIOC met in the Texoma area on the Great Plains of Texas during the early part of the wheat harvest season. The Johnny C. Ebners hosted the meeting. Most of the twenty six out-of-towners and guests and their animals headquartered at the Holiday Inn.

The meeting was called to order by President Johnny C. Ebner in the Hospitality Room of the Ebner Brothers Packing Plant. Minutes of the last meeting, held in San Antonio, were read by the Secretary, Susan Martin. Then each person attending introduced himself and told about his cat. Old business relating to the possibility of procuring insurance, both comprehensive and liability, was discussed. It was decided that best coverage is through your home owners policy. It was noted that even though you do not own a home, this type policy is available to those who lease or rent.

After much discussion, it was determined that Spence and Red Dillon would head up a group to host the next meeting in the New Orleans area. The February meeting will be held in the Oklahoma City Zoo. Both October (New Orleans) and February (Oklahoma City Zoo) will be held without pets attending. Pets might be left at the motel.

We were most fortunate to have Dr. Philip Ogilvie, Ph.D, Zoologist and Director of the Oklahoma City Zoo (and member of LIOC) will serve as a one man Panelist for our program. One has to spend only a few moments with this man to realize here indeed is an exceptional individual. All of us were very much impressed with his vast knowledge of animals and their requirements. We literally showered him with a multitude of questions covering a tremendous scope in caring for exotic felines. He graciously answered them. In so doing he revealed himself as an extremely qualified authority, blessed with ability, understanding and warmth. He gave us incalculable information on such subjects as nutrition, preventative medicine, sanitation and many other aspects in the care of our felines.

There was not a person present who did not benefit in some way by talking with and questioning Dr. Ogilvie. Needless to say, there should be an improvement in the health of every feline whose owner attended this meeting. Only a few of the tips covered can be mentioned in this limited space. He pointed out that one should add Calcium in some form (lime, oystershell and, of course chicken bone) to the diet to balance the Phosphorus-Calcium ratio as a measure to prevent Rickets both in the young and adult animal. He suggested bone meal should not be fed Exotic Felines, due to the possibility of transmitting Anthrax and Tuberculosis.

There is a growing problem of an increasing number of small exotic felines being born in the nation's zoos. The problem is their placement. The zoos are reluctant to sell these animals

to pet shop operators for fear the ultimate owners would not be qualified to be owners. Here, then, is a possible source of new pets for Qualified owners.

Dr. Ogilvie drove over 150 miles, not to be our guest, but just to be with us, and at a time when the stork was circling his very own rooftop and expected to perch at any minute. He was accompanied by very charming Elaine Bressie, Assistant Curator of the Oklahoma City Zoo. Elaine received her share of questioning also and responded very graciously.

Following the business meeting, there was much visiting among the people and animals at the company's Recreation Park, adjacent to the meat packing plant. Gathered beneath the shade trees on the grassy lawn was Lioness "Dandelion" belonging to Bob and Susan Martin. Since the last meeting she had recovered from intestinal obstruction by a piece of plastic. She was in the full bloom of good health. Dandelion is one of the few lions I have seen who is perfectly leash-trained. In addition she seems affectionate beyond belief -- a reflection of the love and affection she receives from her devoted Martins.

Under another tree sat "Safari", our female jaguar ("we" being the Harmons). She seemed to be enjoying all the extra affection she received. In addition, two very lovely young lady ocelots made their debut at this meeting. They were: "Serena" belonging to Carl and Jean Hamil of Channelview (Houston), Tex. and female ocelot intended bride of Hamish, belonging to our Vice-President, Ann (and Ron) Jacobson of Houston. These two little girls represent the perfect ocelot pet in looks and in manners. Nobody would ever suspect that ocelots are supposed to be shy and retiring, seeing these babies. Hamish, gentlemen that he is, elected to remain at the Motel, not to detract from his intended bride's "coming out". The Jacobsons' very rare and exotic Fishing Cat, "Wallace", stayed at the motel to keep Hamish company.

Also making her grand debut was the Ebners' loveable margay, "Cinnamon." This is the kitty pet owners dream of. No animal, domestic or otherwise could be more lovable. She enjoyed the love and affection of every individual present who chose to pick her up. It is indeed uncanny just how affectionate this little animal can be. She played her part as hostess with all the charm of a true Southern Belle.

In the background one could smell the aroma of charcoal broiled tender rib-eye and Sirloin steaks being prepared to perfection by Chefs: Ebner, son John Mark and Bob Martin. All the trimmings including salads, Bar-B-Q Beans and Cherry and Apple Cobbler were prepared by our hostess, Ginny Ebner, assisted by daughter Sally. Judging by the amount of food we all consumed, one can say only: "What we lack in quantity of members here in the LIOC-SOUTHWEST, we sure make up in quality!"

Ordinarily meetings of this sort usually terminate here, but not so this time. After a freshening up and short rest period at the Motel, the members and guests who could stay longer, gathered in the back yard of the home of President and Ginny Ebner to meet their new male ocelot, "Sam." Here, gathered around the swimming pool and Patio in a setting resembling a (Cont's P. 10.)



REPORTS OF
Meetings of May 18
and July 13, 1969

By:

Mrs. Gilman D.
Kirk, Jr.,
Recording Secretary

Since the last Newsletter report for the Midwest Branch, we have had two Ohio meetings. Leah Morris entertained us on May 18th at 108 W. Pacemont in Columbus, where her ocelot, "Mee Ling" elected to remain inconspicuous hostess, and left the formalities to "Wimpy", Leah's Siamese.

We all exchanged several humorous stories and tried to outline tentative plans for future meets. We also discussed organizing a Group Insurance Plan. If anyone wants to pursue this, contact Don Schiavone, our Coordinator. His address is 2610 Lakewood, Huron, Ohio 44839.

Attendance was low with only the Ed Kottlers, the Don Schiavones and me. The Kottlers and Schiavones decided to introduce their cats, so this meeting may well be responsible for a June wedding.

We had a little difficulty with communications and program arrangements preceding the July 13th event, which was a picnic held at our house, the Gilman Kirks, 2185 N. Cassady, in Columbus. In spite of the confusion, eleven people did appear.

The Joseph Lowes treated us to a cute show put on by their precious 8-month old Cheetah, Don Hermando Cortez, and his canine cohort, Printer's Ink, who, incidentally, were the stars of our last Newsletter cover. The Lowes had some sobering accounts of Enteritis to pass along, which should help remind us how important caution is with the exotics. They also shared some information and a colorful lecture with us. The pictures of their cats were beautiful and the animals looked like professional models.

The Ed Kottlers bravely brought their "fearsome, fanged one" again. He showed his docile side this time and spent a lazy day in the shade of our old apple tree. (Maybe he's had some of the starch taken out of him during the process of mating attempts with the Schiavone's cat. So far, the two spotted ones need some help from Cupid according to their owners/weary reports.

After our picnic lunch, we went inside and watched the Bob Littles' films of their Florida trip. These included Bill Engler's place, Robert Baudy's compound, Busch Gardens and the Seaquarium, plus some candid shots at home of their two margays. The movies were a most welcome addition.

Leah Morris informed us that Purina makes a chow which y be fed to exotic cats. The type is called "Mink Developer and another "Nursing Chow". Her phone is: Columbus, Ohio, 614-267-9171 if you wish additional information regarding its merits.

We have researched some possibilities for future meeting programs which should add considerable interest and education. For example, we located some 16 mm. professional movies from our public libraries. Don Schiavone has volunteered his projector. Also, we are investigating some speakers and we discussed the possibility of holding some of our meetings at places such as the Zoo or animal compound or game parks.

As a matter of fact, our next meeting, Sunday, September 7th, will be held at AFRICAN SAFARI, INC. It should be a fascinating experience and, as an added attraction, we may get in on the ROUND-UP activities. They should be gathering in the animals for winter confinement by September 14th. Bonnie Schiavone, one of our members, has a new job there as Supervisor for the Baby Animal Section. She is going to tell all the animals to expect us. You may come as early as 9:00 A.M. and we'll try to have a meeting around 1:00 P.M. Do allow yourself ample time to roam around as there should be lots to see. Incidentally, this will be an OPEN MEETING and any interested parties or other branches of the LIOC are cordially invited!

"African Safari, Inc. boasts the largest collection of cheetahs in the United States and is the only place in the world where you can drive among them in your own car. The other four compounds contain lions, gnus, ostriches, a zebra, Barbados sheep, sitatunga, cranes, goats and tortoises. Outside the main compound is a mini-zoo. Among the creatures are lion cubs, tigers, wallabies, caracul cats, badgers, spotted leopards, paca, ocelots and chimpanzees. There are also nearly a dozen exotic birds." -- Sandusky Register July 3, 1969.

DIRECTIONS

Follow Ohio Route 2 to Ohio Routes 357 and 163, African Safari is located near the junction of Routes 357 and 163 and can easily be found by following the billboards to Lightner Road off Route 163, about five miles east of Port Clinton. And don't forget to load your cameras!

I have a few extra copies of the last couple of Newsletters. And anyone wishing to throw in his two cents' worth, may mail his dues to Mrs. Ed. Kottler, 4670 Dale Bridge Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128. (\$5 per year per couple).

Those attending the July 13th meeting were: Mr & Mrs Bob Little, Mr & Mrs Joseph Lowe, Don Schiavone and his pilot, Larry, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Kottler, Sandy Kirk and Mr & Mrs Matt Green. (She was formerly Nancy Jean Fish -- Congratulations! They have a new address, 709 E. 2nd Street, Franklin, Ohio.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Gilman D. Kirk, Jr.
Recording Sec.

Mrs. Gilman D. Kirk, Jr.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CATS

By: William Engler
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The classification of all animals is an attempt to place them in the proper position on the tree of evolution. Science believes that all living beings on this planet today are evolved from a primordial single celled organism that was the original living thing on earth.

Throughout somewhere between one and two billions of years, this original organism has developed and diversified into the countless types of life we know today.

To understand the classification of the cats in their proper perspective, it will be necessary to start at the beginning and show how each of the greater groupings of animals are subdivided into lesser groups until we get down to the small groupings that include our pets.

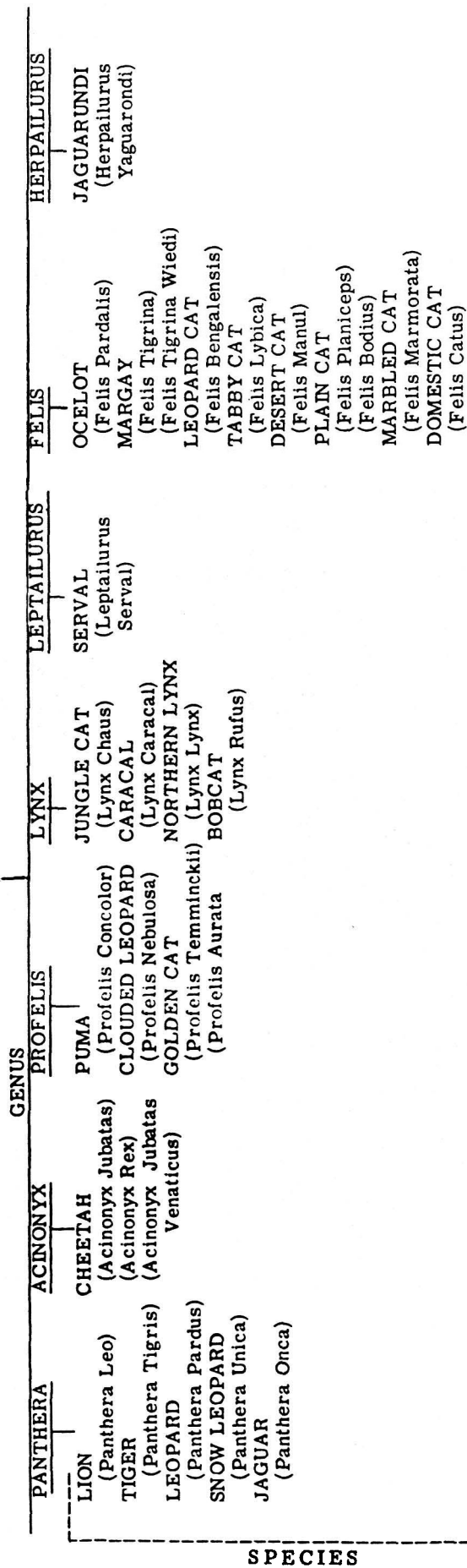
The basic two great limbs dividing from the tree of life are called the Plant Kingdom and the ANIMAL KINGDOM. Our concern is with the latter.

KINGDOM - ANIMAL
PHYLUM - CHORDATA
SUBPHYLUM - VERBERATA
CLASS - MAMMALIA
SUBCLASS - EUTHERIA
ORDER - CANIVORA
SUBORDER - PISSIPEDIA
FAMILY - FELIDAE

GENUS

The basic limb of the Animal Kingdom is divided into eleven lesser limbs (some researchers divide it into even more), each of which limb is known as a Phylum. These Phyla are the primary divisions of the Animal Kingdom. The Phylum including the largest number of creatures is that of Anthropoda which includes 400,000 different species. This is the Phylum in which spiders, lobsters, centipedes and all insects are included. The Phylum under which our cats are included is known as PHYLUM-CORDATA, which is the phylum including animals having at some stage of their lives (pre-natal or post-natal) a notochord, which in the cats exists only in their embryonic stage and is replaced by the spinal column; gill slits which in the cats are replaced by lungs and other parts of the respiratory system and a hollow nerve chord on the dorsal side, which develops in the cat as the brain and spinal chord. There are 30,000 species in this Phylum.

The Phylum, Chordata has four branches called Subphyla, SUBPHYLUM - VERBRATA being 'he one in which the eel-like animals, fish, amphibians, birds and mammals are included, these animals representing various Classes. This class includes the warm blooded animals with complete double circulation. Their skin is usually covered with hair and their young are nourished by milk secreted by the



CLASSIFICATION OF THE CATS (Engler)
(Continued from Page 8.)

mother. The Class, Mammalia, is divided into three subclasses in which the cats fall in the SUBCLASS - EUTHERIA.

The subclass, Eutheria has a number of branches which are called orders. The ORDER - CANIVORA includes the meat eating animals. This order is broken down into two Suborders, Pinnipedia which includes the seals and walrus and SUBORDER - FISSIPEDIA which includes the families of the cats, dogs, racoons, bears and weasels.

Finally, we get down to the grouping which includes only the cats. This grouping is one of the subdivisions of the suborder. Fissipedia and is known as FAMILY - FELIDAE. Most zoologists are in agreement as to the classification of the cats down to this point, but the placement of the species of cats in their Genera (taxonomic groups), I have yet to find two who agree. This does not in any way reflect on their competence. Due to the lack of archaeological information, it is impossible to trace the ancestry of many species in a positive manner, so it must be deduced and assumed from the characteristics of those living in historic times and it is natural that their deductions and assumptions would be different.

Of the various systems of grouping the species of cats into Genera, I like best that of Ivan T. Sanderson as per the chart on page 8. Mr. Sanderson has included all of the cats that have a roaring mechanism in the GENUS - PANTHERA. He calls them the Great Cats. It is interesting to note that the species in this Genus have lips rimmed with black. This rim increases in width along the lateral aspects to a maximum width at the corners of the mouth. Also, these cats cannot purr, as can all other cats. He has put the Cheetah in a Genus by itself because of the distinctive development of its legs, feet and withers, this being called GENUS - ACINONYX.

Those that Mr. Sanderson calls the Not So Great Cats he has grouped under GENUS - PROFELIS. The smaller cats with small heads, tufted ears and heavy bodies, he has placed in the GENUS - LYNX. He places the Serval, which he feels is somewhere between Genus Lynx and Genus Felis, as the only species in GENUS - LEPTAILURUS.

Many cats that are classified under Genus Felis are not listed in the chart on Page 8. Only the better known ones are shown. It is interesting to note that the ocelot which is classified with the small cats, sometimes reaches the weight of 65 pounds or more, which is larger than some of the Asiatic Leopards which mature at 60 pounds.

Some naturalists have made exhaustive studies of a single species and have broken it down into a number of subspecies. Edward A. Goldman has listed 30 subspecies of the Puma. The variations in these are minor and sometimes very fine. □

(Ed: This article is reprinted from Volume 8, No. 6, --Nov. 1964, which issue of the Newsletter is in great demand primarily because of Mr. Engler's article, and which unfortunately is out of print.)

PICNIC



THE DATE IS - SEPTEMBER 20 (and 21)

There now, isn't that easy to remember? The place, as usual, will be at the Cisin residence on the corner of Oak Lane (at the stop sign) and Schellinger Road, in AMAGANSETT, N. Y.

Yes, Amagansett is a long way out on Long Island, but distances are not really significant. Expected are members from Canada, Buffalo, Connecticut, New Jersey (northern and southern), Florida, Boston, -- and who knows from where else? Come on along! Surprise us and be surprised!

We all hope it won't rain on our picnic (it never has) but if it should we simply take it indoors.

All members FROM EVERYWHERE are welcome and invited as are their cats.

After the summer season (we are a summer resort) motel accommodations are less difficult to get. This is the reason our "home" picnics are scheduled late in the summer. Most visiting members will be staying at Baron's Cove Inn, Sag Harbor. Phone: 516 725 2100. Mention LIOC when reserving -- a limited number of units are being held for us. Cats are accepted -- even expected.

THE TIME

Please be on hand by 1:00 Saturday, the 20th, to allow time to greet friends before the GOODIES ARE PUT FORTH at about 2:00. Buffet is the same as usual, -- featuring devilled clams (a private recipe) and barbecued chicken (local) supported by assorted edibles to which you may contribute your specialties if you wish.

As usual, liquor will not be served during the picnic day. Evenings have a way of taking care of themselves at the discretion of the revellers. Events evolve, as they usually do, according to individual wishes. We hope for a dinner (Dutch Treat) at a nearby restaurant, perhaps in groups, perhaps ensemble.

EXECUTIVE MEETING - Sept. 21

Beginning at about 12:00 Noon on Sunday, there will be a meeting of those who guide LIOC, both the parent club and those who are present from the local branches. All members, whether "executive" or not are invited to stay for Sunday's discussions.

COME! Or maybe we'll talk about you! Certainly, we will miss you!

Tercera, your hostess.....



Report of Meeting
LIOC- ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Sunday, May 18,
1969 at home
of Don Kahl, Denver,
Colorado

The third meeting of the Rocky Mountain Branch of LIOC was hosted by Don Kahl. In the absence of a formal agenda, the meeting was devoted to general "cat talk." Attending were:

Members: Mrs. Gene English and a friend ,
Carol Baldwin and friend,
Mr & Mrs Wayne White and Gabriel
Dr. Lick and Judy Sheldon and Malinche

The most interesting news we have heard is that members Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rowe will soon have two new additions to their family. The two new kittens born in Hialeah, Fla. (BB and Buddy Bond) are sister/brother (?) of Baa-Bu, my ocelot. More information will be given in the next report.

Doctor and Mrs. Dick Sheldon report that their margay, Malinche, roams free in the tree tops near their home (they live in Denver) and reports home on call.

Attendance is still somewhat disappointing at the meetings, but with warm weather here now, we hope more members and their pets will venture out. I suggested that another member host the next meeting, but nobody has volunteered so far.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Kahl, Coordinator

(Ed: This seems the proper place to announce that Don Kahl has taken a new wife, Terry, and they have located (with Baa-Bu, ocelot born 10/4/65) at 1278 So. Canosa Court, Denver, Colo.)

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.

REPORT OF MEETING 6/7/69 SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH of LIOC (Continued from Page 6.)

Polynesian Temple Garden, we all enjoyed cocktails, more ocelot talk and just plain good old Southwestern fellowship and hospitality. It is no doubt that in gatherings and times such as this, friendships are fused that withstand all manner of time. It gives one the feeling that not only has he been privileged to be the owner of an exotic feline but he has, in addition, been doubly blessed to meet and know the friendship of others similarly blessed. It becomes apparent that perhaps this is one of the many reasons LIOC was formed and makes one grateful to those who had the foresight to organize it.

After only a few hours sleep at the Motel, we gathered once more at the Ebner home the next morning. Here this time we enjoyed a most beautiful brunch of Ham, Eggs, tropical fruit, and all the trimmings. Still more ocelot talk, visiting, fond farewells, and then the long trek home, some of us driving nearly 400 miles.

Golly folks, we had a swell time and if we have any regrets relative to this meeting, it would only be that all of the LIOC members could not have been there. If you missed it, you sure missed a "Whing-Ding", a "Happening" -- or whatever you might choose to call it.

Respectfully,

Roger Harmon, M. D.
Guest Reporter

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.



Despite threatening weather, thirty-five members, four Ocelots, one Margay and a Puma attended the Pot Luck/Cookout of LIOC's Greater New York Branch in Roslyn, Long Island, on Saturday the 19th of July. ("Bert", a blonde tabby, also attended because he happens to live at the marina where the cookout was held. Bert had a ball. Bert's more aloof brother, Harry, hid all day and missed all the goodies.)

Four bar-b-que fires were started about Noon Time, and were kept quite active for the preparation of chickens, burgers, franks, steaks and corn. A variety of salads and relishes, hot baked beans, steamed clams, pretzels, chips and watermelon enhanced the pot-luck table.

Pets were not overlooked -- chicken necks were available, in addition to everything owners were enjoying.

There was lively conversation in all corners. Cameras clicked all day, -- but no one got a shot of a four-month old Ocelot who got bored and decided to climb anyone standing near him as if the person were a tree .. up the front, over the shoulder and down the back.

Everyone expressed he had enjoyed the day and looked forward to meeting again at the LIOC picnic 20 September. The last group departed at 11 p.m. (which group included our wonderful Connecticut members and their charming 5-year old daughter, Dawn Meribeth).

A good time was had by all BUT we missed you, Catherine and Harry. See you -- September 20th in Amagansett.

Submitted by:

Barbara Orden, Recording Secy.
LIOC Greater N. Y. Branch



REPORT OF
MEETING - 6/15/69

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
BRANCH OF LIOC

By Mary Ellen Tracy,
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The June 15th meeting enjoyed the best weather we've ever had. Sunny skies were great for picture taking. Cats at the meeting were the hosts, Shurze, Chee-fun, Lung Joy and Pu Kung Yin, African lions and Kwai Mao, jaguar plus Bandito Bird, our new little puma. Panther (male puma) Billings came from California, Tiki (male margay -- yes, it's a margay, no doubt about that) Berg, and "Lover" (female margay kitten) Director, all attended. Mr. & Mrs. Happel came without bobcat or ocelot, much to everyone's disappointment. Mr. & Mrs. Gee came. They recently lost a female ocelot to blockage after ingestion of rubber gloves. They are awaiting the arrival of another ocelot on order with Bill Hodges.

Walter Billings reported that there is a danger of the State of California putting pumas on the big game list again - which will endanger the lives of all pet pumas and result in the extinction of the puma in the wild. Well, here goes the letter writing again!

Bandito Bird, our two month old female puma was introduced to Panther. He sniffed her all over and then wrinkled his nose. They cooed at each other until Panther hissed and that cooled the romance. Perhaps in a year or so. The lions were in their new 100' by 100' pen. One of the members decided he would not like to have a lion at all. Lions have a way of staring at people that makes them feel very insecure. Everyone admired the jaguar, from a distance. Many people tell me they would like to have a jaguar, but we try to discourage them as jaguars are extremely powerful which makes handling difficult. They are great climbers which makes housing expensive and also, from the few we have had contact with, they appear to be one-person cats. Our Kwai is extraordinarily jealous. We hope one day to get him a female friend as he seems anxious to breed.

The next meeting of our Pacific Northwest Branch will have been held at Bill Hodges in Kennewick, Washington.

The meeting after that will be held at our place in Boring Oregon on August 17th. Our host will be Sandy Director (he doesn't have room at his place, and he lives in the illegal city).

Since we can't meet in winter due to poor travel conditions, we are making up for it this summer with a meeting each month.

Mary Ellen



The NEWS

THE YEAR
OF THE
BABIES ---

Leopard Cats - Three lovely kittens were born on June 6 in Hollywood, California, to SAUVAGE, Virginia English's leopard cat (*Felis prionailurus bengalensis*). Sauvage, herself, is a domestic-born leopard cat born 4/9/67 as announced in the Newsletter at the time, to "MAYBE", (Chuck and Harriet Leake) whose litter including "Sauvage", appeared on the cover of the Newsletter in November, 1967. Mrs. Virginia English, 6873 Yeager Place, Hollywood, California 90028 is active in the newly developed "Leopard Cat Information Center," the very name, itself, inviting inquiry about this widely owned, but little known species.

Jaguarundis - One Two -- Three Four. As though the birth of a jaguarundi kitten to Kabuki (See Pages 4 & 5) and cover of this Newsletter, in California were not enough to set the jaguarundi world, -- indeed, the feline world, agog. Loud and Clear, all the way from Montreal, P.Q., Canada came David Herd's voice on Saturday, July 5, 1969.

"Two kittens were born this morning, one at 10:50 and the other at 11:20. They are both noisy, healthy and nursing."

They are jaguarundis, aren't they? I prompted. "Oh yes," answered the Coordinator of the our Canadian Branch: LIOC Canada, who advised he had not yet received the July-August Newsletter which announced the earlier birth of a jaguarundi kitten in California.

Pressed for their names, David said: "All I can think of now is Spit and Scratch," which names I am sure will not become theirs. "The mother is Piada, whose earlier litter was born dead. Father is Toro."

Then towards evening, the phone jangled again: "There are two more kittens!" David announced. "Number three born at about 3: P.M. and number four at shortly before 5: P.M. I don't think there will be any more now." I asked David how many teats the mother had. "Eight," he announced, after counting them, which characteristic separates Piada from most of our other "exotic" cats who have either four or six, depending on species.

The complete account of the birthing of the Herd Jaguarundis will appear in an early Newsletter, as documented by Brenda Herd.

Ocelot and Margay -- There have also been two single births, an ocelot in New York State and a margay in Florida. Since these kittens survived only for about a month each, we will not cite them, but will offer our deepest regrets to both unfortunate families. In a few months there will probably be a "next time" in both places since the birth of kittens had been a regular occurrence in both homes.

Pumas - David Salisbury, President of LIOC-Florida, advises that his puma "Duchess", presented him with three kittens on July 16, 1969. Two of the kittens, -- the males -- were taken into the Salisbury house where Sue and son, David are helping "grandad" to take care of them. The

third remained with the mother. Recalling the event, Dave says: "This has been the greatest shock of all, I had no idea Duchess would have kittens. She is long and thin and she did not appear to gain any weight at all, but the kittens are extremely plump and healthy with loud voices. Sue already has them spoiled. They cry to be held. David has become expert at feeding bottle and piddling them."



Dinner hour on Cambridge Drive
(Isn't it always Dinner Hour?)

Prince, the father, as well as Duchess were born in captivity. Thus, the babies are second generation kits, domestic born.

Dave is patiently waiting to see whether Princess, another of his pumas who also mated with Prince, is now pregnant. That the Salisburys are big cat people is certain. In addition to the four adult pumas, and now three baby pumas, they have a leopard.

NOTES ON CHEETAH BIRTHS AT THE ZOO

The following notes originating at the Wippinsnade Zoo in London, are supplied for the Newsletter by Jan Giacinto of Tarzana, California.

A female cheetah, 2 years old, was given to the zoo in April, 1966. June 3, 1967 she was put into a grass pen with a male. They scrapped from June 6th to June 17th. From the 15th to the 21st, she was in season. On the 17th, the male serviced her. September 16, 1967 she gave birth to three cubs, one male and 2 female. On the 21st, 5 days after birth, their eyes were open. On November 27th, the cubs were given 3 ml. of Fev each (Batch No. 70) and on December 7th, the cubs received a second dose of 3 ml of Fev each.

January 1, 1968 mother and cubs were moved to Maternity Quarters. Feb. 2, 1968, the cubs weighed 19, 21 and 22 pounds.

April 9, 1968, the male and female Cheetah were put together again. July 7, 1968, 3 more cubs were born, 1 male and 2 females. September 25, 1968 the cubs weighed 8-3/4, 7-1/2 and 8-1/2 pounds. They were vaccinated on that day also at a much younger age and they were much stronger. October 10, 1968 they received their second dose of vaccine. By December 6, 1968, they weighed 20-1/2, 23-1/2 and 23-1/2 lbs. On an average, she (Continued on Page 13.)

comes in season every 6 months and delivers 3 cubs every 9 months.

Jan Giacinto, 19400 Santa Rita, Tarzana, California now has a new cheetah of her own, having recently lost her "Dino", which she calls "Calamity". Jan is able to supply: leopard cats, Fishing Cats, Golden Cats, Tiger and Leopard cubs at almost any time, and cheetahs occasionally. She has been in exotic animal sales for some time. For further information phone 345-5140.

THANK YOU!

"Our sincere thanks to the many readers who contacted our local baby tiger hunter and skinner, Mr. Parker. (Refer to Guest Editorial: 'The Littlest Pelt', Volume 13, No. 3, by Robert Baudy, Center Hill, Fla.) Since then Mr. Parker had his back yard completely fenced, probably to help him resist the temptation of shooting any more three-month old tame 25 pound, baby tiger cubs." -- Robert Baudy

YOUNG LOVERS IN CARMEL VALLEY

Bob Merchant, P O Box 246, Carmel Valley, sends this tale which is a status report as well as a spat.... "Christopher Cat (Miss Chris) and Teeny Bopper (A.G. Cat or Artie Baby) had a disagreement over the weekend as to the ownership of an itinerant snake, (It's my snake! No! It's MY snake) which resulted in one greatly elongated snake and two ocelots in need of a clean up.

"Bath time was as uneventful as two healthy ocelots in a tub full of suds could possibly be. The next problem was getting rid of the suds which persisted tenaciously. Fortunately their bathroom, in addition to a tub full of suds, their john which they both use, and their swinging door to the outside world and snake supply, also has a separate shower. Well, a shower is even more fun than a bath and before long things were back to the normal, pre-snake status.

"Chris (domestic born 10/12/67 at Compton, California -- Mayme Pasquinelli) is about 20 pounds and rules Artie Baby who has 19 to back him up. Artie gets into all of the trouble with Chris managing to partake equally while remaining aloof and blameless. Artie still thinks people, just anybody, are treat frun, but Chris reserves her interest in new people for anywhere from ten minutes until never."

Of course Bob is hoping for kittens which are not in sight, but not for lack of much trying on the part of Chris and Artie Baby.

LEOPARD CAT INFORMATION

A very worth while, newly formed organization is the LEOPARD CAT INFORMATION CENTER is a completely informal group held together simply by love for the Leopard Cat and the desire to protect it in civilization. For information about the cats or about the group, please contact Mrs. Virginia English, 6873 Yeager Place, Hollywood, California 90027. Virginia is a member of LIOC. Her associate in Orange County is Mrs. Lillian Smith, 2785 Verde, Anaheim 92806. These folks are ready to help you with all phases of Leopard Cat lore.

DIVERSIFICATION

The kind of a household where there will always be room for another two or three or more, is that of John and Linda Paramore of Bothell, Washington. These are new LIOC members. We know there will be much happening in this area after receiving the following orientation from them: "We are the owners of a nine month old ocelot named 'Cholo' (Spanish for 'half civilized.') We also own two desert tortoises, an African Leopard Tortoise, a Greek tortoise, a Russian tortoise, three horned lizards, two banded geckos, two red legged frogs, three Pacific Tree Frogs, a Northwestern Salamander, a large German Shepard Dog (Cholo's), two Burmese cats, one momentarily pregnant, a Siamese cat (Cholo's) -- and a very understanding landlady."

"CRUNCH" FINDS NEW HOME

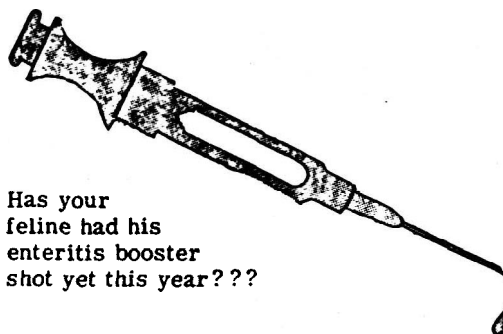
1-1/2 year old margay formerly belonging to Dr. & Mrs. Eich of Westboro, Mass was shipped recently to Pepper Perry of Memphis, Tennessee. Pepper, having recently lost her margay, was as delighted to receive Crunch as Dr. & Mrs. Eich were to know she had found a good home. "I certainly appreciate all LIOC has done for me. I have made so many good friends among the members in the last month, and hope to meet a lot more," writes Pepper. "All I need now is patience with Crunch: I have so much love to share with her."

MORE PUMA BIRTHS

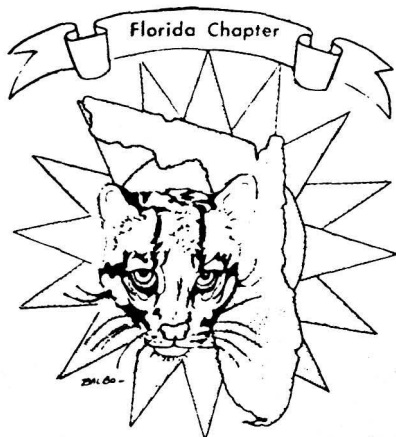
See Page 15 (Report of Exotic Cats of California) for report of two kittens born to Priscilla, five year old puma belonging to Mr. & Mrs Mathe-son (ECC member) on July 23, 1969.

CAL - VAL -- WHERE ARE YOU?

Conspicuous for its absence in this Newsletter is a meeting report from the Cal-Val Branch of LIOC. This very active group has been meeting regularly since its first meeting, September, 1966. Cal-Val is under the leadership of Audrey and Dick Laird of La Crescenta. Perhaps the next report will cover two meetings!



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



REPORT OF MEETING
LIOC-FLORIDA - July 12, 1969 at
home of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Fairchild
498 N. E. 47th Street
Boca Raton, Fla.

The day was more than very hot. As a matter of hot fact, we later learned it set a record, but nobody noted the actual thermometer reading. There were about 55 people at the meeting. In addition to our own very special LIOC people, we were honored to have very special LIOC Texans, John C (Johnny) Ebner and his wife, Genevieve, who were vacationing all the way from Wichita Falls. Johnny is Coordinator of the South-Western Branch of LIOC.

It was primarily a margay day although there were other species afoot, too: 5 margays, 2 leopards and 2 or 3 ocelots.

Jean Hatfield received a call from Mrs. Gregory Holub, a new member in Miami who cannot keep the little male margay which she recently bought. Their four year old boy is a little rough on the five month old kitten. They are willing to sell little Juma for exactly what they paid for him -- \$200. (11660 S.W. 72 Ave, Miami - Phone: 305 235 8001)

The meeting schedule for the coming Fall and Winter follows:

September (I think it is the 14th, but you will receive local notices confirming the date) will be at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ward Price, 2519 Wakulla Way, Orlando.

November at Robert Baudy's Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Center Hill

January at the Winsors in West Palm Beach.

Jean Hatfield, Sec. of LIOC-Florida, who usually writes the meeting reports was involved in double duty at work and in the acquisition of additional animals. She understood Dave Salisbury, Florida Chapter President would send the report for this Newsletter, but Dave became involved, just two days after the meeting, in the surprise birth of three kittens to his cougar, Duchess,

July 16th. Two weeks later he has still not regained his equilibrium, so the writing of this report has fallen upon --

Yours truly, Flora Tempora
 Sec. Pro-Tem. LIOC-Florida

AMONG THE NEWCOMERS

OCELOTS: BABY, female, 1 year, and TIGER male, - Mrs. Mary Aiello, Howard Beach, N.Y. 11414; BANDIDO, 9 month old female, Lawrence R. Bambace, Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771; NAOMI and NIMROD, female and male, both kittens, Mrs. D. L. Hadley, Stonewall, Ga. 30282; BABY, female kitten, Mrs. Chas M. Huber, Runnemede, N.J. 08078; CHOLO, 9 month old male, John and Linda Paramore, Bothell, Washington 98011

MARGAYS EL TIGRE, 9 month old male from Brazil, Mr. J. Christie, Toronto, Ont., Canada; JUMA, 7 month old male, Mrs. Gregory J. Holub, Miami, Fla. 33156; TONYA, 4 month kitten, female; Donald R. Piedhocki, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; MALINCHE, female neutered yearling, Dr & Mrs Dick Sheldon, Denver Colorado 80210; BRUTUS, ten pound male, age unknown, Gregory Zane, 83 Magnolia Avenue, West Haven, Conn 06506;

PUMA: TAWNY, S.A. male, 75 lbs at slightly over one year, from Paraguay, Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. Coffman, West Richland, Wash. 99352.

LEOPARD CATS: (Lesser Leopards) FATS, Adult male, Gene Liberali, Azusa, Calif. 91702, LAMBAG, male yearling born in Thailand, Pam and Al Yusem, Los Angeles, Calif 90048.

TIGERS (Siberian): LENA and BORIS, both born in June, 1967 and weighing 400 and 450 lbs, respectively, born in Center Hill, Fla (Baudy), John M. Knowles, Cut Hedge Farm, Braintree, Essex, England.

NECROLOGY

ISIS -- ? to 7/5/59 (The age of this margay was not known when Miss Pepper Perry of Memphis, Tennessee registered her with LIOC). According to Pepper's troubled story, Isis had wandered off from her own yard into a neighbor's. He discovered her and captured her with a rope. Isis broke her neck struggling to free herself.

DINO -- five year old cheetah owned by Jan Giacinto of Tarzana, California, died June 23, 1969 of cancer located mainly in her liver. Dino was very well known in pet and professional circles on the West Coast.

TWO DOMESTIC-BORN KITTENS: a male ocelot, 5 weeks after birth in Wilson, New York. Death attributed to malnutrition by owner, Lydia Spordler; and a little margay kitten in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. a few weeks after his birth on July 2 at home of Sadie and Charles Douglas. Kitten had been raised with a Siamese who had recently given birth, after the mother rejected him.



REPORT Meeting 7/27

By:
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94101

Exotic Cats of California July meeting

Leona Lodge was the place, July 27th the date, of our regular meeting. 31 members and guests assembled together with 1 leopard, 2 pumas, 3 ocelots and 1 fishing cat. Since July is a vacation month, this was about $\frac{1}{2}$ the usual number.

President, Earl Sparrow, opened the meeting with a welcome to new members and guests. Mrs. Juanita Gex, a new member, attended with her ocelot Cleo, a 7 month old baby who loves everyone. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, guests, attended with Zan, a 6 month ocelot who was quite taken with Cleo. These are both whole cats and we hope to bring you news of a new love affair in about a year!

Schezada, Sparrow's leopard, was sleek and trim and greeted everyone from her camper. She is scheduled to be spayed due to hormone problems. Walter Billings' Panther, was friendly and playful as always. He likes people. Next to Panther was the Townes' puma, Cele. She is really growing up and is quite a big girl. She was so good at the meeting it is hard to believe the tales of her escapades at home. Looks like she wouldn't touch anything, but that's not what we hear! Vignes' ocelot, Trilby, was next to Phi Sing, S. Nelson's fishing cat. Since Trilby and her lover boy, Caesar, haven't mated the Vignes are considering other suitors. How about an ocefish or a fishalot?

Guest, Ed New, displayed his pen and ink drawings of exotics. He is also available to do portraits of individual exotics from photos and an actual look see.

Our program was: Can we successfully breed Exotics? Do we want to? What programs can the club undertake, i.e., educational, informative, or entertaining? Do we want to?

Loralee Vigne discussed the various ways they have tried to breed the ocelots Trilby and Caesar and the advice which she has received from successful breeders. Shirley Nelson has prepared a questionnaire which she will mail to all successful breeders of Exotics in an effort to find a common denominator among breeding cats. If you have successfully bred Exotics and do not get a questionnaire, please write to Shirley Nelson, P.O. Box 5427, S.F., Calif. 94101 and request one. Your help is needed.

The Humane Society of Marin County is putting on a benefit on September 13th. It will be held at the Elks Hall in the garden in the early evening, dinner, fashion show with various animals and a good program. Needs to benefit the Humane Society. Our club will participate in the show and will also sell tickets. This is certainly a worthy cause. We will try to have a hand-out concerning Exotics. Tickets will be \$10.00 to \$12.00 each. Available from Shirley Nelson.

After coffee and doughnuts and a discussion on the various Exotics we moved outdoors so the camera bugs could get some good pictures.

We decided not to advertise in the pet column of the paper again since the response was not good enough to warrant the cost. Instead we will advertise in the Things to Do section and the coming events pet items such as dog and cat shows. We are trying to locate people who are interested in exotics without opening the meetings to the general public who can create more problems than we can solve. We use a phone number instead of the meeting location in order to screen the potential guests. Then we get their name and address and mail them a notice. In this way we get some control



NEXT MEETING

September 7th - 1:00PM. Humane Society of Marin. Notices will be mailed to members. Guests must have a guest card or pay \$1.00. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Shirley Nelson
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Secretary

VITAL STATISTICS

Births (as reported by Shirley Nelson)

On July 23, 1969, 2 kittens were born to Priscilla a 5 year old puma. Father is Tiger a 2 year old puma. Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Matheson. Believe babies are both females. The parents are pets - Tiger was bottle raised and Priscilla is a pet puma. Shortly after the birth, Priscilla was found to have a serious infection cause unknown. The kittens were removed and are being hand raised. 1 week later Priscilla had a dead kitten. Obviously, this was the cause of the infection. The kittens are doing fine and will be for sale for \$350.00. Possibly Bill Engler can give some advice to prevent infections of this type by determining if there are any unborn kittens???

Deaths (as reported by Shirley Nelson) (June & July)

Jaggy - male 2 year old ocelot owned by Ron Bygum. Accidentally got out and hid in the engine compartment of neighbor's car. When car was started Jaggy burned to death.

Margay owned by Mrs. Hee swallowed a plastic baby toy and died.
Ocelot (baby) obtained by Mrs. Hee to replace margay. Succumbed to hookworm infection.



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