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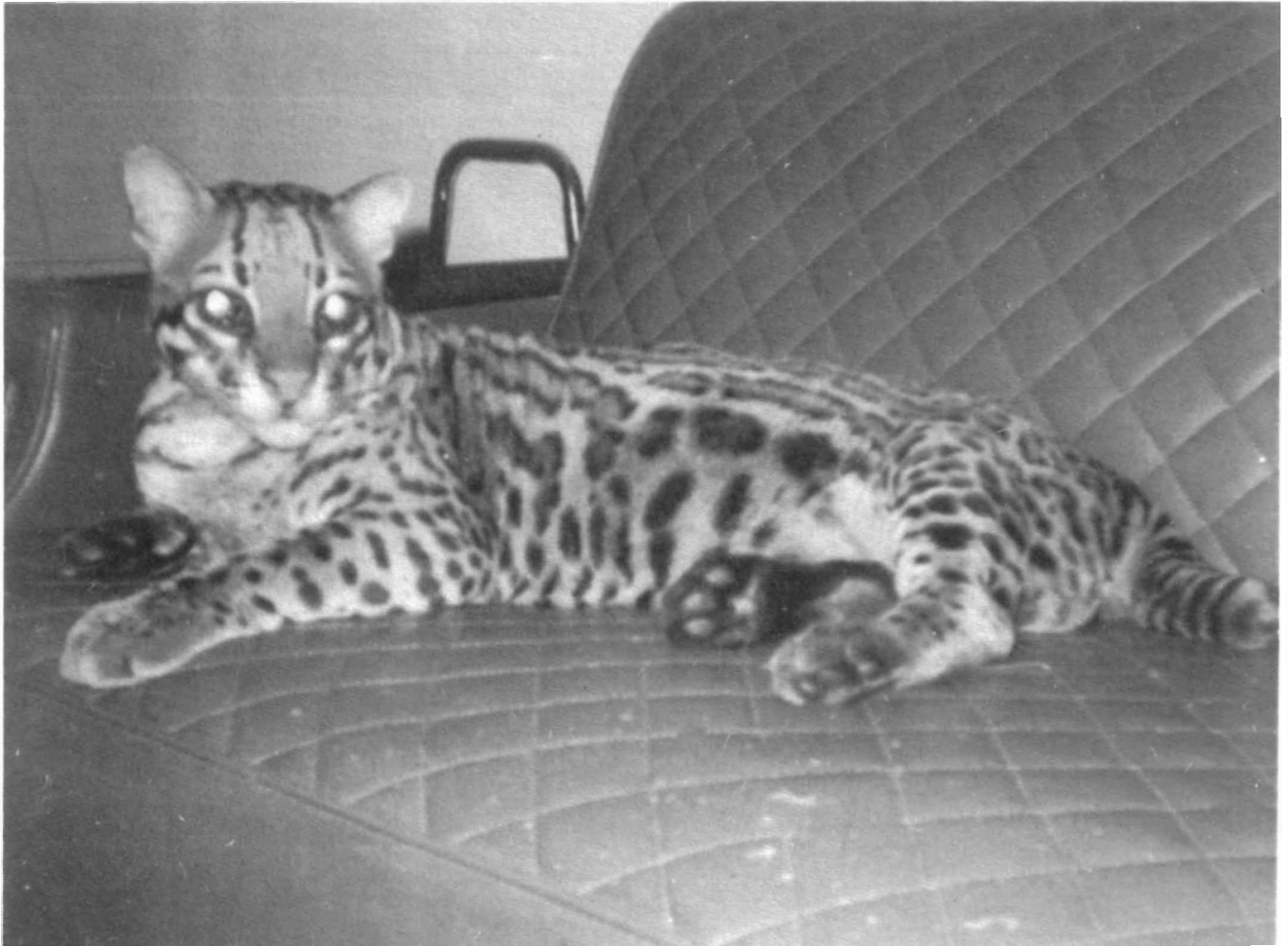
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TINKER BELLE graciously permits Mr. & Mrs. Ray Malyszka, family and an assortment of four legged pals to share her Southern California home. She is a MATRIARCH in LIOC. She was born in July, 1955. At 15 years of age she is, as she always has been, radiantly beautiful. Readers are not to be disturbed by the fact that her tail does not show in the above picture. Tinker's tail is about 5 inches long. Read her story on Page 3.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Wanita Floyd

ONE BROKEN HEART AND A RESOLUTION

Within weeks, despite the finest care and over five hundred dollars in vet bills, I have lost my two ocelots, Simon and Dandi-Lion.

I lost these two fine animals because of mass stupidity. They were allowed, and I emphasize, allowed to die because nobody in a town of one million people knew how to treat an ocelot... or cared to find out. Five consecutive veterinarians were afraid to examine the "wild animals" that cuddled in my arms. It was too dangerous to take blood samples and too much trouble to run stool cultures. A three month old ocelot, whose closest friends were a litter of newborn kittens, is a very dangerous animal. Only when she was too weak to move, did they bravely sample her blood and discovered they were treating the wrong disease. Too late.

Don't feel bad, they said, these dangerous wild animals seldom survive in captivity. What a memorial to the dedicated veterinarians of San Diego County! I have had friends, neighbors and most of my employees who were far more dangerous than my gentle ocelots. Nobody had to run around a desk to escape from Simon, he always behaved like a gentleman. And Dandi-Lion knew ladies didn't scratch.

Nor are the vets entirely to blame, mostly, but not entirely. Once the cause was discovered, they said a transfusion of whole blood would save the animal. Ten hours on the telephone could not turn up one ocelot owner who would admit ownership to a stranger. There are some fifty ocelot owners in San Diego County, I have been told, but I could not buy four ounces of blood at any price. And I would have paid any price! Because of the law, because there is no local club to foster mutual trust between owners, Dandi-Lion died in my arms. First it breaks your heart, then you get mad, and finally you become irrevocably determined.

Something has to be done. Under the guise of protecting animals, the well-meaning authorities (and I use the term loosely) have, in fact, caused the death of two magnificent animals who couldn't possibly have been better cared for or happier. Even the San Diego Zoo, the biggest and finest in the world, apologetically and regretfully admit it is not allowed to help the wild animal lawbreakers. They must live by the law, right or wrong. Laws are vital to our society, but they can be tempered to fit the times... if people care enough to try. We all are fighting the same battle, me in San Diego, you in your city. And with every fight first comes organization.

I would like to make this appeal to all L. I. O. C. members. If you know any owners of exotic felines in the San Diego area, please ask them to get in touch with me. Maybe we can't admit our pets publicly, but we can organize to help ourselves. As a group, loving animals and trusting each other, we can accomplish miracles medically and legally. I'm a fiction writer -- not a lawyer or a vet -- but I've got enough stubborn determination for six Missouri mules. It's a start. I'll contribute the time and do the organizing, if you San Diegans will contribute your trust. Discretion is assured and help on the way. (Continued on Page 7.)



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The writing of "Paper No. 6" by Robert Baudy of Rare Feline Breeding Compound, Center Hill, Florida, has been delayed by pressing, world-wide demands on his time.

He therefore asks that he be forgiven for not presenting his paper for this November issue of the Newsletter

Paper No. 6 is promised for the January issue (Vol. 14 #1). Here, in the position where the paper would have been expected, to enlighten readers and to quicken their interest, Dr. Michael Balbo's illustration of this appealing feline is presented.

This illustration will reappear with the text of "THE SERVAL (*Leptailurus serval*) in the January Newsletter.

-- Editor
LIOC Newsletter



SERVAL (*Leptailurus serval*)

TINKER BELLE'S STORY

It hardly seems possible that Tinker Belle has enriched the lives of mankind for the fifteen years of her stay with us. The first time I learned of Tinker was early in 1957 when Ray and Jill Malyszka, then of Buffalo, N. Y., joined the Long Island Ocelot Club. Her story has developed over the years.

Ray and Jill bought Tinker in California when she was about 18 months old and weighed 25 pounds. Her previous owner who was a salesman reported that her tail was reduced to a preposterous five inches one day when Tinker got it caught in a refrigerator door. She has never since missed the remainder of her tail, nor has its loss marred her beauty in any way.

In 1956 Jill took her to a veterinarian to have her fangs removed. He found them "too secure at her age" to remove them without danger of fracturing her jaw, so he filed them down. (More later on the consequences of this decision.)

Tinker participated in the show that year (1956) of the "Frontier Feline Fanciers Association ("cat" cats of course. She shared the cover of their program in a photo showing ocelot and child (Marla Malyszka, then the youngest daughter) sitting on the stairs.

Tinker is an experienced traveller. She attended the LIOC Picnic in Amagansett in 1957, rehearsing for her subsequent trips between east and west coasts. She moved to California in 1961 and made several trips back east thereafter. She has been across the continent in both directions at least three times.

It was during one of their early visits when the Malyszkas met Gene and John Brill and their then young ocelot, Cleopatra. It is not necessarily a part of Tinker's story but it was during

a visit to Buffalo in 1960 when the Malyszkas and the Cisins met Gene and John; Gene who later became energetic and intrepid keeper of the LIOC roster.

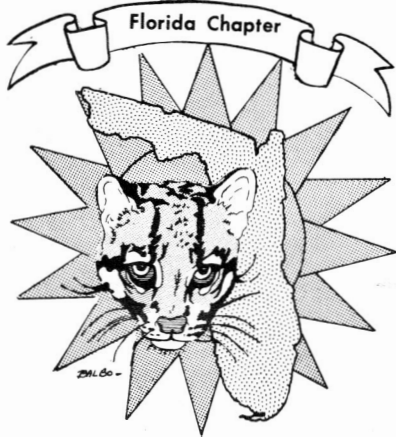
Tinker has had and now has her share of assorted animal brothers and sisters. For a few years Timba, an ocelot for whom Jill traded a sewing machine, shared Tinker's home.

There was the brief, sad interlude of Tisa, domestic born ocelot which the Malyszkas were given by Mrs. Lydia Sporleder of Wilson, N. Y., in 1969 while they were in New York State. The relationship between the little female kitten and the Malyszkas (including four children) was ecstatic until after the trip back to California. Tisa was riding one Sunday afternoon on Jill's lap when suddenly she developed a violent convulsion which lasted perhaps a minute. Then she stiffened out and stopped breathing. Artificial respiration didn't revive her, nor were any of the many veterinarians consulted able to shed any light on her demise. Autopsy revealed nothing.

There was, and still is, Chiki, the delightful bobcat, -- healthy, playful, intelligent and incredibly compatible. And there have been and are a procession of "cat"-cats and dogs. The most recent, 1969, return trip to California found as Tinker's travelling companions: one bobcat, two "cat"-cats and five Malyszkas (unless I missed somewhere on the count.)

The Veterinarians

Tinker has had her share of experiences with veterinarians. There was the time (Continued on P. 8)



REPORTS by Jean Hatfield, Sec.
Florida Chapter of LIOC.

First, a brief addendum to the report of our July 12th meeting. (I would like to thank "Flora" for filling in on such short notice!) We had quite a group that day, too, in spite of the heat. There were 53 people, members, their families and guests, and 9 cats: 2 ocelots, 2 leopards and 5 margays. Attending were Charlie Barrett with margay Jo; Salisburys with Leopard Tami; Lance Giller; Bitsacks with their ocelot; Pursells; Kindts with ocelot, Paco, Don Piechocke with margay Tonya; Mastenbrooks; Winsors; Morrises with margay, Alfie; Davises with margay Tiki; Marilyn Saegert; Hatfields with Leopard, Satana; new members Dr. & Mrs. Sweizy; members from Texas, the John Ebners and of course our hosts the Fairchilds. (Incidentally, they are expecting their first addition to the family in 2 or 3 months)

Most everyone arrived by 1 o'clock and we were indulging in our favorite pastime - talking about our cats. After a while Cynthia and Peter called us for lunch and it would be hard to say which was more appreciated by all, the delicious lunch or the nice, cool air-conditioning. Not all of you found that marvelous cake out in the kitchen: I did! By the time most of you around the country read this it will be November and winter will be well on the way so the idea of air-conditioning may not sound very appealing but believe me it was that day. As a matter of fact, most everyone left earlier than usual because of the heat. Those with cats started the movement toward home and by 3:30 everyone had gone.

Our September 14th gathering was held at the home of Ward and Barbara Price in Orlando. It was a rather gloomy day and it finally did sprinkle on us later in the afternoon, but we still had quite a few folks and from all around the state. There were 41 members and guests present and 11 felines: 3 ocelots, 1 leopard, 1 cheetah, 1 cougar and 5 margays. Also one box full of baby alligators and 2 baby squirrels!!

Members attending were Ken and Taya Bitsack; Herman and Annette Brooks with cougar Cougie; Jerry & Judy Corr; the Cantys; Charles & Sadie Douglas with ocelot Mike; Earl & Peg Freeman; Douglas Gleason; Richard Gleason; Bob and Sandy Hartkopf with ocelot, King; Ken and Jean Hatfield with margays Mittens and

Jo (Barnett); Chuck and Suzie Kindt; Lisa Lawton with margay, Numa; B. J. Lester; Bryan and Ingrid Morris with margay, Alfie; Dave & Sue Salisbury with **Leopard**, Tami; Isaac and Delores Tiktin with cheetah, Shawna; Don Piechocke with margay Tonya; Dee Wilson and our hosts Ward and Barbara Price with ocelot Poncho.

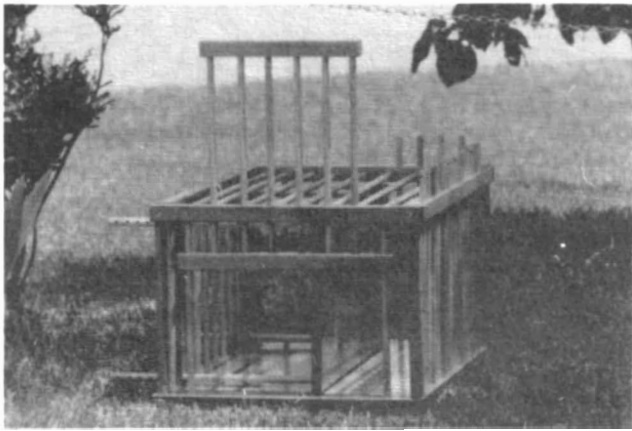
We arrived just before 1 o'clock and within half an hour everyone was there. We settled right down to business -- everyone trying to talk to everyone else, but with so many coming to the meetings lately, that is just about impossible. However, we sure try. There were some we hadn't seen for a while and some we just met. B. J. Lester came down from Jacksonville and took Jo Barrett (m) for a walk during the course of the afternoon and met Don Piechocke with Tonya (m) riding on his shoulder. He, in turn, put her in touch with another man, and now Miss Lester has her own margay to walk around. Lisa Lawton and Numa (m) also joined us for the first time. Numa arrived wearing a flea collar, but at one point there must have been four or five of us talking to Lisa about the possibility of danger from the collar, so she took it off. We know there is some question regarding the danger of the collars, but one chance in a hundred of losing a pet is one chance too many.

We were glad to see the Freemans over from Crystal River and the Hartkops from Tampa joined us, too. We hadn't seen King Hartkopf (o) in quite a long time. He was looking just fine. You'd never know he once had 42 inches of telephone cord in him! The Douglases brought along Mike, their latest addition to the ocelot family. The Gleason brothers would have brought their Rahja (o) also, but they had just gotten a new Volkswagon. He had never been in it before and he just didn't like anything about that little bug, so rather than upset him they left him behind.

The Morrises brought their Alfie (m) down from Gainesville and the Tiktins brought Shawna (cheetah) up from Ft. Lauderdale. Now there is a calm, collected acinonyx. Ken took her for a while so her folks could visit around, and Shawna didn't mind being with a Hatfield, at all. Groups of people would come up and pet her and she thoroughly enjoyed all the attention. The other "big" cat to join us was Tami Salisbury, leopard. She seemed to be coming into season for the first time, rubbing on things and throwing her tail up in the air. Sue told me to watch out, "you never know what she is going to do when that tail goes up." My! that sounds familiar to ocelot owners! I didn't count "Cougie" Brooks (cougar) among the big cats, because she is, at the moment at least, a small bundle of spots just a couple of months old. (She is one of Duchess Salisbury's kittens.) The Prices, our hosts, had Poncho out for a while, but like most of our cats, seemed to get upset at all the strangers invading his home, so he went inside to hide. Our Mittens is rather anti-social, too, so he stayed hidden in the car.

Well, as I said in the beginning, we all try to visit with everyone else, but the afternoon just seems to fly. Part way through, Ward hollered for everyone to some and get it and we took time out for lunch, after which we went back to catching up on what's happening to who. It's always nice to have so many of our feline members at meetings; it is interesting to see how different they all are, and yet how alike.

DON' T FORGET OUR NEXT MEETING on November 9th at the home of Robert and Charlotte Baudy in Center Hill. You have all heard of these folks and read about them, seen their act either at the circus or on television. You have all heard about (continued on page 7.)



THE SQUEEZE CAGE

Many of us have heard of this device, some of us have seen it in use, but without question, every owner of an ocelot, small or large, or a larger cat, should have one.

The squeeze cage serves as an ambulance (to the doctor's office), a restricting device for holding the cat to be treated (it does no harm to the cat even though he will bite into the wood dowels during confinement) and, if desired, it serves as a recovery room after the cat gets back home. It also doubles, when the squeeze board is removed, for a play pen during convalescence where limiting a patient's movements is advisable.

WHERE AND HOW TO GET ONE

The squeeze cage shown above is owned and used for his two ocelots, by Lance Giller of Miami, Florida. Lance has located a carpenter who is ready and willing to make cages on order. Details follow.

Send order to: Lance Giller
The Headline Company
17220 N. W. 2nd Court
N. Miami Beach, Florida 33169

Delivery: about two weeks. \$75 f. o. b. Miami.
Shipping weight approximately 48 pounds.

Description: The cage is furnished in unfinished wood, unpainted and unvarnished. Removable dowels on one and one half sides only, permit the veterinarian to isolate part of animal to be treated and to do so without effective argument from the patient. The squeeze board is removable from top (through dowels or through front when cage is open)

Inside dimensions of the cage are approximately 16" or 17" high, 21" wide and 33" long. The smaller cats (in the 20 to 30 pound range) are better with the 16" cage. The 17" cage will handle 30 to 45 pound cats. A brief description of the cat including age, species, weight and height at shoulders (cat in natural posture on all fours) would make selection of the proper height cage easy.

Mrs. Jeanne Sellers, 1428 -39th Street, Sacramento California 95816, has ordered a cage for Fresca, her 2-1/2 year old ocelot who has a problem with regrowing claws and a running vendetta with her veterinarians.

COUGAR CAPITAL of the World

This is the way David Salisbury (Chief of LIOC-Florida) identifies Cambridge Drive in Cocoa, Fla, the home of the Salisburys and their expanding family of "Royal Cougars". These are: PRINCE, PRINCESS, DUCHESS and a second PRINCESS, the latter belonging to the Florida Fish and Game Commission, on loan to Dave to be serviced by Prince. "Seminole" Princess was raised by a seminole indian. Like Prince, she is a native Florida Puma, a diminishing species.

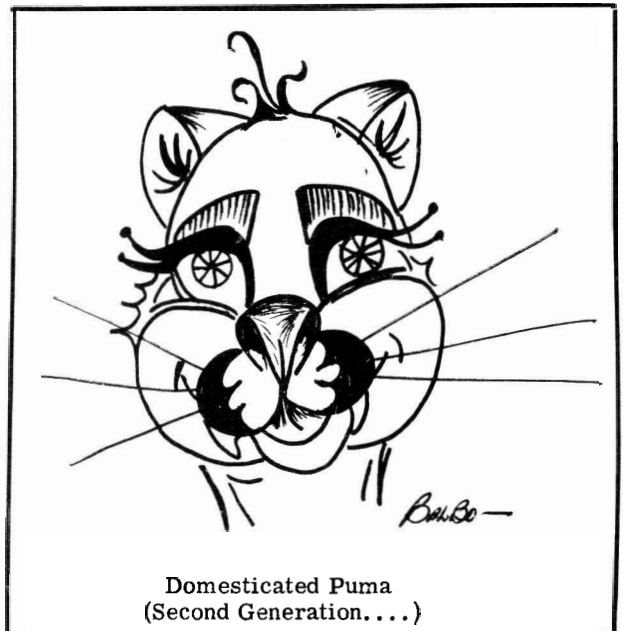
So, there are four adult pumas on Cambridge Drive. Prince is truly a busy cougar, having serviced not only the Seminole Princess, but Duchess and Princess as well. It is hoped that Seminole Princess will deliver a few Florida pumas in early December, following the example of the other two females in Dave's Cougar Compound. Duchess produced three fine kittens, two males (which have since found homes in California) and one female (who now lives with Hermon Brooks in Orlando,

Princess' sole little kitten was born 8/17/69 with a slightly enlarged head and seemed later to have difficulty balancing himself. He had made considerable progress by the time he was a month old. **Dave is certain her next litter will be fine.** "We will be producing several litters of puma kittens a year now," he says. Some of these will be second generation domesticated pumas.

While he is not at "work" at home, Prince is moonlighting. He goes to Lincoln-Mercury new car showings within travelling distance of Cocoa, even as far afield as Baltimore. Dave is his chauffeur, manager and handler.

And Leopards too.??

The Salisburys' famed, incredibly tame leopard, Tami, is soon to discover she has a black mate, just as soon as Dave can arrange it with Robert Baudy of Center Hill, and the black kitten will have a chance to mature.





"TABLE" TIPS FOR BOBCATS

Betty Bevis, 729 S. Krome Avenue, Homestead, Fla 33030, reporting on her "Tiger Bob", now three year old Bobcat:

"He is still a picture of health and just as full of fun and vitality as ever. He eats lots of chicken, fish, kidneys, liver, gizzards and "Tabby Treat" and a certain type of green grass for salad -- only one with sticky fuzz on the stem. No other grass will do."

"Oh," Betty continues, "and also boiled eggs -- I found this out through accident one day when I tossed him one to play with. After a few seconds of fun, he chomped right into it, eating everything except the shell which easily sheds from the egg after a bit of rolling around. Since that time he often gets an egg for a between meal snack. The yellow goes first."

Secure in the memory of LIOC, is the famous bobcat, Snoopy, who belonged to now deceased Roy Kerle of Kansas City, Kansas. Snoopy once wrote about his hard boiled eggs. His master boiled a pot of eggs and spread them on a paper for Shooopy who readily shelled and demolished the eggs. Snoopy has lived with Bill Engler for the past three years, incidentally.

OCEBOB, BOBELOT

or whatever you choose to call them, they are with us and AVAILABLE!

Gertrude Troop of Troop's Pet Shop, P.O. Box 51, Bruni, Texas (Phone: 512 747 5255) who is a new LIOC member, advises that she has had and will have from time to time, ocelot x bobcat kittens bred from her Mexican Ocelot and a Texas bobcat. Both parents are about four years old. Ocebob kittens sell for \$200 each. During the summer months, and occasional at other seasons, she offers bobcat kittens at \$75 each.

FENWYCK AND HIS STORYS HAVE RELOCATED.

Ginny Story now of Southern California owns Fenwyck, an ocebob in addition to an ocelot and a puma. They enjoyed residence in Northern California until objections were lodged to their pets. The local LIOC went to "bat" for them and the "case" was won. But the victory was "no victory" because the next door neighbor made life too miserable for all concerned.

Mrs. Story has exchanged letters with Dr. Thuline of Buckley Washington who visited Fenwyck to affirm the authenticity of his double ancestry and was duly impressed that he is, indeed, a hybrid. In conjunction with Fenwyck's veterinarian, Dr. Thuline will study the results of several tests of blood enzymes and chromosomes. We suspect Dr. Thuline is investigating the possible sterility, or possible productivity of these hybrids.

As a starter, Seymour, the Storys' whole female ocelot will soon be of age, and from all indications is interested in Fenwyck. (NEWS Continued on P 7.)

TRANSPORTATION

"We recently purchased a used mail van," writes Mary Ellen Tracy, Coordinator of the Pacific Northwest Branch of LIOC (6712 N.E. Sandy Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97213) "which is an excellent thing for transporting the big cats (or any size cat for that matter.) The mail vans have sliding chain link doors between the driver and the back. They are entirely metal in the back with no elaborate padding for the cats to chew or claw. They are very spacious and have side vents for air and a window in the roof for light. We bought it at a government auction. So far it's still blue and white, but I'm tempted to paint it zebra striped!"

FLEAS?? THIRST??

John Paramore, Bothell, Washington member, has two solutions to ever present problems tried and tested on his nearly adult ocelot, "Cholo".

"My ideas involve water and fleas," writes John. "water and fleas. In the case of water, I've had a problem which I no doubt share with most ocelot owners. Cholo thinks that water is good for everything but drinking. The cure was a lever-operated faucet called "LIXIT", which I spotted in a pet store and installed temporarily in Cholo's outside cage. Now I have the satisfaction of knowing that drinking water will remain just that.

"We had, at one time," continues John, "a real problem with fleas. Our dog and our Siamese were walking meal tickets and no amount of spraying, dusting or washing seemed to help for more than a week. Finally, on advise of friends who operate a cattery here we tried a thing made by Shell, and called 'No Pest Strip.' And does that thing work? We washed the cats and dog, changed the bedding and gave a quick spraying to most offensive areas and -- WE HAVEN'T SEEN A FLEA in over two years."

WAITING ON LINE

Mr & Mrs. Wes LaMuska of Rolling Meadows, Illinois report about their 18 month old girl-ocelot: "Our Bambi is doing just great. She is completely a riot and a monkey and most lovable. We really have had good luck with her. She trained 'going potty' in the toilet (people toilet) right away. In the morning it's a race among the three of us, the winner getting to the bathroom first!"



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THE HATFIELD HAREM

"We now have," writes Jean Hatfield, 1991 S.W. 136th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, "three whole female ocelots. We would like to buy one or two males, (unaltered, of course) adult, if possible, cats people can-not keep any longer as a pet for one reason or another."

"We would offer a good home with plenty of food, plenty of patient understanding; expert medical attention and, last but not least, plenty of female companionship."

THE BUDDING AUTHORS (AUTHORESSES?)

Marilyn Webb, 636 Southdale Way, Woodside, California 94061, whose poetry LIOC members have enjoyed in the Newsletter, has finished the first draft, except for the thoroughly planned last chapter of her book, MEMOIRS OF CHATITA, A Mystical Mexican Cat. Of course, the book is by Chatita reflecting humanity in all its moods, the beautiful and the ugly. I have been privileged to read this first draft (which to me looks ready for the publisher) so I now know the many moods and inner observations of a little margay who has, for the past half dozen years, lived many margay generations.

And Arnette Barnett, new member in Catskill, N. Y., has finished and has submitted her technical, very comprehensive book on Cheetahs to a potential publisher. When it is accepted and published, Arnette will tell us. LIOC will learn about it through the Newsletter, as well as through the formal publicity which will be afforded it by the publisher.

---- C.C.

ODORMUTE (Self Explanatory)

Dr. Michael Balbo has spotted an item in "Your Family Pet", Maxwell Riddle's syndicated newspaper column, which will be of intense interest to members in constant search of odor eliminators. **Odor maskers** and "silencers" have been tried by all cat owners. But now, a product which will destroy odors, including the spray of a skunk, and urine of lions and tigers in zoos. **It is made of a blend of enzymes. It is available very often in pet and department stores. It is manufactured by RYTER CORP, P O Box 190, Madelia, Minn, 56062. If readers who want to try Odormute (and who doesn't??) and can't find it at the retail level, please write directly to the manufacturer, RYTER CORP.**

BOOK

Joy Adamson's new book, The Spotted Sphinx, the story of the Cheetah, is now on the market for \$7.95, published by Harcourt, Brace & World, 757 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y.

GUEST EDITORIAL (Continued from Page 2.)

The tragedy happened to me this time. Next week it could be you and yours. How would you like to sit by the telephone for ten hours asking for help and four ounces of blood... until your pet died in your arms? **THINK ABOUT IT!** If we had a local branch of LIOC it wouldn't have happened. Due to a lack of interest, tomorrow has been cancelled for them. It needn't happen to you.

Simon and Dandi-Lion can never be replaced in my life. Simon was the only man in my life and Dandi-Lion all the love a lonely gal needed. If I was sad, they clowned and chirped me happy again. If I was happy, they were ecstatic with bounding wall-to-wall joy. Some day I'll have another pair of ocelot kittens, although the new regulations against imports has made the day seem far away... but I promise you, the next ones won't die from stupidity, disinterested people, or four ounces of blood.

LIOC-EXOTICAT OF SAN DIEGO is open to membership! Please contact your exoticowner friends in the San Diego area and invite them to join us. They won't be sorry, and Simon and Dandi-Lion won't have died in vain.

Wanita Floyd
General Delivery
Alpine, California

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REPORT OF MEETING, FLORIDA Branch of LIOC September 14, 1969 in Orlando (Continued from P 4.)

their many animals at their Rare Breeding Compound which will be the location for the November 9th meeting.

But maybe I'd better warn you to be careful! Ken and I went last year when the meeting was at the Baudys' -- and now we're owned by a skinny, black, tail-less leopard critter. **Of course, we wouldn't take a million for her!**

So, let's see you all on November 9th?

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hatfield, Sec. LIOC-Florida
1991 S.W. 136 Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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.

TINKER BELLE'S STORY (Continued from P.3)

when Jill and Ray took her in for a shot to dissolve cystic ovaries. It became a harrowing experience when Tinker had to be anesthetized for the shot. She remained unconscious for 2-1/2 days.

Much later, Tinker, now resident of California, developed a very high and dangerous fever due to abscessing of one of her canine roots some time after the tooth had been filed down. Jill and Ray rushed her to Bill Engler who proceeded to remove the offending root. At one time during the surgery, Tinker's heart stopped. Happily she was revived.

Her very latest visit to the doctor's office (in 1969) is described by Jill:

"Our trip home to California was rather upsetting. Before we left Buffalo, I noticed that Tinker didn't look right. On the west side of Cleveland, we stopped to eat. We found that Tinker was in a stupor. She seemed neither to hear us nor to see us. Ray and I thought she was dying.

"Our next thought was how we could get help for her. We dug out the 'blue book' (listing of exotic-experienced veterinarians prepared and distributed by Robert Peraner, Somerville, Mass, after canvassing LIOC membership.) The nearest vet was Columbus which was not too far away. We stopped at the edge of town and called Dr. Nancy Blanchard who referred us to Columbus Zoo.

"Ray called and spoke to Dr. Don Farst who was very sympathetic and very interested. He did not have an office practice. While it was highly irregular, he asked that we bring Tinker to the service entrance and he would look at her in the car. When we arrived we were cordially greeted by the guard and escorted to the zoo hospital where Dr. Farst immediately met us. He came to the car and asked if Tinker could be brought in. Ray reached in the car and picked her up. She appeared to be in a semi-unconscious state, offering no resistance at all.

"They put her on the table. The doctor examined her heart and lungs which were normal. He looked in her mouth and said it looked a little yellow. Her temperature was 102. When the doctor took the thermometer out, Tinker suddenly gained all consciousness. She got up, sprayed the walls and left a feces specimen which the doctor found normal.

"With the help of four attendants and Ray, they injected 2 cc of Bicilon and 1 cc of Injacom. (:Remember, these spellings are a layman's!)

"Of course we don't know what was wrong with her, but the medication must have been right! So we say: 'Hats off' to the Columbus Zoo, particularly Dr. Farst who is very interested in exotic animals and 'Hats off' to Bob Peraner's 'Blue Book' which we feel saved Tinker's life."

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In all her eventful years, Tinker has not visibly aged. We all know everything in nature ages in many unseen aspects. We hope that timeless Tinker will

enrich us for many, many years to come. Her place in the annals of LIOC and in the memories of her legion of friends, is indelibly etched. And we all fully appreciate that Tinker Belle reflects in her well being, the boundless love of Ray and Jill and the people and creatures who surround her. □

-- Catherine Cisin

OCELOTS IN ART



(Madame Butterfly)

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.



REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

by Roger P. Kitchens
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July 26, 1969 at the home of Mr & Mrs. Rob Morgan.

Our meeting this month was held again at the home of Rob and Coreen Morgan. It would be very good if more members could volunteer their homes for our club meetings. The Morgans have a wonderful place for meetings, but it just isn't fair to impose on them too much.

Anyway, as usual, the meeting was very delightful. We missed the Lairds at this meeting. We have finally, and officially alleviated the Lairds of presidential responsibilities of our Club. Again, we wish to thank them for their service to make Cal-Val what it is today.

At this meeting we had a number of cats including ocelots, margays, our big girl, "Candy", a puma (the owner of Matt Rackow), jungle cats, and our little three pounder that most of our members prefer to call an on-cilla.

John Jackson served as spokesman at this meeting and a discussion between Club members and John resulted in a 6-party Steering Committee. We feel this is a wonderful idea and wish we'd thought of it sooner. **It would** have eased quite a load for Dick and Audrey Laird long ago.

After the meeting we made for the nearest table spread with our potluck lunch. I think we're going to have to start eating first: too much anxiety! **It was a very** delicious lunch, as usual, and after we all ate there was even some left over. After the lunch we raffled off an electric knife, brought by Matt Rackow. It was won by Sonny Charbonneau.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 21, at "The River's End," east of Saugus. There is a stand for cold beverages, shade trees and plenty of water for the cats (a stream and two ponds.) Our guest speaker will be DVM Paula Pattengale.

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This meeting, our third-year Anniversary Meeting, was very special in more ways than one. Thanks to our newly organized Steering Committee, we had three very interesting speakers and probably a bigger variety of exotic cats than we have ever had in attendance at any one meeting.

First to talk was Paula Pattengale, D. V. M., whose speech concerned conservation of wildlife, namely cats. Cats of the world facing almost certain extinction were named as well as those in serious danger of extinction. Fortunately, ocelots were not included in either of these categories at present, but due to the mention of their relatively uncommon breeding habits in captivity, a few of us were left with red cheeks and sore toes. At any rate, Dr. Pattengale's data was very informative and interesting, perhaps giving ocelot owners of the Cal-Val Chapter an incentive to work harder for ocelot breedings.

James Donaldson was our next speaker. He is one of the nation's top naturalist photographers and insect men. Not much was said about bugs, but Jim did relate some very interesting experiences he had while filming animals in the Amazon jungles. He also brought with him a very rare little animal from Peru called the "olinga." **This little omnivore** closely resembles the kinkajou, also South American. However, the olinga does not have a prehensile tail and at 15 years, the olinga is quite small compared to an adult kinkajou.

Next to speak was Frank Inn, one of the nation's top animal trainers. From what we've seen of his animals, we think he is the top! One example of his well-trained animals is little Arnold, the pig of "Green Acres" who won the "Best Animal Actor of the Year" award for Frank last year. Congratulations, Frank!

Frank's talk consisted mostly of incidents and dilemmas with his animals before cameras. Questions and answers were conducted after the talk, mostly concerning Frank's baby chimpanzee who was draped around his neck throughout the meeting.

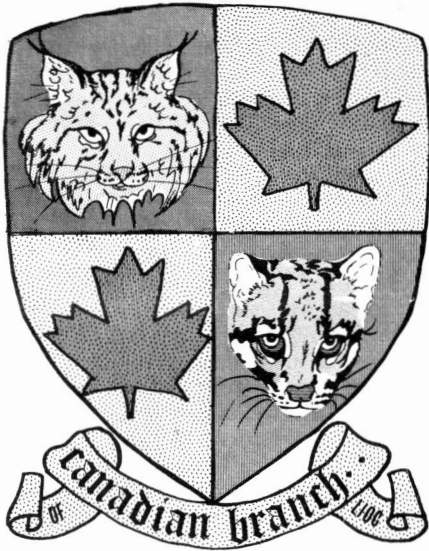
Among felines at this meeting were pumas, ocelots, margays, chaus cats, hybrid siamese x lesser leopard cats, an on-cilla, jaguarundi and felis catus - (plain old beautiful house cat). **We were also very happy** to have at this meeting the only golden cat known to us to represent his species in LIOC. This 8 month old cat, "Flower," was precious, -- not only tame, but as loveable as a little golden cat from Thailand could be. We're really proud to have her in our membership.

Toward the end of the meeting our raffle was held and winning ticket holders were Jan Giacinto who won a beautiful set of tumblers (bottoms up, Jan!), and Gordon Crafts who won a magnificent ceramic tiger.

After the meeting everyone ate good home-cooked lunches and socialized.

We wish to thank the speakers for their very interesting contributions to this meeting and hope to have each of them at future meetings. In fact, we hope so much that we have made them all honorary members!

Respectfully submitted: Roger P Kitchens



REPORT OF NON-SCHEDULED MEETING By:
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A local contingent of the Canadian Branch of LIOC enjoyed an impromptu meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Thomas in Manotick on Tuesday, August 26th. Present were: Our Coordinators: Brenda and David Herd from Montreal, with their four baby jaguarundi; Ann Gray from Ottawa with her margay, Gatto; Lisa Westland from Hull, Quebec whose Margay, "Schnuckles" is presently at the home of the Grays; Janet Thomas with margay Charlie Brown in residence, plus margay kitten, Terry Thomas who expects to become Terry Thomas Westland. The six week old jags, placed in Terry's 4 x 4 play pen, were the center of attraction to all but Gatto who gazed through them with mature detachment from a calculated perch. Charlie Brown was properly inquisitive, issuing misplaced love calls; Terry scrambled upside down on all sides of the mesh enclosure at top speed; and the explosive little quartet of jags spat appropriately between naps.

The major business at hand: In order to ease some of the load in their efforts to consolidate a widely scattered membership in Canada, David and Brenda Herd decided to appoint temporary officers. Those present agreed to addume the following posts until such time as enough members can become acquainted with one another to realize an election:

Lisa Westland, President
 Janet Thomas, Secretary
 Anne Gray, Treasurer.

Canada is a tremendous expanse and planning meetings at a geographically fair point is almost impossible, but we are encouraging members who are within reasonable distance from each other, to meet and to pass on, by letter, any constructive ideas, arguments, questions, news or progress. Hopefully in this way some of our thoughts can be crystallized and we can become a tangible credit to our energetic counterparts South of the Border, in the United States,

Several, if not all, members have agreed that foremost among our purposes should be a solid effort to reach non-members, -- ANYWHERE, who may have acquired exotics and do not know of the existence of the LIOC as the only comprehensive source of vital knowledge essential to the survival of their pets. Those who may be aware of it, but are thinking in terms of afternoon teas or exhibitions, must be enlightened about the more serious contributions of the club. While the social aspect is totally pleasurable, since we are very special brothers under the skin, coming together with another human being who has suffered and enjoyed the same pangs and delights through the sweet privilege of living with an exotic is uniquely satisfying, beyond that, it is desperately necessary to publicize access to any and all of the assistance which our organization can provide in their care. Our coordinators have facts and figures on the mortality of ocelots and margays in Montreal alone which are staggering.

Realizing that we are, as owners of exotics, investigators of the market for them, in order not to make our love for them a contradiction of their very existence, it rests with us to educate any uninformed owner or potential buyer and ultimately preserve some lives. Just one little one matters enough for all the effort.

We discussed the news media as one means, and veterinarians across Canada as another. If notices about the LIOC meetings were sent to the animal hospitals or clinics, perhaps the doctors could be persuaded to bring them to the attention of their patients' owners.

The third item under discussion was the matter of breeding, which could never be a blanket solution in view of the difficulties involved, and would not be practical for many of us, but it is something we intend to actively encourage where circumstances permit the possibilities. The Herds have been remarkably successful and these other members have definite plans, but we will have more to report on this when we have tabulated the balance of our membership.

We closed our immediate gathering with plans to arrange a meeting for the Fall, armed with items of interest and information to share with members who were unable to attend the Annual Picnic in Amagansett, N. Y.

-- Janet Thomas, Secretary.....

AMONG THE NEWCOMERS: Margay "Terry Thomas" Westland- Whole male, 6 months, from Mexico, belonging to Mrs. Lisa Westland, Hull, Quebec, who will be looking for a mate for him.

MOVED: Margay "Schnuckles" 20 lb. neutered 2 year old female belonging to Mrs. Lisa Westland, Hull, Quebec, reluctantly transferred but welcomed by Mrs. Anne Gray of Ottawa, who reports an amiable relationship with Grays' existing "Gatto". This move was necessary to make room for a breeding pair of margays.

CONGRATULATIONS: to our own veterinarian member, Dr. Jim Hutchinson of Ottawa, who was recently elected President of the Canadian Veterinarian Medical Association.





REPORT OF
MEETING

7/27/69

The July meeting of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN Branch of LIOC was held at 2:00 p.m. on July 27 at the home of Doctor Johnson. The meeting was held in his back yard; those attending were: Don and Terry Kahl and BaaBu; Lois and Wayne White; Judy Sheldon and her margay, Malencie; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rowe and their baby ocelots, BuShaunda and Babujji. The meeting was exceptionally small, perhaps due to the summer, it was a warm day, and perhaps some members were on vacation or in the mountains cooling off, or perhaps due to Don Kahl's sending everyone the wrong address. However, we tried to correct the address mishap by putting Terry's car on the street with a large sign advising everyone of the correct meeting address.

Since it was quite a warm day and the doctor had a swimming pool full of water, some of the pets decided (at the request of their owners) to go for a little swim. The first cat into the water was the Rowes' ocelot, Babujji. She seemed to enjoy the water in the pool so much and was such a good swimmer, she invited her brother, BaaBu, for a swim, also. However, BaaBu, having never swum before, was somewhat reluctant to go in, and I had to encourage him by pulling him in with his collar and leash on. He at first thought he was a submarine and tried to stay under water, but after finding out he could not breathe under water, he decided to surface and turned out to be the Johnny Weismuller of the feline family. I tried to encourage him to go in for a second time, but he declined.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe commented on the destructiveness of their kittens in their room. Since their room has a door on it, the kittens do not feel they should be hindered by this man-made contraption, they have been systematically removing it. The Rowe's, however, are reenforcing the door as quickly as supplies and materials will permit.

Judy Sheldon's margay, Malencie, decided to supervise the meeting and promptly climbed to the lowest limb of a rather large tree and amused herself by peeking over and around various limbs on the tree at the proceedings below her.

BaaBu was chagrined to find that he was the only male cat attending the meeting and has requested his owners to encourage more male cats to become members. He has come to the conclusion this is a woman's world.



REPORT OF
MEETING - 8/17/69

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
BRANCH OF LIOC

By Mary Ellen Tracy,
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The August 17th meeting was the largest ever. The meeting was hosted by Sandy Director and margay, Lover at the Tracy's in Boring, Oregon. Members attending were Walter Billings and puma, Panther; Mr. & Mrs. Paramore and male ocelot, Cholo; Dale Pender and ocelot, Brutus; Mrs. Happel and female ocelot Samelita; Mr. Coffman with male puma; Herb Wilton with female ocelot; and the Tracys with lions, Shurze, Cheefun and Lung Jou and lioness, PuKung Yin and jaguar Kwai Moa and the Animal Relief Society ocelot, Caesar. Members without cats included the Karpows (puma) whose cat doesn't like cars, and the Gees and the Adamsons. Special guest was Eleanor Boxx, reporter with the Oregon Journal. I think we have gained a convert because as she left, Eleanor asked if we thought an African Lioness would be too large for her because this species was her big love.

All the cats got on well with the other cats and with the people. Sharon Coffman's 15 month old puma was really surprisingly friendly considering he was obtained from the wild at the age of 7-1/2 months. She has done an excellent job, but gives most of the credit to the cat.

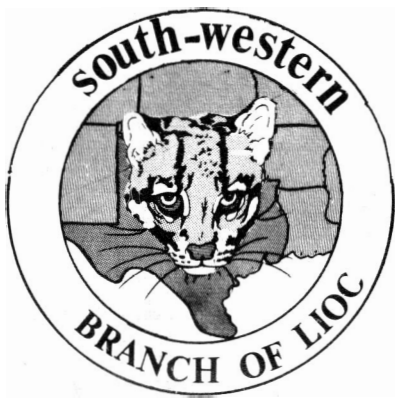
Lunch consisted of potato salad, chicken and champagne. Also, the new soft drink SIMBA was sampled by all. A short business meeting was held. The product, ZuPreem Feline (Hill Packing Co.,) was discussed as a balanced diet for cats. An article on "Nutritional Secondary Hyperparathyroidism" in the May, 1969 issue of Veterinary Medicine, small animal clinician, was passed around. Bill Hodge said he would bring samples of Zu-Preem to the meeting, but he was unable to attend. One member mentioned having no success in getting her puma to eat ZuPreem. Whole chickens are also recommended in the article and the cats find them more appealing.

The article on the leopard cat in CAT FANCY magazine was brought to the members' attention. Havahart live-traps were shown. Copies of LAND ALIVE were passed around. It contained an article on "The Case for Exotic Pets". Even though it is devoted largely to the chimpanzee, it's nice to read something for exotic pets.

The 1968 Animal Census report of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums was discussed and handed around. Species listed are those considered endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The only cats listed are: the Florida Cougar, the Sumatran Tiger and the Siberian Tiger.

Plans for the next meeting were indefinite at the August 17th meeting, and were not formulated at the time this Newsletter went to Press (October.) Winter is creeping in on the great Northwest, limiting our plans for the present.

Mary Ellen Tracy



Meeting 10/4/69
New Orleans, La.

Our meeting was held at the Derbigny Plantation Place in the bayou country of New Orleans. The setting was a great flowing lawn and lots of great oak trees. We had nearly thirty members and guests attending and as is our usual "thing", there was the excitement of seeing all the exotics and the greetings of our widely separated membership.

The President called the meeting together and our Sec. Treas., Susan Martin read the minutes of the last meeting. We had an all-around introduction of all members and guests with those attending telling something of their pets. The Ebners then told the folks about their trip to Florida and the visit they had with so many Floridians attending the LIOC-Florida meeting. They told of their visit with Dave Salisbury and his wife, Sue, to the Baudy's Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Center Hill.

We next had some discussion concerning the next meeting place. The trip we all had planned might be in doubt since our fellow member and potential host at the Oklahoma City Zoo told us that he may be leaving there for another position. When confirmed, this information will be sent to the South-Western membership at some later date.

Since the historian, Genevieve Ebner, is in the fur and skin business, she gave us an inside look into the use of wild animal pelts and particularly those of rare felines. Since the conservationists and some of the leading garment designers are concerned about the future loss of these cats, they are very much against the use of spotted cats, etc. in the fur business. Since there are many kinds of furs produced by animal farming which are much valued and in no danger of being wiped out, these are the pelts they will be leaning toward in styling. In this same vein of thought, most of our members are working towards the breeding and propagation of exotics from their pets, to help justify our owning our pets. **Such cats would remain in family surroundings, as private pets.**

We then had the big surprise with the presentation by Dr. Roger Harmon of a beautiful plaque to President Johny Ebner. His words were "To Johny for his efforts and thoughts in the creation of the LIOC's South-Western Branch, and for serving as the President this past year." The President expressed his surprise and thanks, assuring everyone that his efforts **have been very rewarding and much fun too.** The welcome mat is out at the Ebners in Wichita Falls to all LIOC people to come by and see them and their cats and now, -- the beautiful plaque.

At the next meeting, there will be the election of officers for the coming year. There will be a committee appointed to bring a slate of nominees to the next meeting.

The supper call was then made by our super hosts, Spence and Red Dillon and also Rick and Clara LeBlanc. No one had to be asked a second time to come since the teasing aroma of barbecued sausages and other goodies was all around us. We sure do thank the Stewart Collenbergs for the use of Derbigny Plantation.

We had several cats attending, including our old faithful Safari, the Harmon's jaguar. Howard Havens African Lion, Rufus, Jerry and Susan Neal's puma, Cheka and their margay Princess; Lajoie Gomez brought his margay, Koko and there was the Ebners' little margay, Cinnamin.

We were all invited later in the evening to attend a very well planned cocktail party given both out-of-towners and local members and guests in the home of the LeBlancs. Rick and Clara sure did make us feel welcome to New Orleans and provided all the opportunity to get our usual visiting done.

I feel that we must all again thank the Dillons for all their work in our meeting at the plantation and for the great meal there, too. Those not attending our meetings are for sure much the losers. We're having lots of fun hearing about our exotics -- and each other, too!

Respectfully,

John C (Johny) Ebner.

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.



"GREAT Gathering," "GREAT Picnic," were words echoed throughout the day, as new friendships were made between people and pets.

Co-Hostess, ocelot "Tercera," was, no doubt, weary from preparations for the picnic. She chose to remain in seclusion (Garbo fashion) in her unique feline apartment (also known as "Terry's Cat House"), permitting visitors to view her, but otherwise remaining aloof.

The tempo of the day continued into the evening when many members who were "staying over" met for dinner, sans pets.

The following Cities, States and Provinces were represented at the picnic:

Connecticut (Norwalk)
 Florida (Miami)
 Indiana (Crawfordsville)
 Long Island (Amagansett, Forest Hills, Huntington, Patchogue, Queens, Roslyn and Seaford.)
 Massachusetts (Somerville)
 New Jersey (Clifton, Elizabeth and Hackensack.)
 New York (Buffalo and Rome)
 Ohio (Canfield, Delaware and Sandusky)
 Pennsylvania (Midland)
 Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec

In short, this was considered to be one of the most successful LIOC Annual Picnics ever attended.

Submitted by:

Barbara Orden

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On Saturday, September 20th, the Annual LIOC Picnic was held in Amagansett, Long Island, hosted by Catherine and Harry Cisin, and "Tercera."

The Attendance Record (70 is a close count) reads more like a National Convention than an annual picnic (see next to last paragraph below).

Despite the distances covered to reach this annual event, no one appeared travel-weary. Members lapsed into the ever-familiar chatter, discussions and comparisons, amidst a wall-to-wall lawn of exotic felines. A black domestic short-hair ("Bituminous," from New Jersey) blended in so well with the exotics his owner had to keep answering questions as to this ringer's species.

Hostess, Catherine Cisin, keeps breaking her own record at these annual affairs. The picnic table was splendid with delectables prepared by Catherine - from baked stuffed clams, baked chicken, salads and all the trimmings, to home-baked cakes.

Also for the picnic table, Fred Kling and his family arrived with a most pleasant surprise ---- a 30" x 18" chocolate-covered cake embellished with yellow rosettes, inscribed "Long Island Ocelot Club" and decorated with a ceramic tiger head. A most artistic (and tasty) contribution to the picnic, prepared by Fred Kling, himself.



PLEASE HELP THE BOBCATS

Especially, please help Jackson Chick, Box 183, Somersworth, N.H. 03783, who is about to engage in a battle to protect them from legal hunters in New Hampshire. These are "Bounty Hunters" (yes... in New Hampshire!) who collect \$15 per corpse. Jack Chick has a photograph of the product of one man's hunt: twenty five dead bobcats. Please forward any ammunition you may have to Jack who is about to go to the State Legislature.

And on Sunday Morning

Perhaps not too many had the stamina to give their thoughts to the matters needing consideration, least of all, Tercera's back-up hostess, Catherine! You see, at the end of Saturday's festivities, after everyone had left for the day, an accident sapped her energies. Harry, our host, took a tumble which, it was later learned, resulted in at least two broken ribs. (He is practically back to normal as this News-letter goes to press.)

The "Executive" Bunch

Gene and John Brill, Babs and Bob Peraner, the Canadians: David and Brenda Herd, Jan Thomas and Lisa Westland, returned for an "executive" meeting which was passed over lightly. Bob Peraner gracefully accepted the post of Vice-President which had been relinquished by Mike Balbo. Later, in view of the realization that there is little meaning to a formal title and in view of our growing practice of identifying the staff by titles descriptive of their functions, Bob became "historian", even though the scope of his LIOC work load seems to be as limitless as his energy. Brenda, busily typing her long-awaited report of the birth of the four babies to Herds' pair of jaguarundis, was interrupted when it was time to leave. The Sunday session ended in early afternoon.

Progressive Picnic?

The following day, John and Gene, Jan and Lisa, were back on the road to continue their vacations in Lenox, Mass. They were joined, the next evening by Babs and Bob for a private picnic at the home of Brenda (Lotty sculptress) and Stan Duprey in Lenox.

Carried away by the sheer joy of "going", Gene and John later visited with Jan and Lisa in Ottawa. But -- stay with us. . . . In mid-October the Dupreys and the Peraners continued LIOC festivities at the Brills in Buffalo.

While there may have been many other post-picnic events elsewhere, New England/Canada/New York State were the only ones reported. A "progressive picnic could develop into perpetual motion???? As a matter of fact, if we wait long enough, it will return to home base in Amagansett, another year!

Catherine Cisin

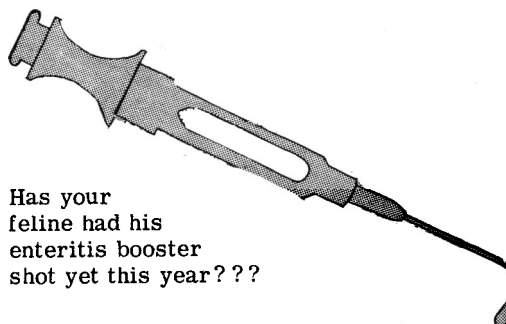


On Saturday, August 23, 1969, at their summer place in Flanders, N. Y., Cathe Westhall and family (including six month old Kevin!) hosted a "bring-it-yourself" cookout, inviting the members of LIOC - Greater New York.

About thirty people showed up, bringing much food for the three great fires which burned brightly at Bill Westhall's command and barbecued the great variety of meat.

We, Catherine and Harry Cisin, arrived fairly early since we knew we could not stay long. We met many old friends and several new ones. We left about 4:00 PM. It was reported that swimmers took to the water later in the day and revellers carried on into the night. Cathe's warm personality proved that this type of non-scheduled gathering definitely has advantage over the usual formal GNY Branch meetings.

So informal was this group that no attention was given to the location for the regular November meeting which is forthcoming and which will be announced to the local members as soon as decision is made.



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



REPORT
of Meeting -
7/9/69

By:
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Our regular meeting was held at the Marin County Humane Society Education Center and attended by 33 members and guests, and 7 Exotics.

In the absence of President, Earl Sparrow, the meeting was opened by Aida Anderson, V.P. There was an extensive discussion regarding publicity - whether to advertise the meeting time and location in the papers and throw the meeting open to the public or whether to retain a restricted meeting with no children under 15 and the liability agreement; whether insurance is a necessity or not if meetings are "open", and whether to lift the moratorium on publicity. Opinion was divided.

The following motions passed: eliminate the offices of President and Vice President, eliminate parliamentary procedure, officer (secty.-Treas.) can hold office only once and must be a member of the club for 6 months prior to the election.

Zu-Preem was discussed. I obtained 6 cans free from Mr. Jerry K. Houghlan, Hill's Division, Riviana Foods, 401 Harrison St., Topeka, Kansas 66603. The Zu-Preem was tried on several ocelots, a jaguar, a fishing cat and a mountain lion. They all seemed to like it. The Vignes decided to order the minimum amount of the canned Zu-Preem - 20 cases - and they will sell some to other club members who are interested, either by the case or by the can. Since this is a completely balanced diet, no supplements are necessary and the cost is about 25¢ per can. There is also a frozen style available but we did not test this type.

Members were urged to attend the First Annual Animal Gala on September 27th - sponsored by the Humane Society - tickets \$7.50 each. This event went off as scheduled and was very successful. It included a fashion show participated in by members of the various animal clubs in the area modeling clothes while accompanied by a pet from their club. There was a delicious dinner, professional models, and dancing. Ocelots Caesar and Trilby owned by the Vignes were the hit of the show.

Our annual banquet will be held November 15th at the Marina Chuckwagon in San Francisco. Our speaker will be Ronald Reuther of the San Francisco Zoo (Director) and the movie will be "The Cat" featuring the mountain lion. Reservation forms will be sent to members and must be in one week before the banquet. Filet mignon or prime rib will be our menu.

Election of officer (only 1 officer) will be held at the banquet. Members must be present to be nominated since they have option of accepting or declining.

Coffee and doughnuts were served to conclude our meeting.

Shirley Nelson
Shirley Nelson

AMONG THE NEWCOMERS

OCELOTS: TERRIBLE, 8 month old Colombian whole male (Nancy Dean Conrad); TAMI, 8 month old Peruvian female (Mr & Mrs David D. Olive, Iquitos, Peru); BRANDY, neutered male three year old -- not really a newcomer, but a new owner: (Mr & Mrs James Stopherd, Clifton, N.J.) TIGRE, 30 pound Mexican whole male now breeding with bobcats (Gertrude Troop, Bruni, Texas 78344); DIONYSIUS, 8 month old Nicaraguan male (Mrs. Aloha Vella, Coral Gables, Fla.) TABU, neutered female four-year old (Richard Ware, Deltona, Fla. 32763); ROWDY, Colombian male (Mr & Mrs. Peter B. Waters, Rome, N.Y. 13440); CILLI, 10 month old whole female (Herb Wilton, Portland, Ore.)

MARGAY: SHEENA, Nicaraguan female about six months old, (Dr. & Mrs. R. A. Swiezy, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33311)

BOBCATS: BABY, whole female two year old (Miss Maryjean Wall, Lexington, Kentucky.) Gertrude Troop (listed above under "Ocelot" has several bobcats and several OCEBOBS, (Bruni, Tex.)

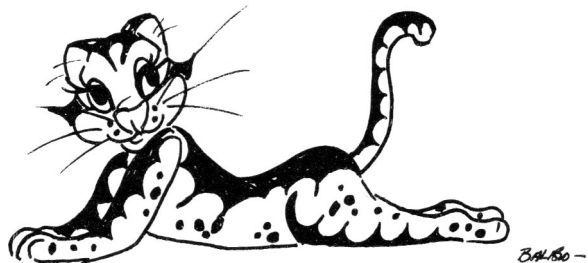
CHEETAH: PRINCE, nearly two years old, male and unaltered from Somaliland, (Arnette Barnett, Catskill, N. Y. 12414)

LEOPARD CAT x Siamese: LASIA, 7 month whole female, (Diane & Dan Spreen, Portland, Oregon)

AVAILABLES

MARGAY Ten pound "TUCK" will be four years old in January. Unfortunately, Mr. & Mrs. O'Connell will no longer be able to keep their cat and must find a owner for hi m. Tuck is neutered, declawed and defanged. He is friendly. John O'Connell is asking \$200 for Tuck, but since a good home is of primary importance, he is willing to bargain. John's telephone number is 617 892 3627. (Leicester, Mass.)

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