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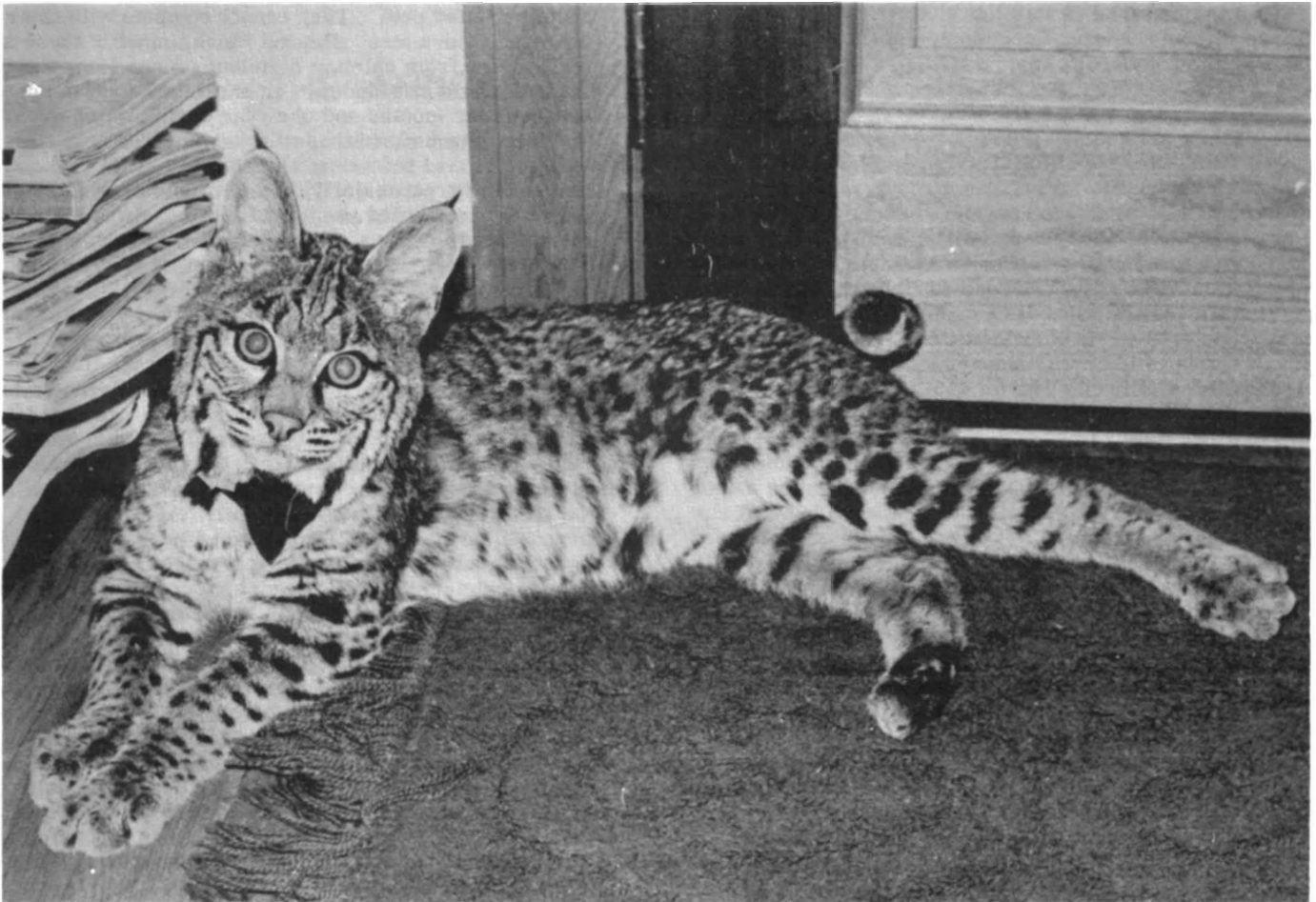
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THIS IS **FUDGE** , YOUNG LYNX RUFUS WHO LIVES WITH MR. JACKSON CHICK AND FAMILY IN SOMERSWORTH NEW HAMPSHIRE,

READ THEIR STORY, "BOBC ATS ARE BEAUTIFUL" -- ON PAGE 5 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.



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## GUEST EDITORIAL

By: Jacqueline McClosky  
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For the past seven years I have been a volunteer "Zoo Mother" at the Lincoln Park nursery. We have raised lions, tigers, leopards, snow leopards, jaguars, pumas, servals, golden cats, leopard cats, caraculs, etc. There are a few conclusions drawn from my experiences which I would like to pass on to the readers of the Newsletter.

Too many people buy an exotic cat (primarily lions since they are relatively cheap), have them defanged and/or declawed and then discover that these cuddly babies grow large and powerful, or hungry and destructive and cause alarm among the neighbors.

What to do now? Give them to the local zoo, of course! Unfortunately, most zoos will not take such mutilated pets. They cannot compete with their "natural" zoo-mates. Beyond which, most of these animals suffer from calcium deficiency since few people realize exotic cats undergo an enormous growth spurt between four months and one year during which period they need much more than milk and meat.

The great majority of LIOC members are knowledgeable, dedicated people but for those who fall outside this category, or are contemplating buying an exotic cat, I wish to stress a few points.

Nobody should buy a wild cat unless they obtain advance nutritional knowledge and the services of a veterinarian specifically experienced in the field of exotics. Their medicine, treatment and diagnosis is quite apart from the requirements of the common cat.

Nobody should defang, declaw or neuter an exotic unless they are committed to that animal for LIFE!

I have suffered through too many "cast-offs", beautiful but unwanted or dying from the slow painful, laming calcium deficiency which, found too late, cannot be reversed. On behalf of all my feline friends, please understand that there is more involved than the fun. There is a deep responsibility. There is a large investment of intelligent loving care before the rewards (and sometimes the heartbreaks) can be garnered.

Further, in the interest of preservation of the species, L. I. O. C. should do everything possible to promote domestic breeding of exotics. The death rate among small cats taken from the wild, particularly from South America is, indeed, shocking. □

--(Jacqui is a member of LIOC)

## STARS OF THE CAT WORLD

This is Paper No. 8 in a series describing the less familiar felines of the world.

By:  
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The author, Robert E. Baudy, is well known in zoo circles throughout the world for his success in breeding the rare species of felines.

He is equally well known to the public as a circus performer. Robert and his wife, professionally known as Charlotte Walch, are in demand for their acts: Robert with his huge Siberian Tigers, and Charlotte with her leopards, one of which is black.



## **THE AFRICAN LION** (Panthera Leo)

The flamboyant sunset reflected blinding gold sparks off the centurion's embossed bronze chestplate. Reaching the top of the hill, the young officer reined his steed to an about turn, raised his muscular arm and nodded to the herald. The sounds of the horn carried down the endless gray line, reached the next herald who, in turn, transmitted the order further down the strante cortege.

The endless file of ox-pulled, chain-rattling wagons came to a jolting halt. Emerging from within the convoy itself every thousand yards, almost immediately, appeared the feeding carts. Pulled at brisk pace by tandems of dapple-gray Arabian studs, the red-painted vehicles passed along the line while three naked, blood-spattered numidian slaves, armed with iron tridents, tossed from each cart the sanguinolent chunks of flesh to other slaves standing atop each cargo wagon.

As the teams approached each cart from the rear, the deafening roars of the hungry beasts intensified suddenly. The overall effect was akin to the mighty sound of an incoming raging cyclone. The air was heavy with pungent wild animal scents and sickening emanation of warm blood and viscera. The whole scene was unreal in sight and gigantic in scope.

The time was in the year 76 B. C., sixty days before the Ides of March, late in the afternoon, under the reign of Pompey the Great. The place was somewhere on the Appian Way, a day's march from Rome. The convoy's cargo was composed of 700 recently captured African lions going, under army supervision, to the capitol to be used in the forthcoming giant gladiatorial games.

The African lion (*Panthera leo*) has been linked so intimately, for so long and on such a scale to our own history that, rather than to deal in details with description of the familiar animal, we will ask the reader to let us dwell on such amazing and unique association.

Evidence of the species being worshipped in a large way by the Egyptians as early as 3000 B. C. still exists in the form of stone engravings of the God-animal on many monuments. Temples dedicated to the cult of the five God-beasts (lion, wolf, cat, baboon, falcon) are known to have existed in Memphis, Thebes and Lycopolis. In Babylon and Egypt, imperial palace grounds were stocked with tame, adult lions. Pharaoh Rameses II's favorite pet lion was named Antam-Necht and is immortalized on Luxor famous obelisks.

The amazing cult spread throughout Syria, Chaldee, Greece and all of Asia Minor and the stately cat was everywhere to be revered. This was the lion's true golden age, a precursor epoch to another era which was to be of drastically different consequence for the species: classical antiquity.

The range of the lion at that time was extremely large, spanning two continents in an unbroken habitat extending from the southern tip of Africa throughout the whole continent (with probable exception of thick jungle and rain forests), habitable parts of Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Persia, Asia Minor and deep into India.

The easy availability of the animal was certainly a factor in the large numbers of them being used in the Roman cruel entertainment. But the "personality" of the lion was also, undoubtedly, another major reason for its downfall.

People wanted lions then, as today the masses demand famous movie or football stars. The majestic demeanor of the great cat, its size and stately mane of the male, its tremendous roar and willingness to use it, made it a "must" in ancient circuses -- just as it is in our own times.

The gladiatorial games were of great political importance to Roman leaders. The well known people's cry, "Panem & Circuses" (Bread and Spectacles) has

## THE AFRICAN LION - Baudy (Cont'd)

not been altered much since, and contrary to what the reader's probable opinion of the freedom in ancient Rome may be, the support of public opinion was of foremost importance for the Caesars. And this is where the lion came in.

### The Spectacles

No successful games could exist without the beast and the more of them, the better. It was the necessary and basic ingredient for the grand and bloody spectacles. And it was, of course, an inescapable necessity for the leaders to constantly surpass previous games in magnificence and in number (especially the ones staged by predecessors or competitors). Where the dictator, Scœvola, was the first to display (and put to death) 100 full-maned lions, Julius Caesar produced 400 of them in a single game, and Pompey, the Great, 600.

Eventually the slaughter of animals grew beyond belief (to be dwarfed only by expendable humans) and there is record of up to 5,000 various animals, (mostly felidae) being dispatched in a single game.\* Such tremendous use of animal life led to a high development of the wild beast business.

Capture of the specimens was, in many instances, effected by the governments of conquered countries, which had to furnish so many thousand heads of animals to Rome as part of the peace treaty. In other cases, the well drilled Roman legions were used. A huge human ring of shielded soldiers converged on suitably located ravines or man-made stockades into which the animals were driven.

Keeping hundreds of recently captured, dangerous animals alive and in good condition for many months prior to arrival at the final Forum was, as one can imagine, a tremendous task, even by today's standards. It could only be accomplished by a very competent supervision and careful advanced planning.

Immediately on arrival at the showplace, the animals were unloaded in the special underground quarters (vivarias). These huge basement complexes included prisoners of war and slaves' detention cell blocks, thousands of connecting iron cages for beasts and special quarters including infirmary, morgue, slaughter house, blacksmiths, etc. Best accommodations were reserved for specialized animal handlers.

### The "Best" Lions

Not all wild animals were put to death. Many were trained to a degree never duplicated since. Displays of tandem and quadrigæ (team of four animals) of adult, full-maned lions, magnificently harnessed, sprinkled with gold dust and pulling imperial chariots are on record. Amazing exhibitions of animal control -- such as retrieving unharmed, smaller game by lions -- was accomplished many times.

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\*Game: A single game would last from three to five consecutive days.

"Conditioning" and actual training of the big cats was the responsibility of two very distinct classes of animal handlers. Although all of them had to begin with the "custos vivarii" duty (keeper), they could, after proving themselves, become either "Belluarius" (animal subjugator) or "mansuetarius" (animal tamer). Where evidently the former position required substantial strong nature requirements (duties of belluarius included accustoming the animal to human flesh consumption so they would put on a good show in the arena) necessary to learn the art of fighting the animals to death, the latter specialized only in the monotonous, refined training of the animal stars. The charges were happy beasts, carefully looked after and pampered. At least one name of these master trainers reached us: Paulus Superbus from the Gaul Region.

### Temporary Respite for the Lion

With the fall of the Roman Empire and the end of classical antiquity, coupled with the emergence and predominance of Christianity, the African lion went through a well deserved rest period, having been already exterminated from many parts of its former range. The Middle Ages left Panthera leo practically undisturbed. The arrival of the modern rifle, combined with jet age travel and cut-rate safaris, is now depleting the species so quickly that hunting organizations, fortunately, no longer are "guaranteeing your lion within 30 days."

Although not in immediate danger of extinction (the word "immediate" in today's conservation can be quite relative!) it is fair to say that the species will probably be available in the wild state, to our grandchildren, in controlled parks only. The African lion breeds well in captivity, so prolifically, in fact, that lion raising is definitely a losing proposition. A huge appetite (requiring 15 pounds of meat daily in adults), plenty of competition and an average market price of only \$400 per specimen will tell the reader why.

No zoo can operate decently today without lions, and more than the antiquated spectacles could. Contemporary circuses don't dare to tour without him and the cat's majestic appearance, continuously featured in movies and television, is as well known to our kids as it was to Egyptian kids 4,000 years ago.

### The Lion in his Natural Home

In the wilds, the fierce looking male is actually a true "bon vivant" who lets the female do the killings for him and has to have his daily afternoon siesta. The temporarily spotted cubs are extremely cute and will, indeed, when hand-raised, make unusually good pets. Their keeping as age creeps on, presents the owner with problems which the reader can well imagine. Several instances of lion lovers being affectionately killed by a well meaning, tender swipe of the oversized, clumsy pet are on record. So please keep this in mind and do not sell your ocelots yet!

In complete opposition to the secretive tiger, the lion is a cat of open plain or light scrub habitat. In former times, in fact, the species ranged extensively through true desert areas. A February 1943 issue of National Geographic Magazine features an amazing and very impressive (Continued on P. 12 .)

# BOBCATS ARE BEAUTIFUL

By: Jack Chick  
Somersworth, N. H.

My experience with exotics has been entirely with Bobcats. I am going to try to pass on to other Bobcat owners the trials that befall the first-time owners of one of these beautiful and tractable cats.

Feeding is the most important part of a young Bobcats early life and habits formed at an early age are very important. Probably equally as important is a good veterinarian. I have been very fortunate in this respect as in this area we have a young husband and wife team who are both registered vets. Both love animals and are very competent in their chosen profession.

One other important tool that an owner of a Bobcat should have is a copy of Especialy Ocelots written by Mrs. Catherine Cisin and available from her at Amagansett, N. Y., 11930. This book has been very valuable to me and I have used a great many of the charts and formulas in this fine publication.

Going back to the feeding: I have a formula that I now use exclusively with my cat. I feed once a day, always in the evening. My cat eats one and one half pounds of raw food a day, supplemented with four vitamins and minerals. I prepare her food as follows:

8 ounces ground chuck  
1 or 2 chicken hearts (no more than two a day)  
12 ounces chicken gizzards  
4 chicken necks (remove skin from two)

Mixed with the ground beef the following:  
5 drops ABDEC Vitamins  
1/4 teaspoon steamed bone meal  
3 teaspoons Neo-Calglucon (Sandoz)  
1/2 Uni-Pet Vitamin (crushed over ground beef)  
Mix thoroughly.

I feed once a day all the above. Feeding time is at 8:00 P.M. My cat now weighs a little better than seventeen pounds and I will increase amount of food as cat gets older and heavier. The amount will depend on the amount of weight gained. For each additional pound, I will add 1 to 1-1/4 ounces to above formula.

The outside skin on two of the chicken necks is removed as I do not believe in too much fatty skin. I also remove the tough, wrinkled lining of the chicken gizzard. The remainder of the gizzards are cut in small pieces. The entire formula takes about thirty minutes to prepare.

The only deviation from the above formula was made when a friend gave me forty pounds of ground deer meat which I used in place of the chuck. Fudge really loves the deer meat and ate that part of her meal first. Usually the chicken necks were eaten last.

One of my granddaughters named my cat "Fudge". She has the run of the house. Completely housebroken, she spends the daytime upstairs. Sleeping and eating time is spent in the basement in her own private area.

Fudge's area is approximately 8' x 14' with a shelf for resting, all her toys, her litter box and a good sized baby bath tub which she uses for a bed. We line her bed with four large towels. Two of these are changed daily so she always has a freshly laundered bed. She seems to enjoy cleanliness.

Being the featured actress in the sound movie we are shooting seems to please her. She will sit for long intervals while being bathed and brushed until her fur shines like silk. At this time we have exposed about fifteen hundred feet of film and have the first editing completed. We have edited back to about four hundred feet at the present time. We will delete more at a later date. The finished film will run about 22 minutes. Narration and background music will be added when complete.

A 22 minute film allows for two T. V. commercials and a three minute talk at the end of a half hour program. The cat will also attend all film showings and be available after the film showing. We have a dozen tentative dates already set up. When completed, film will also be available for L. I. O. C. meetings. At this time, completion date is scheduled soon after football season in the fall of 1970.

Bobcat owners, please contact me if I can be of any help to you with your pets. My phone number is 603 692 3344. Bobcats are really something, don't you agree?

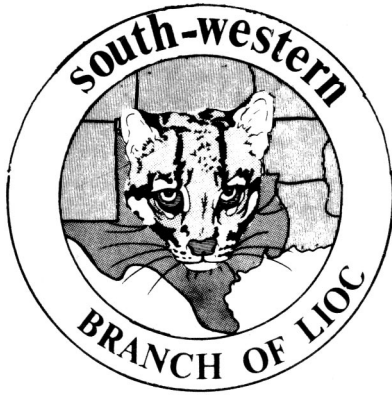
-- Jackson F. Chick



## 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.



**REPORT OF MEETING**  
**SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH, L. I. O. C.**

The summer meeting of the "Friendship" Branch was held June 6th, 1970 at the ranch of Bob and Susan Martin near Christoval, Texas. Activities began on Friday June 5th as more and more people arrived, with a friendship party that night climaxing the day's action.

Saturday found 82 people and many cats at the ranch. We were very fortunate to have some wonderful special guests at our meeting. Catherine Cisin came down to sample some Texas-Louisiana hospitality, and I can't say enough about what a tremendous person she is. She brought her friend Dorothy Mulford with her and it wasn't long before Dorothy was also a true friend of ours. Shirley Nelson of Exotic Cats of California also attended our meeting. She was a great help in forming our branch. Don and Terry Kahl of the Rocky Mountain Branch were there too, along with Hope Hamilton and her margay "O-II" also of that branch.

The president called the business meeting to order and the secretary-treasurer gave the minutes of the last meeting in Dallas. The special guests were introduced and then everyone else introduced themselves and their cats. Dr. Harmon and Jerry Neal brought Margaret Fields who is the artist who has painted a picture of Harmon's jaguar, Safari. She does excellent portraits of the exotics from photos or by coming to your home. There is a small fee involved, but it is worth it. Contact me for further information about these portraits. (1010 Lake Avenue, Metairie, La.)

Conservation was the next subject. Some people are now beginning to lay the ground work for conserving animals. Dr. Mike Balbo is the vice president of World Wildlife Federation. There is also the Elsa Appeal Fund. Everyone can help in conservation and anyone interested was asked to write to Johny Ebner, and he will steer them to the most beneficial direction.

The club scrap book was brought up and members were urged to send their pictures to Genny Ebner or to me. Members were reminded of the September meeting which is to be held in Mineral Wells near Dallas, Texas.

Next came the special presentations. Certificates were given to the charter officers and to all charter members. Life memberships in our branch were given to Catherine Cisin and Shirley Nelson, along with mementos to gifts.

Then the business meeting ended and everyone got to meet each other's cats. In attendance were the host-

ess lioness, Dandy Lion, Dr. Harmon's jaguar, Safari, the Neal's cougar, Cheka, the Robertson's jaguar, Reina, Allen Geln's ocelot, Patrick Paws, the Ebner's margay, Cinnamon, Hope Hamilton's margat O-II, the Jacobson's ocelot, Hamish and their fishing cat, Wallace, Hamil's ocelot, Serena, and the Moritz's margay Tanna.

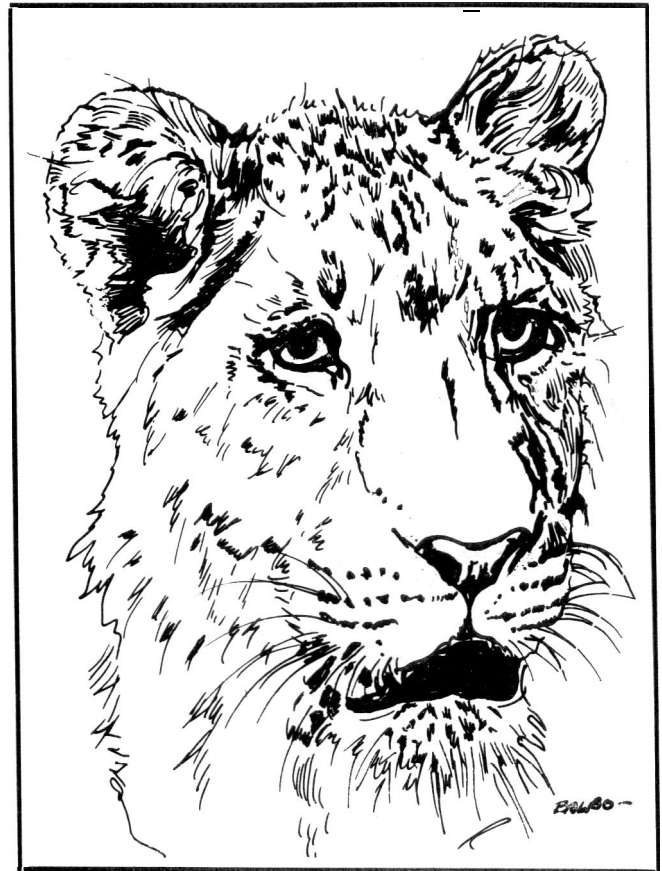
The afternoon was spent in conversation, enjoying the cats, horseback riding, and tours of sections of the ten thousand acre ranch, seeking glimpses of deer and other animals. When dinner was ready, we all enjoyed a genuine Texas Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings.

As darkness set in, we gathered around the patio for a movie that was from the Exotic Cats of California Branch. It was an extremely well made film and we highly recommend it to all other branches for viewing. (Ed. Your editor who viewed this fine film in Florida at the May, 1969 meeting of LIOC-Florida certainly concurs with Spence Dillon, and applauds Dion and Lorelee Vigne of San Francisco for their expertness and generosity.) We also had a film through the kindness of Bill Engler which concerned conservation. It had some great animal shots along a stream and was very interesting. The other branches should see this one too.

It was a great meeting and all enjoyed themselves. We again want to thank Bob and Susan Martin for hosting a tremendous meeting.

Respectfully,

Spence Dillon, Sec. Treas.  
South-western Branch of LIOC



"Dandy Lion, pet of hosts Susan & Bob Martin."



# EXOTIC CATS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(Branch of L. I. O. C.)

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Meeting Report:  
May 17, 1970  
Humane Society Of Marin

Fraternal Greetings !

Meeting Grounds: This organization opened their doors to E. C. N. C. & L. I. O. C. members. We were permitted the use of the kitchen, indoor meeting room, and surrounding area. They charge no fee, but donations are gladly accepted to carry on their charitable activities. Pearl Radelfinger graciously Volunteered to collect, and the members generously obliged. Mea is deeply indebted to Pearl and Guanita Gex for their unselfish offer to help in the kitchen with the hot dogs, cool aide, AND clean-up. Thank You !!

Medical Report: Dr. John Hunter made a "House Call" for the gathered children awaiting their annual booster shot, and he conversed individually with the parents of each patient. If there were any personal problems, he answered them to the best of his ability - never professing to know ALL. Evidence, in the past, shows that an 'open forum' is not always the time members 'open up' with their REAL problems that are plaguing them. BUT, if you have a favorite veterinarian close by - BEAUTIFUL !

ALPHABETICALLY... we thank you Dr. Hunter.  
The Allen's male ocelot, Khufu - 60 lbs. - booster.  
The Anderson's female ocelot, Ajax - 25 lbs. - booster.  
The Gex's female ocelot, Cleo - 25 lbs. - booster-rabies.  
Dan Meier's male pumas, Huntley - 70 lbs. - booster-rabies. Brinkley - 60 lbs. - booster-rabies.  
The Radelfinger's male ocelot, Chito - 45 lbs. - booster.  
The Vigne's male and female ocelots, Caesar - 30 lbs. - booster. Trilby - 25 lbs. - booster.  
OTHERS: Claudia Beal's female margay, Walter Billings' male puma, The Shamp's female jaguar, The Tompkin's female margay, and Dr. & Mrs. Zaslove's female margay. ALL had shots from their local veterinarian - so reported ! Ronald Hyde has no Cat but loves them deeply, and I hope to get a full report from him re: our local "Zoo Fest" recently held to raise money for new equipment that will be housed in the new hospital. Aulikki Niittynen WANTS a puma. Three family guests were present also.

Minutes: This word is a no-no; since we do not recognize parliamentary procedure. BUT, we manage to communicate ! Written matter was posted on a near by fence, and if anyone was interested - he read !  
Items Posted: book titles, veterinarian list, possible dates and places for future meetings, date and place of the November Banquet, various film companies, Texas Bar-B-Q invitation that had been sent to this branch from the South - Western branch, application blanks for..... E. C. N. C. & L. I. O. C., "Available Exotic" forms, professional odor control in the home... and a letter from Dr. Frederick Frye - asking to be removed from the veterinarian list that represents the entire West Coast. That IS a tall order for ONE representative; especially, when we have so many fine veterinarians we can contact through the "Veterinarian Booklet". Thank you Dr. for your successful operations !

Complete information pertaining to "said items" will be in detail via the "Catnip" - the local paper that pertains to Exotic Cat news, and is sent to LOCAL members so they can have more time at the meetings to talk about

their Cats. ALL pertinent meeting news travels through the "Newsletter". "It" celebrates its first year in print this coming June. Mea believes that this "paper" should remain on a LOCAL level creating "Togetherness" with the mother "Newsletter".

Guest Speaker: Organizations, who are interested in the salvation of our Cats, are encouraged to attend as many meetings as they so desire. A new organization has made the 'Scene', and up until now it has been "A Family Affair". They have been working on animal behavior for years... animal behavior of EXOTICS as pets in captivity; as well as being concerned with "Wild Life Preservation". Our guest speaker, Mr. John Harris - president of "said organization", could not attend because of trouble with two of his wolves. Being disappointed AND concerned, Mea interviewed Mr. Harris in his home with a new member Mr. Glenn Elder who plans to make a career in the "Wild Life Preservation Field". The two wolves are fine ! Baby wolves were brought out AND they were darling ! What impressed Mea the most, was the great family participation, and the striving for so long with very little outside help. It's unbelievable ! Finally, they are gaining the attention of professional people. The various types of animals that have passed through their home is fantastic. At the present time, they are working with 27 wolves, and three pumas. ALL breed, and the teeth and claws are intact - except for the male puma who came to them declawed. The move is in progress to change their location to 137 acres in Mendocino county.

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Stressed Points: The name of this organization is... North American Association For The Preservation Of Predatory Animals, Inc. It is a long title, but some day, it could be known by its initials !... 1440 Broadway, Suite 403... Oakland, California 94612. Phone: (415) 451-2774. Please try to help, but not for membership alone ! One can help by working in your home, "their" office, and in the 'field'. Most important !... Something that ALL of us can do the next time we visit our veterinarian - let him take a tiny nick from EACH Cat's ear - (biopsy) and 2 ccs of blood. This is sent to Mr. Harris' associate Dr. Truline... Rainer State School... Buckley, Washington. The information that is obtained from these specimens is invaluable. Those of you who have written to the Newsletter, and professed that you wanted to do something to help the EXOTICS or YOU needed special help - now is the time to support a worth while cause. Please write the organization ! Please help !... Please !



Cub Reporter, Khufu says: "Humans, do not mould us to your specifications, for your hand may shake... and make us less perfect than Mother Nature intended."

July Meeting: Directions will be sent to ALL who ask for same. LOCAL members will be notified via "Catnip".

These findings are respectfully submitted in the bonds of Peace !



Report of  
Meeting 5/17/70  
at  
La Habra, Cal.

By: Chuck and/or Harriet Leake  
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

The third meeting of this year found the Cal-Val Chapter at the beautiful home of Ginny Story, located high in the hills near La Habra. It is a perfect place for anyone with exotics which is the chief reason for Ginny living there. It was a hot, humid day and for this reason, there weren't as many animals as there ordinarily would be. We owners take better care of them possibly than anything we have. Therefore when it comes to putting them in an uncomfortable state, guess where they are. Yep, at home where it is cool and comfortable while we put up with the hot, sticky weather.

Some of the new members introduced at this meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Bill Merritt, Brian Buckman and Vivian Shambaugh. As usual, I probably left someone out, but forgive me: I haven't become a full-fledged card-carrying reporter yet. Hope I get better as time goes by.

It was brought to our attention that a recently proposed amendment to California State Assembly Bill 2262 would be of interest to us. This amendment concerns the importation of live mammals across the state line into the state, for the purpose of resale. It shall be unlawful to engage in this practice and stiff penalties have been set. This applies to mammals not native to this state and is meant to prevent the importation of endangered species of wildlife. Copies of this amendment were handed out among the members.

Business cards showing our club crest with various telephone numbers of our steering committee were also handed out. These are to be distributed to veterinarians to be placed on bulletin boards. The steering committee has already placed quite a few of these cards and the response has been good so far.

A report on the feeding of live baby chicks to our cats was given by Virginia English. It was very well researched and many interesting facts were revealed. I am sure we will all learn something of interest and we need more reports like this one. Thank you, Virginia.

(Ed. Yes, -- thank you, Virginia. Thank you for venturing into a subject LIOC has thus far diligently avoided, hoping not to offend sensitive readers, and hoping to avoid criticism from various humane agencies. And thank you for teaching us much we should understand. Report in its entirety is reproduced below.)

Our meeting closed with the announcement that the July meeting will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Breslin in Valinda. We then pounced upon all the goodies there were to eat and had a very enjoyable afternoon.

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### THE FEEDING OF WHOLE CREATURES

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The feeding of live food, especially baby chicks and rodents (chicks being the most common) can and does cause serious problems for our cats.

As with most any other matter, we will get completely divergent opinions from different veterinarians. One vet tells us live food should be the sole diet, another says on occasion, to perk up appetite, live food should be fed and still another tells us there is no nutritional value to a baby chick or rodent and they should never be fed.

With all this advice muddling our thinking, we will have to use a little common sense and decide for ourselves what is best for our cats. **First of all, most of us want our animals to be pets and not wild, uncontrollable beasts.** Therefore, it seems foolish to keep the killer instinct alive in the animal we're trying so hard to domesticate. Invariably, when a case of cannibalism is reported, the cat committing this, to us, horrifying act, has been fed chicks or rodents, either dead or alive.

This brings us to the feeding of freshly killed rather than live food. I've no doubt there are certain people who are perfectly capable of killing chicks and mice for their cats, but most of us would find it a very unpleasant chore and it would tend to make the keeping of our cat an even more peculiar pastime than it is already considered.

There are places where one can purchase dead, frozen baby chicks, thereby removing the consideration of who does the slaughtering and absolving us further of responsibility in the matter. If we can overcome our aesthetic objections to the sight of these poor, mangled creatures and the mess created by our cats tossing and batting them around and the "ook" that hits the walls and the feathers that are everywhere, then we must go further and decide about the nutritional value of this food. We must do this for ourselves since as I already mentioned, our vets are of differing opinions. Also, do I dare inquire what the average vet knows of nutrition and diet, anyway? There is far too much material to be covered in the courses at our veterinary colleges for a great deal of time to be devoted to this vital subject.

As you can see, if you are feeding baby chicks, they are soft, fragile little things, easily squashed into a convenient size container for storage. Doesn't this tell you something? Apparently he tiny bones aren't hardened or calcified yet. Surely every LIOC member is aware of the importance of calcium in the exotic's diet. Since it would be difficult (Continued on Page 10.)





REPORT OF MEETING  
May 3, 1970

The May 3 meeting was blessed with excellent weather. Rain, snow and hail prevailed for the preceding month, but Saturday the sun came out and Sunday was perfect. The meeting was hosted by Bill Boyle at his beautiful lakefront home on Lake Steilacoom, Tacoma, Washington. Though Bill has a large back yard with trees for tying the animals to, it was unanimous that we go down to the waterfront. No one actually voiced an opinion -- rather everyone went out to the sun deck and dock immediately upon arrival and no exhortations could move us out back. The blue water and beautiful oriental landscaping made an excellent setting for photographs. Many passers-by in boats did double takes at the huge lion sitting on the dock. Shurze remained aloof and did not condescend to acknowledge the children's shouts.

Bill Boyle's elegant house sprawls down the hillside to the lakefront in many levels. Some people I may have missed when I was on one level and they on another. Also some people did not sign the guest list, so if anyone is slighted in this writeup, my apologies.

Members present were Mrs. Ghent with male puma, Loki, Mrs. Beatrix Lloyd, Mrs. Seyersdahl and son with new five-week old female bobcat, George Kirkpatrick who is presently awaiting replacement of an ocelot which recently died from bacterial enteritis, Linda Morse with recently acquired baby female bobcat, John and Linda Paramore with Cholo (he's been on a diet lately and looks great), Joe and Sue Riedi with Lancelot, the strange looking ocelot, Jade Gee, Mrs. Karpow, Bill and June Hodge, Will and Mary Ellen Tracy with African lion, Shurze, Mr. & Mrs. Happel with female ocelot, Sammantha, who is looking well after her operation -- and of course, our generous host, Bill Boyle and ocelots Henry and Hazel. Bill's new babies, male and female bobcats were not present as they were being cared for by Mrs. Griswold who raises pedigreed domestic cats. Bill's boy bobcat will hopefully be able to service the six female bobcats already in the local club when he becomes of age.

Most of the meeting was spent taking photographs. After a few brave souls ventured up to have their photos taken with Shurze, the rest followed suit. We were proud parents as he was a well behaved lion and permitted everyone to pose with him. I'm afraid he staked out his claim on many of Bill's beautiful plants, though. I hope they survive. John Paramore, our Branch's official photographer was on hand to record the days events. He says he will send copies of the prints and negatives on to me. We will compile a scrap book of meetings and members and cats. Anyone who hasn't sent me a photo of his cat is encouraged to do so in case we don't get one at the meetings. From the scrap book members can select photos that they might like for their own. Hopefully negatives will be filed away for easy location and reprinting.

After much shouting and coaxing, finally most everyone was rounded up in one section of the house, out on the sun deck over the boat house. New members were introduced. These included Mrs. Ghent, Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Kirkpatrick. An article on raising a white tiger cub which appears in National Geographic was shown. It is our opinion that most people wean their kits much too young, considering how long kits nurse in the wild. Bottle feeding builds up great rapport. It is an inconvenience compared with shoving a bowl of meat in front of a cat, but an occasional bottle, even up to six months, as we did with our lions, can be as great a joy for the owner as for the cat if you both can relax and consider it a special treat and time to be together.

A not so pleasant publication was also brought to members' attention -- that of the Flash Newsletter put out by Jonas Bros., which advertises hunting accommodations. It mentions the great success experienced last year with jaguars and that 'two lucky clients took black jaguars.' This is unforgivable. There are so few black jaguar that hunting of these rare specimens should not be permitted, let alone extolled. Members are encouraged to write to Jonas Bros. of Seattle, 1507 - 12th Avenue, Seattle, Washington, to express condemnation of such activity. A copy of the above-mentioned Flash Newsletter is being forwarded to Dr. Balbo for his files.

Joe Riedi introduced Mrs. Hana Kato, artist, who does paintings of animals. Bill Boyle has one of Hank, 'the tank,' over his fireplace. Mrs. Kato can work from a photo. Anyone wishing more information can contact the artist at 2240 S. Hinds St., Seattle, Washington.

Bill Hodge brought samples of Zu-Preem for members to try. So far nobody here has experienced success with the large cats liking it. For the money, I would just as soon feed a variety of raw meats, eggs and cottage cheese, as we find cats appreciate variety in their diets as much as humans.

The vaccine Leukogen TC was again brought to the attention of members. It is a modified live virus requiring only one permanent lifetime shot, as is typical of any live virus shot. One member mentioned that her vet was using it, but giving booster shots every six months. This is not necessary with a live virus and I'm sure the cat would appreciate not needing a shot so often. This vaccine has been tested at zoos

on various big cats. Of course there are vets who want to be over sure. We have even had a vet give a canine distemper shot to a lion -- after all, with these strange, exotic animals, you never can be too sure, he said.

The new bobcat owners have inquired about permits for their cats. In Oregon the Game Commission issues permits to hold for any native animal (except coyotes) for the small fee of one dollar. Permits expire January 1 of each year. Game breeder permits can also be obtained from the same department for five dollars. We have found the Game Commission here very helpful and reasonable. However, the Washington members report no such luck. Several members had talked with various officials and received conflicting reports. I'll attempt to determine the law and procedure on the matter and report at the next meeting. Anyone traveling through Oregon with a puma or bobcat would do well to send for a permit to hold it in advance as one member was stopped a few years ago by the State Police.

John Paramore has detailed blue-print-type drawings of his cat's quarters which might be of interest to members preparing for a new cat. Bill Boyle has an excellent cage set-up which gives his cats plenty of fresh air and a lake view. Half of the lower porch is screened off with chain link and part of the area is covered with large sheets of glass for cold weather. The floor is concrete with a drain for easy cleaning.

The meeting was adjourned as food was brought out. Many thanks to Bill and his friends for its preparation.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27 and 28 at the Tracys' in Boring Oregon. The following meeting will be at the Happels at Seaside, Oregon.

*Mary Ellen Tracy*

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for caponizing. This practice had created fertility problems in the past. In fact, mink breeders had found that mink feed, just manufactured in the same vats as the poultry feed containing hormones, had sterilized their animals. **But again, if these practices are discovered the affected poultry can only be used for pet consumption.** It would behoove us to feed only meat approved for human consumption, under these circumstances, and obviously baby chicks do not come under that heading.

The final consideration on the feeding of baby chicks or rodents is an economic one. So often one hears: "I can't always afford top quality meat for my family. Don't tell me the cats have to have it." Keeping a cat healthy by feeding him properly would seem to be cheaper, in the long run, than constant veterinary expenses. And what saving on the food bills could possibly compensate for the loss of a beloved cat?

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to supplement this diet with extra calcium and logic tells us that unformed baby chicks would not be an adequate source of calcium, we're running a risk of calcium deficiency in feeding baby chicks exclusively.

A check of your cat's stool after it has eaten a baby chick will give you evidence of how much is digestible. Since so much of the chick passes through the cat's system unaltered we can assume very little is being digested. Hence the cat would have to eat a tremendous quantity to achieve a balanced diet.

And that's just the beginning. Both chicks and rodents are great carriers of the Salmonella bacteria. The resultant gastroenteritis can make the cat very ill and even can cause death. And an interesting sidelight on this problem is that it is often discovered concurrently in the human members of the family, especially the children.

Naturally chicks and rodents can also carry various parasites. They act as intermediary hosts to stomach worms, ascarids, hookworms and tapeworms. As we know these parasites can debilitate our cats, cause serious illness and even death in kittens and the medications necessary for the elimination of the parasites are sometimes toxic and dangerous to the cat.

There have also been reports of illnesses in the cats eating chicks that can be traced to the pesticides used to rid the chicks of mites. If you check with the hatcheries, you will be told: "Our chickens don't have no bugs." So presumably no pesticides are used. Going one step further, we checked with the state poultry inspector. He, too, assured us that the chicks were raised under sanitary conditions and should not have any parasites that required the use of pesticides, with the possible exception of fly spray in the area. But, he went on to say, the hatcheries are all inspected routinely and if they find that insecticides are being used, that hatchery is not permitted to sell the affected flock for human consumption. It can, however, be sold for feeding to pets.

The poisons used for the control of mites, whether in dusting powders, sprays or dips are Chlorinated Hydrocarbons and have a long residual activity. Even the insects in the area can be contaminated and a cat can be poisoned by eating them. Therefore I would question the safety of feeding subsequent flocks from a previously contaminated hatchery for a good, long time.

Since these poisons can be stored in the body fat, rapid metabolism or burning of the fat containing insecticides will induce poisoning even if the cat who has not been exposed to the poisons for some time and has shown no previous symptoms. The recovery of a cat so poisoned is possible if the body can be cleansed of the agent, the agent removed and the convulsions controlled. Interestingly enough, one aspect of the treatment for this poisoning is calcium gluconate given intravenously. Since we know our exotics are prone to problems related to proper assimilation of calcium, we can assume they would be even more vulnerable to this type of poisoning than other animals.

The poultry inspection officer told us that antibiotics are sometimes used in the feed for the chickens, if the chickens are ill. We were assured, however, that the hatcheries are no longer allowed to feed hormones or use hormonal implants (Continued left-hand column this page.)

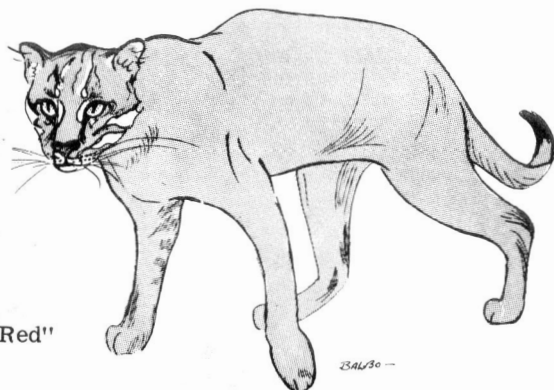
SAGA OF "RED", Asian Golden Cat, and his friend,  
DUKE, a "dirty hound".....

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I'm sorry that we do not have any cute little stories about love affairs with ocelots. In fact, the hero of this piece is not at all a cat, but of all things, a DOG -- and worse, a dirty hound.

Duke was purchased with Joe, a red bone Hound and the former a Blue Tick Hound. They were supposed to be great cat dogs, but our concern was something that would chase off the coyotes that were killing all of our birds. The first day I had the dogs, Duke hit the trail of a "bobcat" and treed him, howling his head off until I came to rescue Fat Cat, our prize Manx.

Then they seemed satisfied to settle down to keeping other dogs off the place. I had almost forgotten about their duties until, coming back from a movie one Saturday night, I noticed something wrong. **When we went** into the house, Red, our beautiful Asian Golden Cat, was not growling at us from his perch. The door to the spare room was open and the window outside admitted a cold wind into the house. Red was gone.



"Red"

A quick check found the ducks scattered about a thousand feet from the pond and our Moscovy had a bloody spot on her back, but otherwise she was all-right. I quickly grabbed the hounds and tied them, hoping they had not chased off our **Golden Cat**. How the window and door got open is unknown.

Since Red would begin to do his snooping around four A.M. each morning, I was awake at that time and went out with a flash light to see if he would show up. I called him by sharpening a knife on the steel which is his sign that food is being prepared. When the light was shown their way, the beautiful blue-green eyes of Red showed like two fires. Quickly we placed some meat in the Hav-a-hart live trap and set it by the cages. There was nothing to do until morning.

I awakened early and seeing the trap had been sprung, rushed down to find it empty. Red has long arms and apparently had reached in and taken the food and then escaped with no problem.

I did not know how the hounds would react to Red, but I figured it was better than having a lost Golden Cat. I untied the dogs and took them to the bird

cages. Duke was first to take interest and began sniffing around. Joe, the older hound, took off into the woods. I followed him for some time but since he made no sound, he soon had gone his way. Duke, being faithful, came with me, and I turned him loose. Duke headed back to the bird cages and within five minutes I could hear his bay, a thousand or so feet from the house. He seemed to run the length of the property. I took to his trail and found him baying at a bush (this is not exactly right -- the "bush" covers over an acre of land and is covered with stickers). Duke showed no interest in wanting to go in, but being a cat lover, I picked him up and tossed him over a hedge into a clearing about five feet away. He was off and baying. I followed after him on the outside of the bushes and saw him streak out in hot pursuit on the other side.

By the time I got there, he was walking along with Red, side-by-side. Red did not seem to mind him at all -- this is typical of the cats we have had. They seem to love animals, but not necessarily humans. Red ran under a log and I grabbed him by his long tail. Mary Ellen, my wife, gave me her coat and I wrapped it around Red so I could carry him up the steep hill to the house.

Red was tired, frightened and a bit angry with me but otherwise quite happy to be home. His new mate arrived several days later, so now we look forward to little "Reds" this summer.

And what of the hounds?

Duke? He hasn't gotten over the hero's attention he has been getting since then. Joe? Well, that's another story. I suspect we may have some Joyotes someplace out there. But in looking for Joe we came across another cat about whom we will write when and if she is captured.

(Ed: Mary Ellen and Will are directors of the Pacific Northwest Branch of LIOC)

IT'S COMING !!!!!  
Saturday, September 19, 1970  
and Sunday, the 20th.

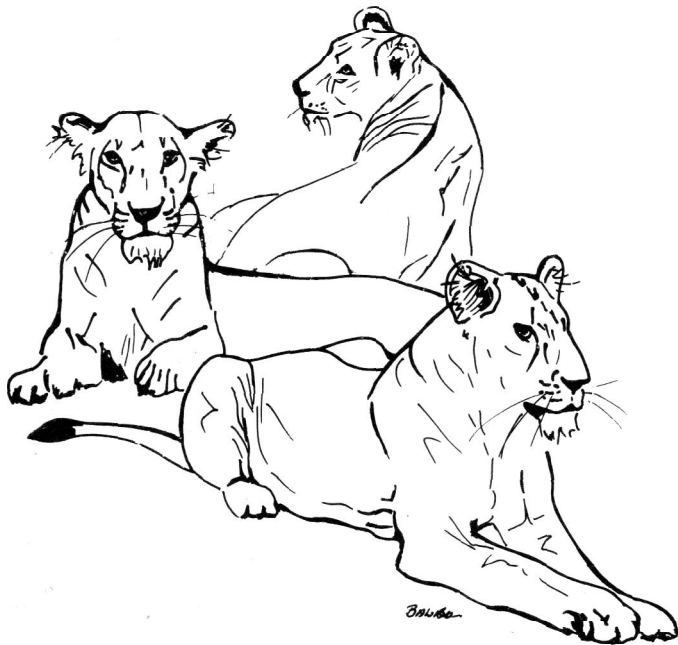
Watch for the notice with details, in  
the next, Sept.-Oct. Newsletter !!!  
**AND SAVE THE DATE!!!**



at Amagansett, N. Y. TERCERA will entertain.

THE AFRICAN LION - Baudy (Continued from P. 4.)  
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photo of a full-maned male in a typical desert surrounding. The tawny color of the animal (which renders the lion practically invisible when motionless) is a good example of adaptation to sandy habitats. For some unexplained reason, the great cat never penetrates the deep forest, perhaps because its predilection to hunt mostly by sight and daylight puts him at a disadvantage in the forest. The famous stately mane of the adult male lion is doubtless a vestige of much more extensive body insulation, when prehistoric predecessors were roaming European caverns during the Ice Age.



"The Women"

Even today, *Panthera leo* can tolerate without ill effects extremely low temperatures. About 10 years ago, we witnessed to our surprise a wild animal trainer taking his performing African lions from Detroit, Michigan during the month of January when current temperature was -20°F. The animals were taken for a 300-mile trip on an uncovered flatbed truck. The voyage which would have undoubtedly killed southern races of tigers (such as Bengal or Sumatran) was effected without harmful results to the lions.

Although not normally classified as an established man-eater (in comparison with the tiger which until recently, was claiming a yearly mean of 2,000 human lives in India), the lion can become a real terror after being accustomed to human flesh. Good examples are the lions of ill-famed Tsavo in Uganda which held up railroad construction there for 10 months while killing approximately 30 people, including a police inspector who had fallen asleep while stalking the killers.

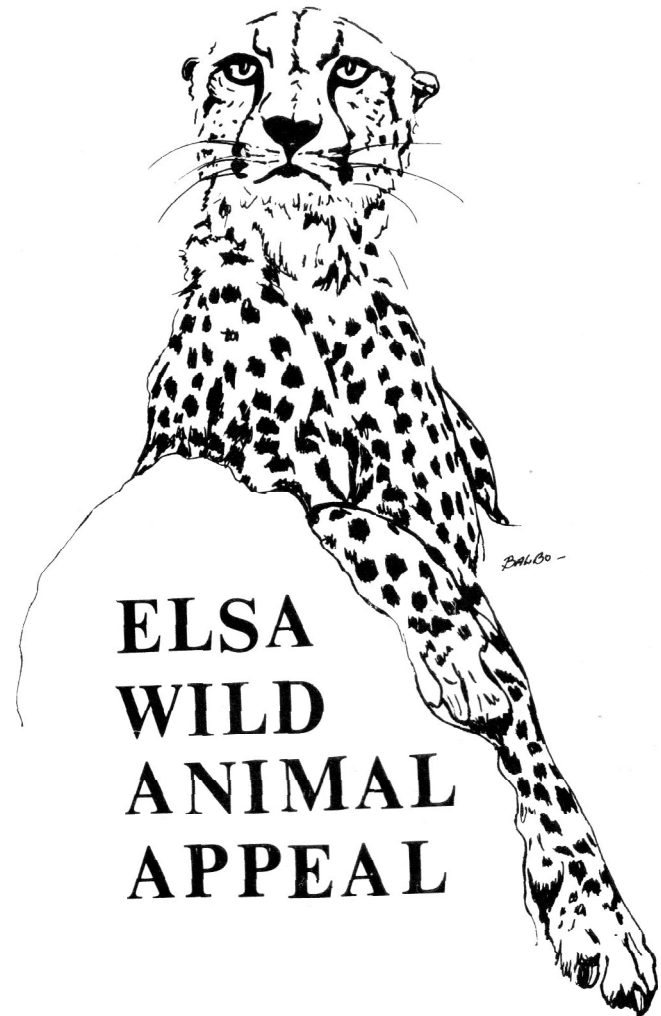
### The Working Lion

In today's circus arena, the lion is a "natural" whose quickly aroused nature delights the animal trainers (most of the time!) They can carry out realistic false attacks better than any other cats can, jolt the attention of the most blasé audiences, make little old ladies scream and scare the kids.

Despite the eternal trophy-room, he-man lust for the unique, magnificent centerpiece, odds are good that *Panthera leo* will continue to co-exist with us for a long time to come.

Resilient lions have been intimately a part of our beliefs, fears, joys, legends and admiration for so many milleniums that I don't believe we could do without them any more than the Great Cat could really enjoy life without the fun of "hamming it up" for the benefit of thousands of park visitors and youngsters who look at his durable splendor in eternal awe and wonder. □

*Robert Baudy*



**ELSA  
WILD  
ANIMAL  
APPEAL**



### THE LEOPARD CATS HAVE "ARRIVED"

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. has accepted the Leopard Cat (*Felis bengalensis*) for registration, for breeding purposes. If you have a whole Leopard Cat that is breeding or may breed in the future, and you wish to register it, contact

Leopard Cat Information Center  
6873 Yeager Place  
Hollywood, California 90028

for information and the necessary forms.

"This is a big step forward for CFA and for our cats. I hope it will be just the beginning," comments Mrs. Virginia English, speaking for her "Leopard Cat Information Center."

### AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT:

Jim Nolan, 842 Jackson Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J. 07201 has owned little Taji, Leopard Cat, since last October. She is approaching maturity and will soon be thinking about a mate.

"This, of course, brings us to another problem," confides Jim, "-- a male leopard cat. We would prefer to have a male of our own to mate with her. We would consider taking an animal a club member had to get rid of for some reason. It wouldn't matter if the animal was blind or deaf or had any other imperfections as long as they were not congenital."

### FOR HOMELESS EXOTICS:

Mrs. Richard Nasman, LIOC member since 1960 has found a place for exotics in need of a home. This place, in New England complements those already known to many of us in Florida and in Oregon.

Mr. Theodore Vietje  
Route 5, Box 87  
Fairlee, Vermont 05045

Tel: 802-833-9750

Mr. Vietje, has an animal farm. His ocelot, acquired when he took over the farm, has died of old age. He is anxious to get another one (or more) and a breeding pair, as well as margays. In the interest of preservation of the species through breeding, he does not want mutilated animals (declawed, defanged or desexed). He is willing to pay for and to arrange for transportation.

### POST MOTHERS DAY MYSTERY

"It appears that everybody likes Bobelots," writes Gertrude Troop, Box 51, Bruni, Texas 78344. "I put two young bobelot kits on two manx cats who had recently had kittens. To my amazement, both Manx cats abandoned their own kittens for the Bobelots! To date I am hand feeding the Manx kittens by bottle. It seemed so strange to me I just had to report it to other LIOC members."

### MUFFET IS HERE!!!

Muffet is the whole male bobcat mentioned as available in the last Newsletter. He is declawed, 18 months old and weighs 25 pounds.

His elated new owners, Pat and Jack Kibler of Lake Mohawk, Sparta, N.J. 07871, sent an adoption notice to LIOC, and the following report:

"Muffet arrived at Kenedy Airport on May 9th. We had Muffet in our car and on the way back to Lake Mohawk in 15 minutes.

"Muffet is gorgeous to look at. His coat is a silver gray, with a little black and orange mixed in. His disposition is absolutely unbelievable. He loves everybody including our two boys who he sleeps with most of the time. He is really fascinated with that beautiful Bobcat he sees in the mirror on our dresser. He plays a pretty good game of ball, but much prefers to play with just plain old people. He loves to swat you with his paws, but never opens his mouth except to eat or yawn.

"Muffet belonged to Bill Engler's new partner, who has tried to use him in movies, but Muffet just wanted to play and love somebody. Of course, the most thrilling part of this whole thing to us was talking to Bill on the phone. He gave us much good advise and told us just exactly what to expect with Muffet."

### VACATION FOR EXOTICS

"Just a short note," writes Claudine Conrad of New York City, "to report that 'Terrible' spent a very happy week in a kennel in the Bronx:

"Paradise Pets  
3742 Boston Road  
Bronx, N. Y. 212-882-6000

"They charged \$4 per day. My ocelot was fed chicken and his regular food. The owners are kind people. One of the handlers owns an ocelot and knows quite a bit about them. Their facilities are modern and they invite inspection at any time."

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Further news from Claudine whose new husband has an uncontrollable allergy to "Terrible"... She has placed her beautiful full adult male ocelot with the Marlot Breeding Farm (Sadie and Charles Douglas) of New Smyrna



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Beach, Florida. "My only stipulation," says Claudine, is that 'Terrible' be left whole and given a chance to mate. I am making this for many reasons, the most important one being conservation."

## STRANGE, NEW "LITTER"

"Maggie, the bobcat we have just received," writes Mary Ellen Tracy of Portland, Oregon, "had forgotten her toilet training. We have introduced her to a new 'litter' which we found very good for domestic cats. It really isn't sold as kitty litter, but rather as horse feed -- alfalfa pellets. The pellets are very absorbent and have a pleasant odor. They do not 'track' like the clay litter."

## LEOPARD CAT KITS

Floyd Houser, 9230, New Haven Avenue, Melbourne, Florida, 32904, who has a wide variety of animals, announces the birth in Melbourne of two male leopardcats. These were born April 15, 1970. They are available from Floyd at \$150 each."

## A "NEW BREED" ----

"My Bengal Cat kittens are gorgeous," writes Bill Engler, referring to a hybrid brood recently produced at his compound. "I intend to pursue the breeding of them as I feel they will become quite popular." For information as to their availability, write:

W. Engler  
Gen. Delivery  
Springdale, Utah 84767

## THAT BUSY STORK!

Another proven pair of felis pardalis has come to light. Mrs. Jean Hatfield, secretary of LIOC-Florida, for many years known to LIOC members and Newsletter readers reports as follows:

"When we checked Heidi this morning, Ken and I thought she was sick. Closer inspection revealed not only Heidi but her newborn kitten, a large kitten which seemed, by comparison with Heidi to be large... Heidi, although truly an ocelot is only slightly under twenty pounds.

"She and Chris were put together with no apparent results. But Heidi proved otherwise. We didn't even know she



pregnant," confided Jean when she phoned LIOC on June 6, 1970 to report the event. "We didn't touch her or the kitten which was born during the night and found on the morning of May first. By May 6th, the kitten's eyes were already open. It was hissing and yelling lustily. Thus we now feel save in telling the whole world our story."

Six weeks later Jean advised that the kitten is and mother are still doing very well.

## NERO IS GONE

For more than three years, Nero, family ocelot of Peter Spano, New Britain, Conn., was the guiding figure for the Connecticut Branch of LIOC of which Peter is Coordinator. Nero came to Connecticut from Ecuador in 1966. He attended one meeting of the Greater New York Branch of LIOC when a kitten. He died in the care of his veterinarian, having developed an unidentifiable malady, presumably heart, kidneys or perhaps liver.

## AVAILABLE

Mrs J. Felix Goodrum III, 2923 Carolina Avenue, S. W., Roanoke, Virginia, 24014 writes: "It is with regret but in all fairness we find that we no longer have the time that is needed to keep an ocelot. And we don't want RARO neglected. She is gentle and four years of age..." (LIOC does not know whether Raro is whole or spayed.)

For information write or phone June Goodrum. Phone number is 703-343-7182.



## WANTED

Miss B. J. Lester, P O Box 133, 907 - 2nd Street, Neptune Beach, Florida, 32233, needs a whole male margay (with black nose and pads, if possible,) predominant golden color, to be a companion for and possibly breed with her year old female. Age is not important, but she would prefer that his age be around a year. Miss Lester offers a good home with plenty of T. L. C. in lovely Florida surroundings.

Phone, person-to-person: 904-249-2015, or write.

## AVAILABLE

One male and one female Asian Fishing Cats, both whole, both about six months of age. "I have had them since they were three weeks old," writes Bob Roth of Long Beach, N. Y. "The male weighs about 15 lbs and the female approximately 12 pounds."

For further information phone Bob Roth at 201 GE2 3521.



# EXOTICAT of SAN DIEGO BRANCH OF LIOC

REPORT OF MEETING  
Sunday April 19, 1970

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The April meeting of Exoticat of San Diego County was a special one for all members -- the first meeting to be held in 'legal territory' and the official debut of many of the exoticcats, themselves.

The meeting was held at LoyMullin's hidden valley in Alpine. To christen the valley, 58 members, 8 guests, 9 exoticcats and a baby fox turned out for the celebration. The cats, on leash, thought they had found Cat Heaven with a 40 acre litter pan, hundreds of trees, a running stream and endless scurrying things that looked suspiciously like cat hors d'oeuvres. Their owners, however, insisted on gentlemanly behavior and long walks, instead. But a good time was had by all.

We were privileged with the presence of two celebrities -- Curt Jafay, nationally famous photographer who took pictures of one and all and -- Ed Rhodes, a television promoter who is interested in the future use of some of the exoticcats on locally made television commercials. And speaking of promotion, Mercury Motors would have been delighted with the King-of-the Mountain poses of Brutus and Sheila atop Glen & Loena's new blue Cougar car. Dispepsia would have set in later, however when they discovered that both cougar owners prefer General Motors. We won't tell if you won't!

Four exoticcats were offered for sale -- a year old male cougar (since placed as the first official cat resident of Loy Mullins' Alpine Valley) -- a nine month old female cougar, domestic born and house raised -- a seven month old margay, (placed with our cute-and-cocky cab driver, Robin. Babushka will be a companion to Robin's female ocelot who has her own people-sized swimming pool.) Also available is a four month old male ocelot kitten (now in Denver) whose owners bought their lovely new home in LaJolla before they realized they couldn't keep an exotic in the area.

LIOC Newsletter readers will recall our two-month court battle over Reilly, the ocelot illegally impounded by Animal Regulations Supervisor Starbuck. Reilly, of course was freed by court order. Sparked by our success and newspaper coverage, two more court trials took the 'dear doctor' to task and won their cases. We are now delighted to report the following item in the local paper (quoted in part): "The City's Animal Regulation Supervisor is being removed from his position in order to solve a morale problem. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ who has headed the department over nineteen employees since 1962 is being reassigned as Dispatch Clerk." (That's like being demoted from President to Page Boy.) EXOTICAT has a smirk on its whiskers. Let this be a lesson to you all who have hesitated to fight back. City Hall is vulnerable like everyone else.

Refreshments were served out of everybody's own car, since the valley has not yet had the blessing of the utility companies. The "his and her bushes" were used with a smile and the Exoticats thought a 40-acre litter pan was the living end. Who needs civilization?

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Sunday, May 17, 1970

The May meeting was hosted by Al and John under the trees in Alpine. Bimbo, the host's splendid big cheetah was King-for-a-Day and accepted the pats and plaudits of an admiring audience with regal poise. Twenty three members and nine guests were present. Two of the guests joined the club before the day was over and they bought a leopard cat kitten the very next day. How's that for enthusiasm?

Exoticat of San Diego club finances were discussed at some length and it was again agreed to maintain dues at \$5 annually per family (in addition to parent LIOC dues) plus a 50¢ per household charge (per meeting) to 'feed the kitty.' Members declined to accept half the kitty towards hosting costs, preferring to build up the treasury for future needs. Discussion will be held at the June meeting regarding the need for and possible election of Club Officers.

A request was made of members to bring in a clear photograph of each of their big cats -- two if possible -- one to be placed in the Showcase Album of club members and their cats and the second photo for a surprise project which must remain, as yet, a secret.

Exoticat was flattered to receive a request from Africana Magazine (the National Geographic of Africa, distributed internationally among animal conservationists and world travellers) for a story on Exoticat, its purpose and its future. Professional author, Wanita Floyd, agreed to submit suitable material with photos of Exoticats and their owners.

Three cats were present at this meeting -- Bimbo, John & Al's cheetah, with us for the first time; Bob and Julia's big cougar, Brutus; and Wanita Floyd's surprise Mothers Day present from fiance Loy Millins, a five month old male ocelot named Diablo.

A sign-up sheet was prepared for future meeting dates and hosts. The next meeting will be held June 28th (the third Sunday being Fathers Day), Hosts will be Ulrich and Inga of El Cajon. It will be a Potluck and notices will be mailed well in advance. See you all there!

-- Wanita Floyd  
Route 1, Box 29-X  
Alpine, Calif. 92001





REPORT OF THE  
MO-CAN CAT SHOW

This was a first for the Kansas City area to show the exotics in a cat show. The crowds were great; the largest they ever remember having and everyone was so excited over the big cats. We had four ocelots, one margay and one timber cat. Jan Davis from the Kansas City Zoo did the judging.

Donna Hartung's 36 lb. whole male ocelot, Salty, came in first. Ilene Massey's whole female ocelot, Kim, second and my own whole female ocelot, Fang, third (Fang Clark, that is!) I think everyone was happy the way the exotics settled down and behaved much better than the "domestics".

SHORT-LINE CAGES were good enough to lend us six beautiful stainless steel cages which we decorated with tropical plants and hay. I would like to thank Nelda & Kenneth Ebling for helping set up and tear down the display and also for the posters Kenneth made for us.

REPORT OF MEETINGS  
4/6/70 & 5/11/70

The April meeting was held at Kenneth & Nelda Ebling's home with Donna & Tom and Debbie Hartung, Ilene Massey, myself (Nina Lois Clark), Chuck, Lozana & Andy Clark being present. Although the Eblings have no big cat, everyone enjoyed their Siamese and their Gerbils.

Everyone brought pictures for the club scrap book. We talked about the success of the cat show. Donna Hartung is our treasurer now and is in charge of the club scrap book. After refreshments, all planned to meet at the Hartungs in May.

The May meeting was at Donna & Tom Hartung's home with Kenneth, Nelda & Venton Ebling, Debbie Hartung, Chuck, myself, Lozana & Andy Clark present. Also present was Jerry Houghlan of ZU-PREEM (Hills Division, Riviana Foods, Inc., Topeka, Kansas 66603).

Donna had a marvelous B. B. Q. outside and I guess we all over-ate. Of course we all had a million questions to ask Jerry Houghlan. He gave us tips on feeding Zu-PREEM and the names of good dealers where we could get more big cats.

By the way, Donna's male ocelot (Salty) is looking for a wife. Anyone interested, contact Donna Hartung at 913-CY9-6138, Kansas City, Kansas, or contact me. Salty weighs approximately 40 lbs now.

After much food and many questions, we decided to meet at the Clark's for the next meeting. This will be held on June 8th at 7:30 P. M. for a picnic. ALL CATS ARE INVITED.

We now have only a few members in our area and would welcome contact from anyone who would be interested in joining with us.

Respectfully,

Nina Lois Clark  
Rt 1, Box 163  
DeSoto, Kansas 66018

(Phone: 913-585-1600)



THE LOTTY

Ed: The 1970 Lotty will be awarded, according to regulations established by precedent, to

ROBERT PERANER  
LIOC Historian

at the Annual Picnic in Amagansett,  
N. Y., on Saturday,  
September 19, 1970

IN THE OTHER BRANCHES



The GREATER NEW YORK Branch met on Saturday, May 16 in Roslyn, N. Y. at Orden's Marina. While the Secretary has not sent a report of the meeting for the Newsletter, Catherine Cisin was on hand and will attempt to fill in a few of the more obvious facts. There seemed to be about 30 people and 4 or 5 cats present. Roy Weiss, Coordinator led his discussion program while Barbara Orden's functions as busy hostess, kept her active.

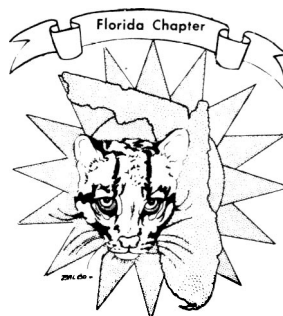
Guest of Honor was L.I.O.C. Director in charge of Conservation, Dr. Michael Balbo. He spoke at length after having done much research on his subject. Perhaps one day soon we may prevail upon him to share his findings with the LIOC general membership.

As this reporter left, a lavish potluck was being demolished. Perhaps the next meeting date and place were mentioned towards the close of the day. Local announcements will, I'm sure, be mailed to members.



Over the years we have not had an abundance of reports from the CONNECTICUT BRANCH OF LIOC. We have, however had announcements of meetings. Their next meeting will have been held Sunday, June 27th in Glastonbury.

With the announcement of this event came a statement of "By-Laws" which were outlined in the meeting report printed in the May-June Newsletter. This is, incidently the only such statement we have ever had from any of our LIOC Branches!



Nor, have we had a report of the May meeting of LIOC-FLORIDA which was held at the Marlot Breeding Farm in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, hosted by Sadie and Charles Douglas.

The Florida group is so large and so active, and its meeting place so interesting, there just had to be much to report. Perhaps their reporters will include the event with the description of the forthcoming July meeting of LIOC-FLORIDA.

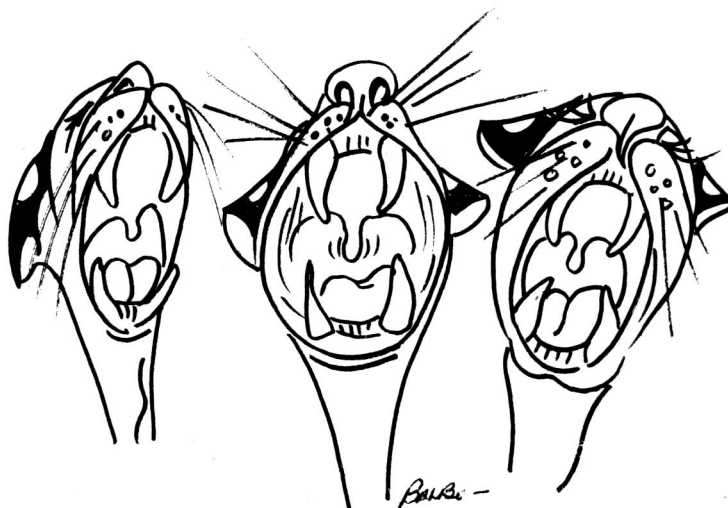


The Canadian Branch of LIOC enjoyed a picnic at the home of Jan Thomas in Manotick on June 6 and later that day we understand a meeting at the nearest Holiday Inn.

Gene and John Brill of Buffalo, who attended the picnic report informally, "It was the greatest! Jan and Joe Thomas are perfect hosts and have the most beautiful setting imaginable. Jan installed two large cages for the picnic -- one for ocelots and one for margays. To me it was unbelievable to see how the cats got along together."

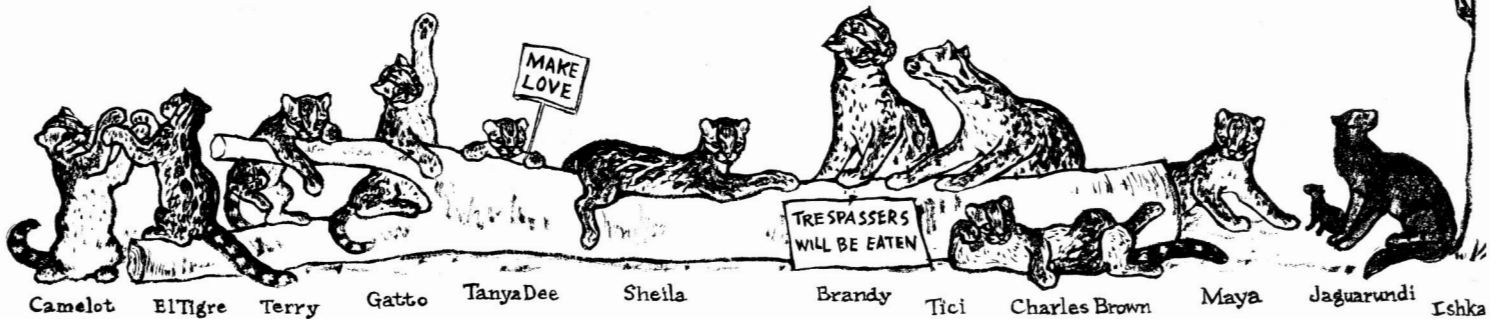
We look forward to a report of the subsequent meeting.

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EXOTIC CATS OF CANADA FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC JUNE 6, 1970

Reported by "CHARLIE BROWN" in clawberation with Jan Thomas

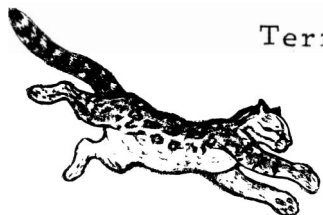


The day finally arrived, and if I do say so myself, it was a smash. ( especially when Terry Westland got loose in the greenhouse. )

Gatto Gray came over 2 days before, to help me decorate my new out-door Pad and the next day we had a dress rehearsal with Brandy Stopherd and Sheila and Tici Little, from Indiana. By the time the two-legged types arrived on Saturday, we had a pretty wild scene going.

Ishka ate most of the script and wasn't very helpful otherwise, but she did pull off some great impersonations - in fact, her Garbo lasted right through Sunday.

To create suspense, Maya Johnson did the escape scene right on cue and we all snickered in our whiskers while the crowd went crashing through the brush. The act was cut a little short because Mrs. Little turned out to be a super margay-catcher, but it was a great opener!



Terry did his hair-raising trapeze number, with a ripping finale that left a lasting impression on two roustabouts (his Dad and mine) and

Tici followed up with a grass-regurgitation routine that was the envy of all of us.

Camelot Johnson and his Hopscotch in 3D was absolutely fabilush, Brandy and Gatto had a wine-barrel sleep-in during Sheilas cakewalk, and Tanya Dee Osborne was like groovy in the blinkless staring act.

We all took part in the Big Chase, and topping it all off, El Tigre Christie did his nitzy tree-climb thing, which turned into quite a show-stopper. After that we all sang our soul music, improvising magnificently. That's when some of the people started to go home.



The two Jaguarundi did a swell job on the special effects, and all in all, lions or no lions, we agreed that our first Picnic was a roar!

As soon as I recover, we'll be calling auditions for the road company for the Picnic in Amagansett in September.



Happy Days!

Chuckie Baby

## AMONG THE NEWCOMERS

**OCELOTS:** CAMELOT, female 26 lbs, whole, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest O. DeBakey, West Palm Beach, Fla.; BARNABAS, young male, Mr. & Mrs. Michael F. Mooney, East Patchogue, N. Y.; NEHRU, young male (will soon be a year old) Ronna & Michael Richter, Osseo, Minnesota; PACER, young male, Jack Ullery, Altoona, Pa.

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| CLOUDED LEOPARD | F, 2 years old (Ripette) |
| PUMA            | F, " " "                 |
| SERVAL          | F, " " " (Bonnie)        |
| OCELOT          | F, 6 mos. old            |

These animals are owned by L. L. A.

**BARBIER**, M.D. of Casablanca, Morocco, who has plans to add a male ocelot and a male clouded leopard to his collection.

**BOBCAT:** SHEENA, a young animal, Mrs. Gertrude Griswold, Tacoma, Washington.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| LION (AFRICAN)    | M, 3 yrs old (Rufus) |
| BENGAL TIGERS (2) | M, 5 mos (Plato)     |
|                   | F, 5 mos (Sassy)     |
| CHIMPANZEE        | M, 28 mos (Jo-Jo)    |
| ELEPHANT          | F, 14 mos (Twiggy)   |
| ASIAN SUN BEAR    | ? ? ?                |

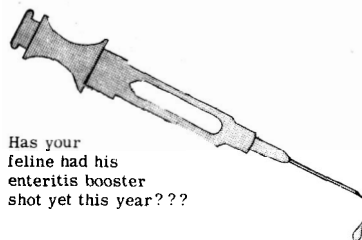
These animals owned by Howard C. Havens, New Orleans, La., all live happily with him.

**JAGUARUNDI:** TERRA, F, six months old, David G. Longstarr/ Neil J. Burmeister, Pompano Beach, Fla.

**OCELOT:** PRINCESS, 4 year old whole female, F. R. Marburger, Canton, Ohio

? (We don't know the species, but BARNEY is a young male owned by Mary Ann McPeak, Indianapolis, Ind.)

**MARGAY:** MYJA, a neutered young male, Mr. & Mrs. Nick Nicholson, Jr., Lake Park, Florida



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

## NEWS OF LIOC STAFF

LIOC's New Secretary, Mrs. D. P. Treanor, (Shirley) has arranged for LIOC to "to computer". In connection with this, she sees many club operations in a new light, among them our old "Mating Game." In her own words, Shirley proposes:

In order to supplement our breeding program, I'd like to compile a file of those members interested in finding a mate for their exotics. If members willing to be contacted in this regard will send me the information below, I will sort it by geographical location and eventually we will have a source to draw on.

Address to Mrs. D. P. Treanor, 1454 Fleetwood Drive E., Mobile, Alabama 36605 (Attention: Breeding Program)

1. Age of cat
2. Species
3. Sex
4. Name of cat
5. Weight
6. Particulars (declawed?, defanged?)
7. Any peculiarities.
8. Name, address and Telephone Number

Once this information is gathered and as soon as I can, I'll send participants a list of the members in their areas with possible mates. It will be up to the individuals to get in touch with one another and all arrangements will have to be made on this basis.

It may take a while, so please be patient. We hope to put this program in the computer so programming will take a while to get going. Once it is put together I think it will be invaluable.

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### GUEST IN TEXAS ----- YOUR FOUNDER

Words cannot suffice to express my appreciation for the warmth of the "Friendship" Branch (LIOC-South-Western) during my brief visit to Texas during their June 6th Barbecue and meeting at the working ranch of Bob and Susan Martin near Christoval.

With me was Mrs. Dotty Mulford of East Hampton, a close friend, who shared the hospitality beginning the preceding evening and through the following Sunday. Many LIOC members stayed at "our" Holiday Inn in San Angelo with their assorted felines.

Our delight started with the surprise legend on the marquis of the Inn: "WELCOME CATHERINE CISIN and LIOC" and continued through the many weekend happenings. Names came alive as we met the folks with whom we had long corresponded. These will forever be with us in this great, special world of feline love where there are no strangers. Johnny and Genevieve Ebner and Dr. Roger Harmon lead our list of South-Western friends. They are followed closely by so many, many more who we met subsequently.

*Catherine Cisin*

## New Members

1352-570 Mrs. Howard Aiken, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
 1335-370 Leon Barbier, M.D. Casablanca Morocco  
 1331-370 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Benham, Flushing, New York.  
 1345-570 Kenneth Bobrowsky, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.  
 1346-570 Mrs. Patricia Bonneau, W. New York New Jersey  
 1332-370 Fred R. & Betty J. Bryant, Imperial Beach, California  
 1349-570 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest O. DeBakey West Palm Beach, Florida  
 1341-570 Tim Drouhard, Mansfield, Ohio  
 1326-370 Mrs. Sherry Gilbertson, Santa Rosa, California  
 1353-570 Mrs. Gertrude Griswold, Tacoma Washington  
 1347-570 Howard C. Havens, New Orleans, La.  
 1333-370 Anthony E. Hixon, La Mesa, Cal.  
 1329-370 George C. Kirkpatrick, Vancouver Washington.  
 1351-570 Walter Krauss, Salem, Ohio  
 1340-570 David G. Longstaff, & Neil J. Burmeister, Pompano Beach, Fla.  
 1339-570 Mrs. J.L. McKeever, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada  
 1342-570 Mrs. Mary Ann McPeak, Indianapolis Indiana  
 1350-570 F. R. Marburger, Canton, Ohio  
 1344-570 William H. Meadors, Austin, Tex.  
 1330-370 Mr. & Mrs. Michael F. Mooney, East Patchogue, New York  
 1343-570 Robert J. Morris, D.V.M. New Orleans, La.  
 1338-570 Mr. & Mrs. Nick Nicholson, Jr. Lake Park, Florida  
 1336-370 Joanne & Bob Payne, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
 1334-370 Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Pisiewski, Ashland, Mass.  
 1327-370 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Richter, Osseo, Minn.  
 1328-370 Mr. & Mrs. David Schwartzkopf Rochester, Minn.  
 1325-370 Dr. Thynne R. Short, New Orleans, La.  
 1354-570 Jack Uilery, Altoona, Penn.  
 1348-570 Wesley J. Webb, San Francisco, Cal.  
 1337-370 Betty Whithock, So. Lake Tahoe, Cal.

PLEASE REMEMBER! -- Advise me at once of any change of address?

Mrs. Dan Treanor  
 1454 Fleetwood Dr. E.  
 Mobile, Ala. 36605

*Shirley*

## Renewal Members

968-368 Mr. & Mrs. John Avery, Troy, Pa.  
 994-568 Debra Babe, Mill Valley, Calif.  
 611-566 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bargeil, Woodland Hills, California  
 991-568 Charles Barrett, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
 411-1164 Mrs. Ann Davison Billheimer, Opa Locha, Florida  
 735-167 Walter E. Billings, Fields Landing, Calif.  
 848-567 Barbara Bishop, Hallandale, Fla.  
 810-367 Dee Bleeck, Woodland Hills, Calif.  
 343-364 Drew Bosee, Wynnewood, Penn.  
 605-566 Mr. & Mrs. Julius Bulyovszky, Pasadena, Calif.  
 1178-569 Donald L. Chesnut, Streator, Ill.  
 603-566 William Dehn, Old Westbury, N. Y.  
 355-364 Lee DuBray, Cleveland, Ohio  
 820-567 Mrs. Theresa Duncan, Lake Ronkonkoma New York  
 833-567 Robert Emerson, W. Yarmouth, Mass.  
 357-364 Mrs. Jeanne English, Boulder, Colo.  
 1182-569 Paul C. Fleischer, San Diego, Calif.  
 1184-569 Mrs. Juanita Gex, Oakland, Calif.  
 1191-569 Mrs. D. L. Hadley, Stonewall, Ga.  
 716-1166 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Harrison, Riviera Beach Florida  
 815-567 Sandra & Bob Hartkopf, Largo, Fla.  
 254-962 Mrs. Della Hayes, Bronx, N. Y.  
 607-566 Mrs. Ernest V. Horvath, New York, N.Y.  
 302-563 Mr. & Mrs. Paul James, Hayward, Calif.  
 995-568 Susie & Chuck Kindt, Jupiter, Fla.  
 1188-569 Miss B.J. Lester, Neptune Beach, Fla.  
 807-367 Mr. & Mrs. John Marolf, Miami, Fla.  
 948-168 Claude Marsden, Coquitlam, B.C., Canada  
 633-566 Gary E. Miller, M.D., Austin, Tex.  
 830-567 Paul W. Moran, Rockland, Maine  
 996-568 Mike Negrete, Whittier, Calif.  
 829-567 James Nolan, Elizabeth, N. J.  
 1155-369 Jerry & Lillian Quimby, Lakewood, California  
 740-167 Elizabeth Reuss, New York, N. Y.  
 980-368 H. L. Rosenberry, Auburn, Calif.  
 992-568 Mrs. Barbara L. Schenks, Oakland City, Indiana  
 803-367 Mrs. John V. Spitz, Salem, Va.  
 1181-569 Bonnie Sullivan, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 296-563 Mr. & Mrs. Gene R. Trapp, Madison, Wis.  
 468-365 Mrs. Henry Tremaine, New York, N.Y.  
 978-368 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tumey, Cocoa, Fla.  
 945-168 Marsha & Donald Van Vliet, Bayfield, Mass.  
 1179-569 Mary Renkert Wendling, N. Canton, Ohio  
 843-567 Linda L. Willis, Sepulveda, Calif.  
 790-367 Mr. & Mrs. Mike E. Wilson, Des Moines Iowa  
 1127-169 William L. Wyatt, Brookfield, Conn.