

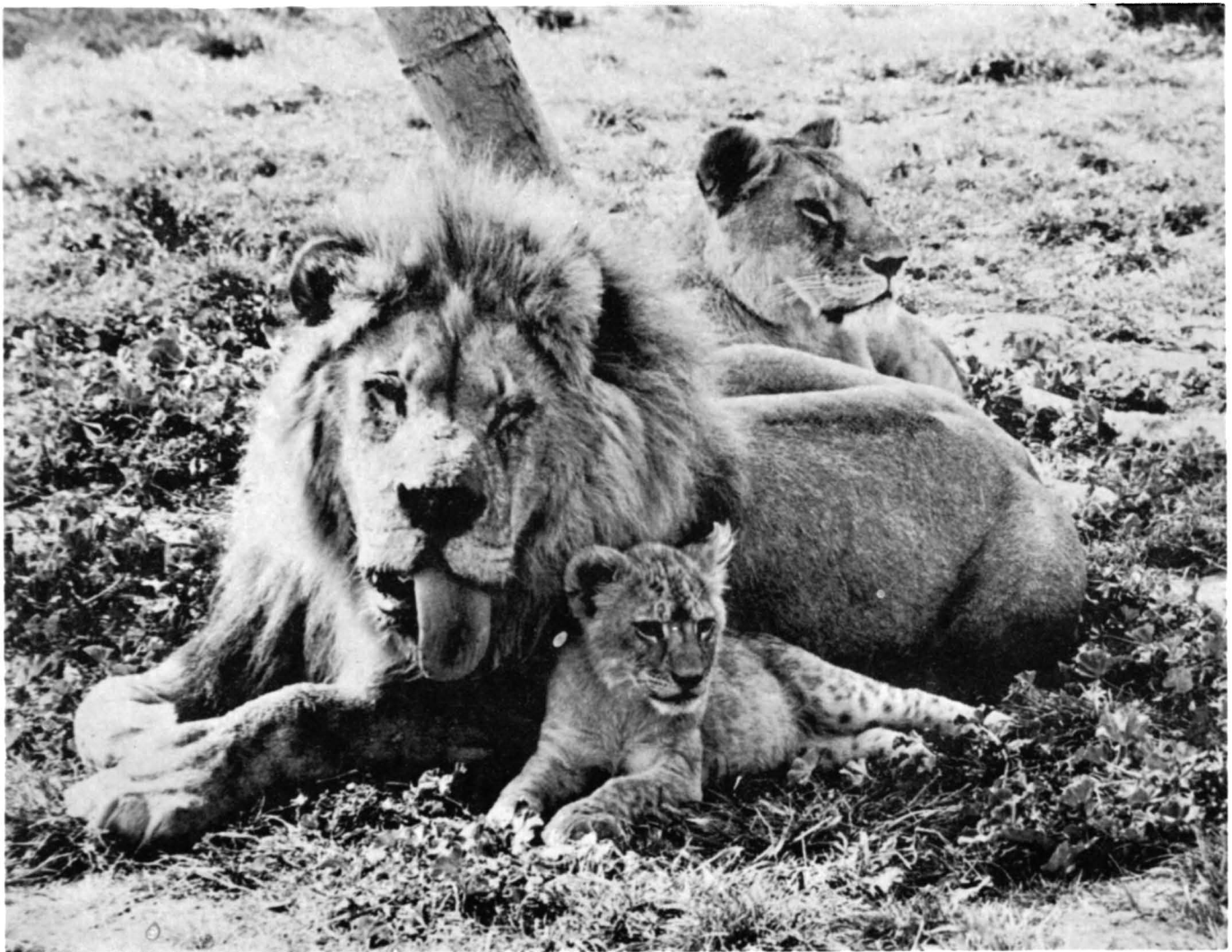
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FRASIER, a most unusual lion, is now living at Lion Country Safari in Laguna Hills, California. Better known as Ol' Frasier, he has continued to amaze zoologists, who place his age at approximately 20 years old, by siring 33 cubs in a year and a half. After arriving at the African Wildlife Preserve, being thin, undernourished and elderly, he was given vitamin shots, plenty of food and then introduced to his pride of lions. We wonder if Lion Country Safari is willing to sell any of their vitamin formula?



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The Sensuous Lion

According to veteran zoologist and ethologists at Lion Country Safari (California), there has never been a lion like old Frasier.

At the leonine age of 18 or 19 (the human equivalent would be an octogenarian), toothless and rheumatic old Frasier has become an international celebrity. His unique claim to fame: siring cubs at a prodigious pace. Over a recent 16 month period, Frasier's seven wives produced 33 cubs, with more expected momentarily!

Frasier is readily identifiable because he's usually snoozing in the sun, lying on his back with paws waving in the breeze, his enormous tongue lolling, and perfectly at peace with the world. His lionesses, who constantly reject the advances of younger and stronger males, bring Frasier his food and support him during short strolls on wobbly legs. He is their lord and master, the patriarch of the preserve.

News media have lionized old Frasier with such titles as "Lothario of Laguna Hills", "King of Kings", "Marvel of Mammalia", and "the darling of the nation's never-say-die geriatric set".

Lion Country Safari officials, with what they call "increasing pride", have nominated Frasier as 1972's "Father of the Year" - pointing out that his progeny, along with his harem, absolutely adore the courtly old gentleman.

Harry Shuster, president of Lion Country Safari, declares in the firm's annual report that Frasier is a "corporate asset", and that his offspring will roam free in new preserves opening this summer in Texas and Georgia.

Frasier Fan Clubs are springing up all over the country, with members clamoring for their idol's pawtograph. His posters and bumperstickers are blossoming over the West Coast, and Frasier (The Sensuous Lion) T-shirts are being sported by young and old alike of both sexes.

Few have reached celebrity status so late in life. Frasier was about five years over normal life span and nearly dead when Lion Country Safari zoologists, mainly out of compassion, rescued him two years ago from a Mexican circus. Emaciated, mangy and decrepit, upon arrival, he rallied beautifully in this happy habitat, thanks largely to a special diet fortified with nine vitamins and twelve minerals. He daily consumes 12 pounds of raw meat, including chicken (bones, feathers and all).

Lion Country Safari's preserves, both in Florida and California, are being deluged with calls from Frasier fans, and Shuster concedes that his senile star has developed into a major attraction.

Frasier's story has appeared in over 500 newspapers, on many TV and radio stations as well as network TV. Frasier Fan Clubs have sprung up across the country and there are now Frasier buttons, bumper stickers, T-shirts, whole line of jewelry, and many other Frasier items appearing.

See much more about Lion Country Safari on Pg. 10

Seek, Find and Help

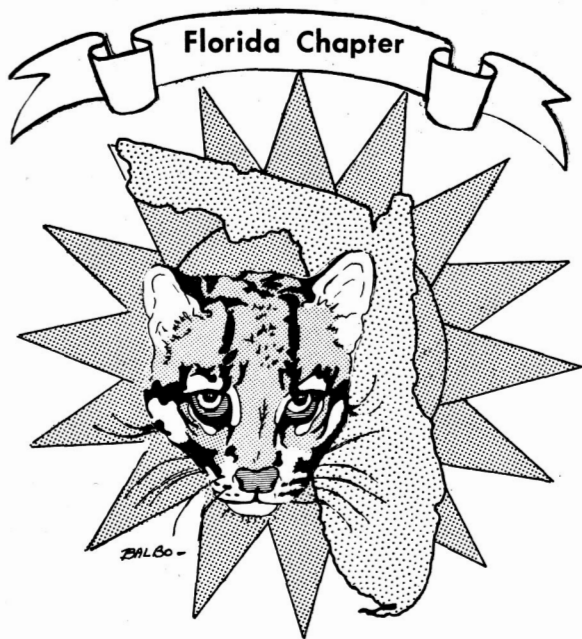
The following article was written by Lt. Walter E. Kilroy of the Law Enforcement Department of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It seems to be representative of the opinion, held by people in this field, of exotic pet owners and is certainly worth consideration. The article appeared in the January, 1972, issue of Animals Magazine, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02115, and is here reprinted with their permission.

Recent years have produced a growing and dramatic concern for our environment. Much of this concern has been directed toward the protection and conservation of our wildlife, and to those of us in the humane field, this event has indeed been gratifying. Much work has been done in the area of wildlife protection legislation - legislation which protects not only our native wildlife, but also many exotic and foreign species. Unfortunately, for many species this concern is too late, as they have already passed from the scene or have been diminished to such an extent as to assure their eventual extinction.

Equally if not more disturbing is the fact that all too frequently survival of the species must be seriously endangered before meaningful action is taken to prevent their extinction. There are many factors that can contribute to a serious reduction of an animal population and one which we consider a growing rather than a diminishing problem is the sale of exotic pets.

The demands for such pets is, unfortunately, increasing and conservation in this area seems to have made little impact. A great many of these animals are totally unsuited as pets in the home and many a person has learned this after purchasing one. That cute little ocelot kitten or playful baby raccoon often grows up to be a frightened and aggressively defensive animal. Cage facilities and knowledge to properly care for these animals is seldom evident in the average home. Thus when this happens, the usual procedure is for the owner of the animal to begin to look for a new and more suitable home for his so-called pet. Almost without exception, a serious difficulty now begins. Nobody wants his exotic pet - not zoos or museums. The reason, of course, is because there are a million other people with the same problem and the zoos and museums, as a result, are always overstocked with these unwanted pets. Eventually a humane society is called and in the case of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the animal is always accepted.

But what an enormous and tragic waste of wildlife is being created every year by the exotic pet trade. Many of these animals die from the strain of capture and transport and never even reach the retailer. Many more die from improper care and handling by the pet consumer. As for the
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MEETING REPORT FLORIDA CHAPTER

Submitted by Jean Hatfield, substituting for Sadie Douglas, Corr. Sec.
March 12, 1972

Hi, there. Nice to "see" you all again. I'm filling in temporarily for our Corr. Sec., Sadie Douglas, who was unable to attend due to babies, both feline and homo sapien. Patches had just had one or two, they weren't sure which as up to that Sunday she still had them with her, and Sadie was also baby-sitting her granddaughter.

We met Sunday afternoon, March 12, at the home/beauty shop of Richard and Dick Gleason in Okeechobee. There were about 37 members and guests and 8 felines present. Members were: Ken Bitsack, Mr. and Mrs. Bonneau, Woody and Jeri Bracey with leopard Lepi, Mrs. Cox with ocelot Timmy, Bob and Sandy Hartkopf, Ken and Jean Hatfield with ocelot baby and cougar Big Girl, Chuck and Suzie Kindt with jaguarundi Copy, Carol Kurshner, Mr. and Mrs. Lago, Bob Little, Don Piechocki, Bob and Carol Roth with jaguarundi Rhesa, Dick Russo and Fred Sprague with bobcat Sheba, Ed and Linda Watts with bobcat Jefferson and, of course, our hosts, the Gleasons.

It turned out to be a good day weather-wise, after a rather gloomy start. I had personally ordered some of Florida's nice warm days and cool nights for our out-of-town LIOC member, Bob Little from Indiana; however, I guess my order go lost somewhere. In any event, we arrived in Okeechobee about 12:00 or so, and fortunately for Ken and some others that soon followed, they had the coffee ready. Sheba, the bobcat, who is about eight months old or so was the first exotic to arrive and considering that this is the first time she has been out among so many people and other animals, she did very well. Then we came along with Big Girl cougar and our domestic ocelot baby, Tippy Two Toes, who was 2 weeks old at the time, and so called because somehow, someway, he lost two of his right front toes. It's all healed up now and he is going on 5 weeks as of this writing and waddles around full speed ahead. (I say waddles because I

think one of the funniest sights is a 3 or 4 week old ocelot baby trying to walk. The feet go WAY up in the air with each step; they can hardly get their tummy up off of the ground, and they sort of rock from side to side as they go. Such a difference 2 or 3 weeks will make!)

Folks started arriving from all directions then; however, Bob Hartkopf still managed to be first in the "pay-for-lunch" line. We were glad to see Sandy all recovered from her surgery, and to hear that Bob is working away at the outside cage he's building. Let's see, at his rate of progress over the last 6 months, he ought to be done sometime in late 1973. Incidentally, he brought an album of photographs he has taken at various times; he has some marvelous shots. Maybe he will bring it again for those who didn't get to look at it.

Mrs. Cox was able to join us this time and brought her domestic-born (Douglas) ocelot, Timmy. He is the most lovable and out-going cat imaginable. Of course, he was quite restless among so many people and other exotics, but he never made the slightest move toward biting at any time, which is remarkable for any ocelot, domestic or otherwise! We had two jaguarundis with us, big Copy Kindt and little Rhesa Roth. I don't know if Copy is the rule or the exception to it, but he likes everything, whether it be dog, cat, ocelot, bobcat or what-have-you. He even helped raise his babies, which you can be sure I wouldn't let any of our ocelots do!

This time Ed and Linda Watts brought Jefferson bobcat with them. He makes the third one they have in the house; I remember all the things they said Rufus got into - what on earth do they do with three! Last to arrive was Lepi (leopard) Bracey, who keeps getting bigger, but just as sweet, all the time. We sure hope the problem with the city fathers of West Palm Beach can be worked out and that Lepi will stay "legal". As of this time, the City Commission has still not made a decision on what kind of law they will enact. It seems that one neighbor is objecting to anyone keeping any exotic and is trying to get a law passed to that effect.

About 2 o'clock Ken Hatfield called the business meeting to order. He reminded people to check with their local Health Department regarding any regulations of "policies" on rabies shots. In Dade County, for example, it is possible for them to have any "wild animal" regardless of how long in captivity, put to sleep and its brain checked for rabies if it bites anyone. Now, we all know that OUR cat will never bite anyone, right? But if the improbable happened and it did, if you have the tag and certificate showing that it had been vaccinated, there is a much better chance of the disastrous never happening. Sandy Hartkopf said it saved her cat because it is mandatory in her county, as it is in Palm Beach County. It is not mandatory in Dade, but the cat will be just as dead if they destroy it, and up to now, many of the cats have not had rabies shots as they don't have exposure and it wasn't felt to be necessary.

Ken then told the group what he had been told by a Federal Wildlife Officer in Miami at a meeting sponsored by the Florida Game and Fish Commission. That the ocelot, margay, leopard, jaguar, etc., had been added to the Endangered Species list and that, therefore, there would be no more imported kittens and cats. HOWEVER, he has since spoken to the



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Dr. Roger Harmon and the members of his South-Western (Friendship) Group have scheduled many exciting events for the coming Convention.

HIGHLIGHTS

Privately conducted group tours of: **LION COUNTRY SAFARI** and **ANIMAL WORLD**
These are scheduled for separate days.

FILM FESTIVAL - giving each LIOC Group the opportunity to bring along and show films of their Branch Members, both human and feline.

Plenty of time for visiting, talking, seeing all the cats.

Attractions such as those offered by Dallas and Fort Worth themselves featuring: Six Flags over Texas (A Texan version, but in this rare case a bit smaller than Disneyland.), Nieman and Marcus and other outstanding shops.

An "Executive - Dutch-treat Breakfast meeting" has been scheduled to include all Branch Officers, National Officers and the Advisory Staff. **The exact date has not yet been set.**

Those attending should definitely plan on being in Dallas through Saturday Night:
As a climax to the Convention, a big Saturday Evening Dinner Meeting is planned.

No activities are being planned for Sunday to allow for last minute chats and visits before departing for homes.

Other activities are in the process of being finalized.

Trip Planning

Pets are MOST welcomed at the Quality Motel.

In making reservations at the Quality Motel, please identify yourself as part of the LIOC Convention. A bloc of rooms is being reserved for us.

Motel Rates: Single Room - \$14.50 Double Room - \$16.50

The Motel is on a main thoroughfare, as close to the airport as possible. Roger requests that all members planning to attend let him know. Tell Roger when and how you will be arriving and he will do his best to provide transportation from arrival point to the motel.

Write: Dr. Roger Harmon
401 E. Pinecrest Drive
Marshall, Texas 75670

There will be a Registration Fee, to include the cost of the planned activities at drastically reduced group rates.

Rehabilitating the Big Cats

by: Douglas R. Paxton
California

Only a few years ago there roamed through the mountains and deserts of the southwest three different kinds of big cats. There were puma (also known as "catamounts", "cougars", "panthers", and "mountain lions".) Next in size were the ocelots with their beautiful coat of black spots and stripes on a tan background. Then came the smaller of the "big cats", the bobcat, marked similar to the ocelot, but not quite so gaudy, with large hind quarters and a short, stubby tail.

Now they are almost all gone, the victims of ill conceived bounty programs and man's depredations into their domain. A few pumas and bobcats are occasionally seen, but one rarely sees an ocelot. These cats have been falsely accused of almost every kind of offense of which they might be capable and some which would be impossible. Primarily, these accusations were the result of ignorance. The cats are stealthy, solitary and retiring, preferring to avoid contact with humans and are, therefore, rarely observed and little understood. As always, the mysterious is subject to exaggeration. It is now known that contrary to the image built on lack of knowledge, the big cats are beneficial in that they help to balance nature by preying on rodents and providing a quick merciful death for animals grown old, crippled or slowly starving to death. Laws have recently been passed to help preserve these few remaining big cats in the hope that maybe they can survive.

Working alone, I am attempting to increase their chances of survival and at the same time rescue individual cats from a lifetime of misery and boredom by being captives in small cages where they are held as exhibits or status symbols. My interest in the big cats goes back many years to when, as a cowboy, packer and guide, I spent many hours watching the cats, admiring their grace, agility, speed, and strength. I came to know these cats for what they really are. When an opportunity arose to work with a cat trainer, I jumped at the chance. **It was while working with the trainer that I discovered the problem which has led to my present-day activities.**

Many people like the big cats as pets and when properly trained, they do make wonderful companions. They are much more affectionate than domestic cats and instead of the rather independent attitude demonstrated by most domestic cats, they enjoy the company of their owners. Many of them are enjoying a life of luxury where they are like a member of the family - a much easier and longer life than they could expect in the jungle. However, all too often someone acquires a fluffy little kitten that is just adorable, then finds that it grows into a spoiled, untrained ball of fire. The owners, by then afraid of the cat and unable to teach the cat what is expected of it, lock the poor animal in a cage. **Other times people acquire a cat just as a status symbol and get some perverse pleasure from exhibiting this snarling, spitting, miserable creature to their friends as if they should somehow be esteemed for being brave enough to keep this caged animal under control.**

I began to acquire these cats just to get them out of their miserable predicaments. Most were given to me if I would just take them away. Some I had to buy. Since they were usually full grown, strong, wild and untrained, just getting them out of their cages without hurting them resulted in my receiving a number of injuries. **Even heavy leather gloves and coats are easily ripped through by one fast swipe.**

I built a compound on a ranch where the cats have trees to climb, a pond to swim in, caves for shelter and plenty of room to play and exercise. With good food the cats did well here, but I decided that maybe they deserved something more - maybe they would prefer living in the wilds with the challenge of survival. Obviously, simply turning them loose was not the answer. They would probably die before they could learn the skills necessary to survive, never having had the benefit of a mother's teaching since they had been captured when they were kittens still in the den. But how to train them? I had taught trained cats to hunt; I knew how they hunted and what they needed to know, but these were cats which no one could even handle, and my injuries attest to the fact that it is not as easy as you might think. **However, I believe that if you are going to have the big cats, you have to expect to get hurt sometimes.**

One of the things I attempt to teach the cats is to stalk their prey. If they try to run down their dinner, they will never make it. They must get close, stay concealed and then make their move. **They must also be taught what animals to go after and which ones to leave alone. Porcupines and snakes must be avoided,** not to mention men with guns and automobiles. To teach these skills it is necessary to have control over the cat, to be able to call him in, make him crouch and crawl, and be able to direct his attention where you want him to look. **It is not necessary to teach them to retrieve the game without eating it, but they must be taught to hide what they do not eat at the first sitting.**

When their training is complete, they are given their choice; either stay at the ranch, go live up in the mountains, or go and come as they please. At first, they usually stay away a few hours, then overnight and before long, several days at a time. One exception is "Krisi", my female ocelot, who refuses to leave the compound, which she has decided is her home. None of that wild life for her. She prefers to have her food served on a platter! The other cats are now rarely seen, but they are doing well and, who knows, maybe one of these days they will bring some kittens in to visit their old home at the ranch.

I estimate that each cat I have turned loose has cost me about two hundred dollars for advertising, transportation and food, disregarding my time. I now have only two cats, but am continuing my search for more unfortunate caged animals so that I might be able to provide a better life for them.

(Ed. Note: Douglas Paxton has offered to take any presently caged cat and try to teach him the basic skills necessary for release from his ranch. Consideration, of course, must be given to any alterations that the cat might have had performed. If you would like more information concerning this, write or telephone us.)

Placement Coordinator

We are pleased to announce the initiation of a new club service. As an increasing number of areas are making illegal the importation of various species of exotic cats for public sale, the "available" exotic and the domestic born cats are assuming a position of high importance. There are many people who are not only willing, but wish to take cats from homes where they are not wanted and give them warm and happy atmospheres in which they will be truly loved for themselves. Also, there are potential owners seeking domestic bred exotics. Although not as numerous now as we hope they will be in the future, these cats do occasionally become available; and this is a service to which their owners **can turn for help in placing them.** Finally, as more and more exotics are being bought a proportionately larger number of owners are becoming disenchanted with their new "pets".

The Club is now offering its members a coordinating service by which those wishing or needing to find new homes for their cats, wild or domestic born, may be put in touch with people wanting these felines.

This is a coordinating service only; and does not enter into any of the transactions themselves. The price asked for or paid for the cat is a matter between the individuals themselves.

No one is committed to either buying or selling by registering with us. No dealer registrations of wild-born exotic cats will be accepted.

Shirley Treanor, our Secretary-Treasurer, has very generously offered what must be the last of her free time to include the work of Placement Coordinator with her many other necessary and much appreciated LIOC chores.

To make use of this service, and we really hope that you will, simply write Shirley giving complete details about the exotic that you wish to find a new home for. **By complete details we mean such items as:** type of cat, age, sex, alterations, domestic or wild born, weight, disposition, and any other information you think pertinent. **For those looking to find an exotic,** write Shirley telling the type of cat you are looking for, and any other information thought useful such as the number of children in your family (Many exotics just don't get along well with children.).

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Anticipating the success of this service somewhat, we have decided not to list available exotics in the Newsletter in the future. **This** eliminates the chance of dealer ads (The Club is not a commercial organization.) and should more readily bring the interested members together.



THIS SERVICE IS YOURS!

DON'T HESITATE TO MAKE USE OF IT!

LIOC'S Domestic Breeding Program

Methods for the Conservation of the exotic species within the boundaries of our Club fall into three distinct categories. **Each long, happy life** lived by one of our cats is a step ahead for conservation. **Our care and love of our exotics goes far in this direction.** The more we learn about them, their needs, illnesses, of the cautions needed to ensure a minimum of accidents or escapes goes far in this area.

The second division is that of allowing no cat to remain in a home where he is uncared for, unloved, and therefore is surely exposed continuously to callous careless treatment by his owner. As these cats are almost always available, we must open our lives and homes to these victimized animals and give them the love, security, and above all, the feeling to be wanted, that they so desperately need. As a step in this direction, Shirley Treanor has accepted the position of Placement Coordinator. **For more details of this position,** read "Placement Coordinator" on this page.

The third category is perhaps the most fundamental and definitely requires the most work and ambition of the part of our members. **For each cat** which we do not import, as many as eight or more other lives are saved. (The importation mortality rate for the ocelot has been knowledgeably estimated to be higher than eighty percent.) Additionally, many, if not most of the cats we import are in the serious danger of their species becoming extinct. We are only contributing to this problem.

During recent years, there has been an upsurge on the part of LIOC members to breed their cats. This domestic breeding can immensely help to prevent this extinction and save the live needlessly lost because of importation. Many laws, both Federal and State level are now being passed banning the importation of these very animals and their skins. **This attempt at** governmental regulated conservation is highly laudable even if decreasing the number of sources of our exotics.

In general, a domestic breeding program, if given the cooperation it needs, can accomplish three objectives: Supply a source; Ensure good homes for the kittens; and most importantly, Discover the knowledge that will enable others to easily breed their cat(s) in captivity. (In general, the exotic felines do not breed successfully while captive. Much of the knowledge now known concerning successful breeding has been discovered and voluntarily shared by members of LIOC.) These facts are needed by all the scientists, breeding institutions such as zoos and conservation inclined colleges. **By organizing** what we now know and what we can learn and by spreading this via the Newsletter and correspondence, we can help to fill the void in this important area.

In addition to the obvious much improved source of exotics, we're confident that our members will be certain that the person to whom he sells his kitten will be deserving and will provide the kitten a loving and safe home,

Toward these ends, we are initiating a LIOC Domestic Breeding Program. Brenda Duprey, of Lenox Massachusetts has volunteered for the position of Domestic Conservation Director to coordinate this
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Readers Write

Dear Sir,

I enjoy your articles and editorials, especially your first (though my husband didn't). Jim and I come head to head on the issue of Thor (our one year old Ocelot) if he belongs in our home or in his jungle. The one reason he is permitted a happy home by me is in hope that he may sire at least one kitten.

Very recently we registered Thor with CFA. I was disgusted to see our number was 0008. That only seven other cats were registered is not excusable! CFA has gone a long way in giving us this privilege; all other associations don't recognize exotics as cats! Why don't we show CFA our thanks by using their file, and at the same time help ourselves? The \$3 fee is little by standards of what is spent on our cats. It is also the same fee as for domestic cats; CFA hasn't raised their prices for us.

A suggestion I have that would help us, and probably others, is a yearly (or so) publication of all members of the Ocelot club, their addresses, and possibly what kind of cat, age, and sex. We have found only two people with ocelots matable to Thor. One is too far away and the other, only a few miles away, is very disinterested. Since registration with CFA is so slow, this publication could help.

Another subject, directed more to Mrs. Stager, why hasn't the Greater New York Chapter had a meeting since we joined last summer? In repeated calls over the months we were told "probably next month". I thought this was an important part of the Ocelot club.

Please register those cats!

Yours truly,
Judy Kamenik

Dear Sir,

Necrology -----almost!

I am still suffering from shock at almost losing my ocelots, Zeb and Samantha to an unidentified type of Panleucopenia (enteritis). They would accept no medicine or food and I could only keep them clean and away from drafts. They were a little fat, and came out of it quite lean. Zeb felt that he needed to pull out all the fur on the lower part of his body and he did.

Considering that they are about 10 years old, I think they are quite a remarkable pair. I am so thankful for their recovery that I vowed to be of service to ocelots and am having field trips from the local schools, talking about ocelots and conservation.

I would like to thank Mrs. Lucafo and Mrs. Bob Smith for their help and moral support.

Eleanor Hollis

Dear Sirs,

We regret to report that we lost Tobasco, Sunday, March 12, at 4:30 p.m. We had hoped to report his beginning recovery as a result of a definite diagnosis of his problem, but he did not respond to treatment. In fact,

we had a letter completed but decided to wait and see what happened.

The diagnosis was the result of x-rays. When Tobasco failed to respond to steroids we decided to start from scratch. The x-rays revealed a serious calcium deficiency. His cortex was very thin, and his bowels were full. He had not had a bowel movement for two days. The vet gave him a shot of A, D and E vitamins; started him on diostate and we changed our vitamin supplement to Vitatone from Per-vinal because of the higher calcium content. We had been concerned about his diet from the first because he never would eat any of the fruits and vegetable that most cats seem to love. His immediate response to the second enteritis vaccination set all of us on the wrong track. What had happened then was that the bendaril "hyped" him up so much that he actually bent a leg bone! When he had not passed the constipation after a reasonable time, our vet gave him a fleet enema and a capsule for constipation. That night and the next morning (Sunday) he passed that out, but the effort was too much for him.

I have teased Judy about her "beast" frequently. The dogs have always been my animals, and Tobasco was definitely hers (or she his). He seldom allowed me any familiarity, although he would allow our daughter, Sondra, almost any liberty. I am not ashamed to say however, and Judy knows this, that in the short time Tobasco was with us he made a place in my heart that will always be his alone.

In the past few days the Federal Government has enacted a law prohibiting the importation of ocelots by private parties. They are now on the endangered species list. This is as it should be. We have talked it over and decided to obtain a domestic born ocelot. We have made arrangements to purchase one from a zoo in Canada. He was born on December 15, 1971. We should have him within a week. We have learned a lot from our experience with Tobasco. It pains us to know that what we have learned was at his expense, but we know that there are still kittens on the market that might go to unfeeling or irresponsible owners. Maybe we are being too selfish, but it is difficult to be objective now. We hope some of you will benefit from our dearly bought experience. Please write us if any of you have further questions about Tobasco.

Yours very truly,

John and Judy Zimmerman

Dear Sir,

Thought that you might like to know about how our little girl is progressing. We almost lost her to distemper over the Christmas Holidays. Luckily, we had given her several of her early immunity shots so the case was mild. I believe she picked it up Thanksgiving. Then, she was on the bottle every four hours; and we had to take her with us. She was exposed to two cats who had just been to the veterinarian's for alterations.

The week before Christmas she became listless

and stopped eating and drinking. I was up twenty-four hours a day with her for three days including Christmas Eve. I forced a few drops of Lytrin and tea down her every thirty minutes during the whole time. I also gave her Terramycin and Neomycin orally and injected vitamin B complex with extra heavy B12, once a day. The b vitamins brought back her appetite by the third day. I also gave her small quantities of Gensing tea every day. This helped her keep down the liquid.

These may seem like weird remedies, but lacking any Ambex or Ringers Solution, I had to improvise an oral solution that would stay down. I could hardly get a veterinarian to do anything. They said that distemper was very bad down her then because of the unseasonably warm winter. They did not want to have any more distemper cases in the hospitals. This is not unreasonable. The main problem was that since it was over Christmas, nobody would sell me any injectable electrolyte because they did not want to deplete their supplies.

By the day after Christmas, the baby was eating again; but we had another problem. With her system unable to digest for several days, she had developed a mild case of rickets. Her back end was completely paralyzed. We purchased some injectable ADE. This along with a high calcium diet had her walking normally within a week. Our drugstore carries an amazing number of livestock drugs. That is where we got most of the things we needed. The rest we bought from local health food stores.

The baby is now fine and will probably make an excellent breeder with her better than normal immunity.

Mrs. D. Hadley

Dear Sirs,

Having just received and read the January-February Newsletter, we find that we must write and express our views:

Regarding Readers Write, we are in complete agreement with Loralee Vigne; she has written a letter that we should all give a lot of thought to, she has explained fully the way many of us feel but just could not put into words.

We agree--many people should not have exotics, but those who are capable should certainly have them. We were pleased to read the articles by Michael K. Petersen, William Boyle and John Paramore, all very knowledgeable men.

This issue was very interesting and informative. We have been very well pleased with the Newsletter in the past and feel it should remain as it has been--serving the majority of the members, "being a friend".

The Chit-Chat should continue as it is a very important part of the LIOC Newsletter. We spent almost twelve months in Montana last year. Thus, being unable to attend the meetings we enjoyed reading the informal talk and it helped us to remain a part of our Branch. Montana hasn't a Branch. Renewal Members has always been interesting to us, and we would dislike the discontinuation.

Because of the Newsletter "being our friend" and publishing Emergency Procedures and Preventive Medicine we are thankful--SamElita, our 25-lb., happy, healthy, well-adjusted ocelot is proof. At 18 mos. she

became cranky and hard to handle. We didn't have a veterinarian whom we knew to be qualified for an exotic, so by reading and evaluating the Newsletter articles we arrived at our opinion, called Dr. Frye in Berkeley, and discussed SamElita's symptoms with him.

Dr. Frye gave us his opinions and also the names of two veterinarians in Oregon, but we were unable to obtain their help. So, we drove to Berkeley, 750 miles south. Sammie had cysts on her ovaries, just as the Newsletter described; she was operated on, recovered beautifully, and we headed home five days later. This was two years ago. Now, through our local branch, Pacific Northwest, we know of three veterinarians who are willing, qualified and have been successful with exotics. This is certainly a good step forward, and a blessing for concerned exotic owners. This shows again the value of having local Branches, working together with the parent LIOC headquarters.

Our SamElita Happel has a fine set of teeth; they are all there, none have been removed or filed. And, she has all her toenails, too. There will never be any problems because she is not subjected to situations that could prove undesirable. She is our pet, not a status symbol. She travels with us wherever we go; she sleeps with us (really enjoys the warmth of being under the electric blanket), dunks the rolls of toilet paper in the toilet and shreds them when she has a chance, works at opening doors by swinging on the doorhandles (and she is sometimes successful), amusing herself. Like the cartoon said in this issue of the Newsletter, "Never Underestimate an Ocelot".

Recently we acquired a margay, named Heidi, because she wanted to hide all the time. What a world of differences between the two. Sammie, being ours since babyhood, is independent and her fears are practically non-existent. She has always had the complete run of the house, and in summer has spent a lot of time outdoors enjoying the grass and flowers. Heidi is so tiny, seven lbs., has had her toenails removed and her teeth filed, and has been a victim of bad treatment. It will take a long time to undo her fears and undoubtedly they will never completely be gone, but we will do our best with lots of patience, love and Sammie's help.

To the capable, qualified person "Happiness is an Exotic Cat"!

Marvin and Jackie Happel

Dear Sir,

I have been an active member of LIOC since 1966. I have saved each and every one of my Newsletters, and have them store in a loose leaf binder. In January, 1967 I received an Original Index for my Newsletter. In July of 1968 I received Addendum number 1 of the Original Index. This is February of 1972 and I have an index which is incomplete, because it includes Newsletters up to and including March 1968. What happened? Will I ever get to find out what is in my Newsletter for the last three years?

It is my understanding that you volunteered to complete the index system. If this is incorrect, then please advise me. But, don't you think that for the last three years you have had time enough to complete the index? What are you going to do now, particularly since you have assumed the position of

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PLAN YOUR VACATION FOR AN EDUCATIONAL, ACTIVE

African Safari

This year plan to spend your vacation on a 19 day African Safari, featuring involvement with professional Lion Country Safari game rangers as they embark on a continuing research and capture program of African big game. Many of the animals captured will be seen in the previously opened Lion Country Safari preserves and the two presently opening in Georgia and Texas. (The Lion Country Safari in Texas will be visited by the members attending this year's Convention - See page 5.)

Catherine Cisin, Founder and Advisor of LIOC, will be travelling with us as Tour Leader and Organizer.

The Trip Includes—

- * Air transportation on luxury intercontinental jets from New York.
- * Transfers from airport to and from hotels or lodges; price is based on carriage of two average-sized suitcases per person
- * Meals three times a day, throughout.
- * Sightseeing with the most modern equipment available and English-speaking guides and/or drivers.
- * Supervision of all arrangements will be made by staff members of Lion Country Safari African Tours, Inc.

- * Surface transportation on either deluxe motor-coach, Safari VW-Minibus, Landrover or private car as appropriate to local conditions.
- * Accommodations in either deluxe or "best-available" hotels, game lodges or base camps; price based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath.
- * All U.S. Airport taxes; all visa expenses. Tips and taxes added to hotel bill, gratuities to porters at airports; local and state taxes where relevant.

The Perfect Post-Convention Trip!

All Will Participate—

in all aspects of the roundup not involving personal danger. This will include the phases of animal isolation, animal chase, animal handling and post-immobilization duties of supervision, animal care and base camp transportation. (This whole safari takes place on Lion Country Safari's game preserve, so of course there is no hunting of any of the animals there.) You will be involved with professional Lion Country Rangers. You will see first-hand the teamwork required for safe, efficient capturing; and you will be afforded the opportunity of recording this experience on either film or tape. A staff photographer will be on hand to help and advise of the best film taking techniques for this type of photography. (Still life or movies)

Itinerary—

A BRIEF table of contents of the itinerary would appear as the following:

- * New York to Zurich with the other members of LIOC. Flight is aboard Swissair's Boeing 747 Flight #101.
- * Zurich to Johannesburg. After enjoyable afternoon in picturesque Zurich hotel, proceed on a Swissair DC-8.
- * Johannesburg. Spend afternoon at your own pace. Join Lion Country's Rangers during evening who will serve as your safari guides. All these Rangers are well experienced in their work both with animals and tours.
- * To Lion Country Safari Game Farm in the Transvaal. This is a most scenic and enjoyable trip.
- * Orientation, Photography, Small Animal Familiarization. Group is divided into field teams of four persons each with its own Ranger. Field teams join in evenings for meals and fireside comradeship. Small animals caught during the day's activities will be marked, logged and released. Initial logs, charts and records will be distributed and explained. Collection of data will begin at this point. In the evening a barbecue feast will be waiting. The various wilderness survival techniques that are used are discussed.
- * Reptiles, Bush Birds, Rodents, Primates. Day will focus on capture, marking, surveying, and study procedures.
- * Demonstration of proven capture techniques. All the equipment used is discussed including nets, long poles, darts, capture guns, vehicles, etc. Tour participants have option to become familiar with each piece of equipment. A complete discussion on all the aspects of immobilizing drugs, their chemical composition, effects and uses is given. Different drugs with different situations with different animals are explained. All sides of animal capture techniques are explained emphasizing modern humane methods. Protecting the animals is stressed always.
- * Tracking, marking, testing, post capture procedures. An animal is marked so it can be readily identified by conservationists. All related and associated activities of this process are explained and illustrated.
- * Mammals with emphasis on predators. Real adventure begins - not for old ladies with tennis shoes. All you have learned to date is put to use with specific tasks assigned.
- * Kruger Park. Day trip to the world-famous Kruger Park for familiarization with general natural ecology.
- * Trout fishing in the Sabie River where the fresh, cold water keep the trout active.
- * Exploration of Water Birds and Amphibians.
- * Special Examination of the Latest Professional Capture Techniques. Large scale capture for moving large numbers.
- * Review of activities and events. Farewell Party. Wrap up of record-keeping, survey forms, and other data. Items of personal interest including duplicate marking tags, photographs and other miscellaneous paraphernalia will be distributed.
- * A most enjoyable and leisurely trip home via Johannesburg and Zurich. Swissair Airlines are again used.

For further information call Catherine Cisin - 516 267 3852 - as soon as possible.



MEETING REPORT CENTRAL STATES BRANCH

The February meeting was held at Rick Murphy's home, and had a good turn out.

We regret to announce that two of the three leopard kittens of Charles and Nina Clark has died. The male "Bimbo" is the only survivor of the virus. Bimbo is doing well and has already taken over the house along with Tanya, another leopard cat. I would like to report also that their first pair, Chimy and Pumi are now expecting again. The Clarks have also acquired a new pair of leopard cats. Tiger and Tamy are three years old, and another male, Mr. Thai, is one year old. They hopefully want to breed the new male to their Tanya.

Another new cat was added to the club. Yes, the Couch's are the proud new owners of a new male lion "Miget". Miget is eight months old and weighs around 100 pounds. They do not plan to breed Miget to Tiny, their female lioness who now weighs about 225.

David Williams, a member of the New York branch, not yet member of the Central States branch, attended our meeting. David plans to get a puma in the future.

Some of the members also plan to go to the Topeka Zoo, to see Mr. Clarke, head of a number of the zoos around the Kansas area. And to see Jerry Houghlan. We also discussed the next meeting. It will be held at the home of Jay and Joy McEntee in Dixon, Mo. So please look forward to our next column to read what went on at that meeting.

Sincerely,

Rick Murphy
Reporter

COLOR CLUB POSTCARDS

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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, 24 Partridge Ave., Somerville, Mass. 02145, adding 12¢ for postage.



MEETING REPORT PACIFIC NORTHWEST BRANCH January 16, 1972

The January meeting was held in the home of Herb and Barbara Wilton.

Our meeting was called to order and we went over the old business and what we've accomplished.

It was noted that Ethel's margay, Solomon, got dysentery from a diet of moose meat.

A list of food and vets and current members with their addresses is being sent out by our Secretary.

Ethel brought the photo album that she has been putting together. We all agreed she's done a good job, and we can't wait until we get to see more pictures. She enlarged some of the best pictures, and gave them to us for framing.

Barbara and Herb had a very good lunch for us with chicken, assorted salads, and homemade pies. To wash that down, lots of champagne.

Our next meeting will be at Gil Meyers by Mt. Hood in March.

Members present were: Gil Meyer and Ldean with Sandy (cougar) - Linda Morse and Larry Palmer with Teddy Bear (cougar) - Marvin and Jackie Happel with Sammy (ocelot) - Herb and Barbara Wilton with Silly (ocelot) Zonia (cougar) - Ethel Hauser with Solomon (margay) - Dan and Diane Spreen with Dusty (chaus) - David Stoller.

Guests were: Bea Rackley - Gayle Shaecher - Herb's sister, Jean - George and Debby Baynard - Julie Horton - and Sally Reilley.

The meeting was adjourned so we could take pictures and eat.

Sincerely,

Linda Morse
Coordinator

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head Officer in Miami and learned that it has been proposed that these animals, and others, be added to the list. The dead-line for comments by interested parties was March 3 and the proposal has now been forwarded to the Secretary of The Interior for his action.

(Comment: With all the many LIOC members in various occupations throughout the USA, it seems strange that none of us was aware of this proposal. Seems to me that a national organization of exotic owners should surely be allowed to comment on a proposed law that affects us so drastically) The addition to the Endangered Species List could be made next week, next month, next year or never - whatever the Secretary decides to do.

Another important thing he learned was that not only is the importing into the country of Live animals forbidden, if on the List, but also any part thereof which means no hides - which is where most of the danger of extinction comes from anyhow; pelts not pets. He also said that these hides cannot even be on board a ship that docks in the United States while en route to Europe, which, while it will not stop shipment completely, will surely help to cut it down.

Ken next reminded one and all of some miscellaneous items of interest: that we now have the Florida Chapter decals at \$1 which look like the logo at the head of this report and are in bright colors; that we also have some of Jan Thomas' Pepper Notes for \$2 per pkg. available, profit for Florida Chapter's own OUCH fund; that the Dallas Convention is for all LIOC members, not just officers; and finally, that the next two meetings will be May 14 at the Florida Power and Light Company park in Jupiter hosted by Chuck and Suzie Kindt, and July 9 at the home of Bob and Carol Roth in Ft. Pierce. The meeting was then adjourned and we all went inside and had a delicious lunch. We naturally talked cats some more and the next thing I knew it was time to pack up and leave for home.

Well, it was nice talking to you all again, and Mittens the Hillbilly Margay is sitting here with his Shooten-iron all ready to make sure I do it right. (Actually, it would help my typing no end if he'd keep his big paws off the typewriter!) Don't forget, Jupiter on May 14th.

MEETING REPORT #2

(see #1 on page 11)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BRANCH

March 12, 1972

Our second meeting of the year was held on March 12 at the home of Gil Meyer near Mt. Hood.

Members and guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Karpow with their male cougar - Edward Smith - Linda Morse with male cougar Teddy Bear and Teddy's dog, Arrow, a Doberman who doubles as a sparring partner. Ethel Hauser and her margay Solomon (a few days after the meeting Ethel bought a 2 1/2 month old female ocelot) - Ginger and Wally Bordwell came down from Olympia, Wash. for their first LIOC meeting. They planned on getting a baby bobkitty, but about four weeks later they bought a darling baby margay. John and Linda Paramore came down from Bothell, Wash. with their ocelot, Budget. We were glad they could make it. Dan and Diane Spreen with their niece, Debbie Forbes (their chaus is recovering from

a blockage operation, so stayed home). Herb Wilton and his special guests, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. J. Seager.

Our hosts were Gil and Ldean Meyer, and their cougar, Sandy.

We had another one of our stupendous lunches of homemade chili, roast beef, french bread, relishes, salads and cakes, all provided by our host and members.

After lunch, we had a very brief meeting. Ethel Hauser passed out our Club Roster, which is pocket size, making it very handy. Then she printed up membership forms and information on our club with its views for guests and prospective members. Thank you very much, Ethel, for your hard work in this area.

Food and Veterinarian lists were passed out. We heard the Treasurer's report, then the meeting was turned over to Dr. Seager. We were most fortunate to have the Doctor at our meeting. He has been doing research on artificial insemination for the past few years at the University of Oregon Medical School. He's been very successful with artificially inseminating dogs, using frozen sperm and producing live puppies. Now he would like to work with us and use our exotics for his research. He showed slides on the progress of the Research Center, then we had a good discussion period.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Sincerely,

Linda Morse
Coordinator

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program. Brenda is best known to the members of the Club as the sculptress of the Lotty Award.

As this program is now being organized there are not many details set. Basically it will consist of trying to inform members interested in breeding their cats of others similarly willing; following up on the history of the offspring as to their health, temperament, etc. (A many generation domestic born ocelot for example may show distinctly different characteristics than his wild born ancestors). Most important will be the hoped for feedback of information regarding the mating: what the owners think made the attempt successful or unsuccessful; what they did in preparation; or any of the multitude of other factors that may have played a part. Also needed is information concerning the deliveries themselves.

We would greatly appreciate your suggestions as to the breeding program itself. Advice on methods of followup, coordinating, information feedback, etc., is welcomed plus all the facts of exotic cat breeding that you may know, of course.

Kindly send any comments and information to

Mrs. Brenda Duprey
793 East Street
Lenox, Mass. 01240
413 637-3347

The Breeding Program is not limited, naturally, to only those wanting to breed their cats with other member's exotic cats. We have many members who own two or more cats and who are now mating them or who wish to. This is an ideal situation. We strongly urge these people to take an active part in the Program. Their knowledge will be tremendously helpful to the rest of us who know little about the subject.

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Editor of the Newsletter? Is someone else (and I'm not volunteering) going to finish the Index? These are all questions that I would like to have answered, and I'm not the only one.

I recently lost a cat to Hemobartonella. Look in your index for that one. The last time that was mentioned was in the original index under 5-1-3 (Feline Infectious Anemia) and nobody knows if it has been mentioned since March of 1968. The index sure would of helped.

The point of this whole thing is that we, members of LIOC in good standing, would like to see the index completed. It is impossible for every member to remember what is in past issues of the Newsletters unless he has a photographic memory, which I for one do not possess.

Rick Riggio

(The index is indeed a valuable addition to the Newsletters. As long as the Newsletters are published, the index can never be completed as such; but it can be revised periodically to ensure fairly current listings. As Rick mentioned, we have undertaken the positions of Editor and Director. This, unfortunately, does occupy all our time. We would sincerely appreciate hearing from members interested in volunteering to bring the index up to date. Ed.)

Dear Sir,

I must express my disappointment at finding the so called Bengal Cat promoted in the Long Island Ocelot Club Newsletter. **These unfortunate freaks of nature are nothing to be encouraged.** I'm sure Mr. Engler is well aware that many litters of Leopard Cat (*Felis bengalensis*) x domestic cat (*Felis catus*) have been born throughout the country in the past few years. **Most of these breedings were accidental and the resultat off-spring were given away with the stipulation that they be altered or put to sleep.** Mr. Engler's cats are neither the first nor a new breed. To establish a hybrid breed it must be possible to breed like hybrid to like hybrid, resulting in viable like off-spring. Since the two blood lines currently being worked with are neither totally unfelated nor alike in coloration, nor have any male hybrids proven fertile, it would seem a bit previous to claim the development of a new breed.

The dispositions of these hybrids may please the breeder and a select few owners, but unfortunately the average cat love or even exotic cat lover usually finds **them a bitter disappointment.** We are already receiving calls from owners of this type of cat who want rid of the beasts. One that I tried to find a home for recently had already had three homes, been declawed and defanged and was relegated to life in a cage because of its untrustworthy nature. **All this at six months of age.** Unless a good deal more responsibility is taken in the placement of these animals there is no justification for causing them to be brought into the world.

I would like to call the membership's attention to an article on this subject that will appear in the July-August, 1972 issue of International CAT FANCY Magazine. I have recently been appointed their Exotic Cat Editor. This publication takes a great interest in the exotic cat and displays an editorial integrity unparalleled in other publications. In the February, 1972 issue they reprinted my article on the Leopard Cat as well as including an article on wild animal dealing and one on Gardner McKay and his cheetahs. Anyone wishing to

obtain a copy of that issue could write to: International Cat Fancy Magazine, 11760 Sorrento Valley Road, San Diego, Ca. 92121. The charge for a back issue is \$1.00.

A brief comment on John and Judy Zimmerman's letter on vaccination procedures: My files contain some interesting information on the efficacy of Felocine and other vaccines used to inoculate Leopard Cats. **This information is limited,** however to the reactions of too small a group of cats to prove anything conclusive. **Since new vaccines and improved procedures are being developed regularly,** it would be wise to follow the advice of your veterinarian, who is in a position to keep up to date on such matters, rather than the information found in a book published several years ago, no matter how definitive the book might have been at the time of publication. **No club or individual member of it can be considered responsible for an unusual occurence such as the Zimmermans have experienced.**

Virginia English

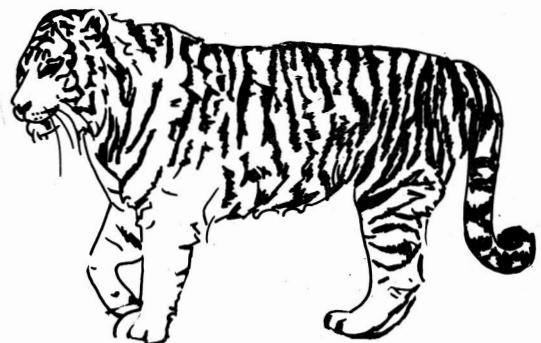
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'READERS WRITE' Note

If you wish to write us for any information, to give suggestions, offer opinions, or just want to chat, have no fear that your letter will appear in print if you would prefer it did not. Simply mention, not to be printed, or words to that effect in your letter, and it will not be published.

This column is printed to allow all members to know and consider the various opinions held by the individual members. It also serves as a means to spread the knowledge gained from the many and varied events and circumstances **which each exotic owner experiences.** To help others and let us all know your opinions and thoughts, write directly to the Editor.



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majority of those that do survive, it would appear they are often disposed of after the novelty wears off.

Again, what a tragic and avoidable waste!

Commentary



Although Lt. Kilroy, at first glance, seems to be very harsh concerning exotic cat (and other unusual captive animal) owners, it must be remembered that the only representatives he comes into contact with are exactly those described. The owner interested primarily in the welfare and security of his cat never puts himself in the position of visiting the Humane associations, the zoos or museums looking for a new home for his cat. **Instead he is content to keep his beautiful charge as what Catherine Cisin, LIOC Founder and Advisor, calls a "private pet".** His enjoyment comes from the cat, himself, and not from exhibiting him or keeping him for his uniqueness.

Unfortunately, however, the people described in the article are only too numerous. Advertisements have even been seen in the small magazines - the type which feature only items for sale - such as "Ocelot for sale, de-fanged and declawed, male, five years old, \$250, call after six , . . .". **Since this is the type of owner who gets all the attention, it is no surprise that the responsible owners must also bear his label.**

The person truly interested in his cat is, with few exceptions, sincerely interested in the welfare of all exotic cats. **It is my belief that this interest should not be allowed to lie dormant.** Exotic cat owners have the responsibility to the many feline species to protect them as much as possible from avoidable accidents, diseases, premature deaths, unhappy and fearful lives, multiple owner-ships, and the many other harsh circumstances which they all too frequently encounter.

To accomplish this, we must actively seek out people interested in buying, those who have recently acquired, and the owners who are having difficulties with their cats. This is not easy and requires persistent and diligent searching, the leaving of name and address at pet stores, whether or not they deal in the exotic trade (Frequently, people, not knowing where to look, go to their local pet shops and inquire about dealers.), following up leads such as "I met someone the other day who owns an ocelot". **Bringing potential owners to our homes to witness first-hand life with an exotic can be an eye-opening experience.** Follow-up visits to the pet stores are also very important. Dealers frequently lose addresses or forget that they have them.

At times the process of informing others to really what responsibilities, work, and sacrifices are needed in exotic ownership can prove most frustrating. **When the person listens, sees your cat and acknowledges that at least some extra care might be called for and then says "Oh, but I must have one, they're so cute and fluffy", you can almost see another "available" forming, and ready to find a new home in a few months.** Even in circumstances **such this, though, we can not give up.** With patient understanding, frequent visits, suggestions here and there, and the ability to listen to the many forthcoming complaints, it is possible to change the attitudes of the owner to that of a responsible owner who will not have a cat available

but rather will have a much loved new family member. We certainly won't always be as successful as this, but I believe all will agree that a single life saved from **death or misery is worth the effort of all of us.** With a sincere group effort along these lines, hopefully the number of exotic owners that Lt. Kilroy meets will diminish rather than increase.

Because we are the people who love these cats, we are the owners who shudder at the thought of an exotic's balance of life being in a zoo or museum, we are the humans who abhor the current tragic loss of lives, and we are the owners who must share the common reputation, because of all this and the indefinable more, we must seek, find, and help potential, novice, and ill-advised owners. (Dir.)

TAMI



2-3-4-5 Leopard Cubs

Dave Salisbury is a very excited guy these days, and with good reason. Tami, Dave's leopard, has given birth to five leopard cubs! Four cubs were born Easter morning between 4:00 and 6:00 a.m. The fifth one was born Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., which is sixty hours after the birth of the first four!

Dave talked with Robert Baudy and Frederick Ulmer of the Philadelphia Zoo, and neither one has ever heard of a leopard giving birth to this many cubs.

All babies are in the house being raised on formula, as Tami had no milk. Everything is fine at this time.

Dave might be willing to part with one or two of his cubs. Anyone interested, write Dave Salisbury, 1519 Cambridge Drive, Cocoa, Florida 32922.

Necrology

CLEOPATRA, Ocelot, 1959 - 1972

"This is the letter that I hoped wouldn't be written for a few more years. **Cleo is gone - she died at 6:00 A.M. Monday, March 13.** As you know she hasn't been well for years but this past year she lost weight and was just skin and bones although her face and fur were still as beautiful as ever.

She had been eating well and except for sleeping more than usual, which we attributed to her age, 13 years, she was lively and playful. When we went to work Friday morning 3/10 she ate her breakfast as usual. When we arrived home that night she wasn't at the door to greet us but was upstairs in her room in her safari cage where she went only when we traveled and when she was sick. Her hind legs gave out when she tried to come out. I called our vet and he was at our home in 15 minutes. He gave her a shot and said to bring her in Sat. morning for a blood test. Saturday morning he took some blood and gave her two more shots. When we got her home she ate some boiled liver very slowly. She came out of her cage on very shaky legs and used her papers. Sunday we gave her some boiled beef and she ate it. This encouraged us but a few hours later she vomited. Our vet gave us the report on the blood test and she was very anemic, had nephritis and very high blood sugar. As far as I can explain it, the main thing wrong was that she could not assimilate her food properly so she just wasted away. Just before 6:00 A.M. she came out of her cage, walked into the upper hall and laid down. John kept petting her and I am sure she still knew us. Then she walked back into her cage and laid down with a big sigh and was gone. I am sure she made that last effort to come out to say Goodbye. Our vet made arrangements for her cremation and I made poor John witness it so no one could take her pelt first.

A very beautiful part of our life is over and our hearts are broken. Even though we have 7 plain cats and a dog, the house seems empty. We have beautiful memories of her and we will always be grateful we had her to enrich our lives so, not only by her presence but for the beautiful friendships we would never have known without her.

One sure thing is she will never be forgotten while we live."

Gene and John Brill

TINKER BELLE, Ocelot, July 1955 - February 1972
Tinker Belle was probably the oldest cat in LIOC. Her picture and story appeared in Volume 13, Number 6, November - December 1969. Ray and Jill bought Tinker in California in 1956. They have been LIOC members since 1957. At this time we do not know the exact cause of her death. Ray and Jill Malyska.

TUPI, 4/65 - 3/14/72 55 lb. female ocelot, the family of Carla and Henry Tremaine of East Hampton and New York City, died at the Animal Medical Center in New York City on Tuesday, March 14.

Events preceding the event: Tupi broke one of her upper canines, was hospitalized on Saturday, Mar. 11, for the removal of the balance of the fang. Under anesthesia, she was x-rayed. Foreign matter in her intestine was disclosed. After surgery, and its removal, the doctor thought the unidentifiable black object had been in her stomach for some time and had recently advanced to the intestine which it perforated. After surgery, the inevitable infusions and drains were used. While her kidneys seemed to be functioning, a liver condition was discovered.

In the final analysis, six year old Tupi's death, three days later, was attributed to peritonitis. Autopsy will be performed.

TARAJAH, Ocelot, 4/70 - 10/71 died after surgery. "He accidentally swallowed an old plastic button. I was always so careful with his toys but he got this in his pen in the yard. He would have been two years old this April, and weighed 57 pounds." Corrie Mae Stewart

TOBASCO, Ocelot, 11/71 - 3/72 For a detailed medical history, see Readers Write 16 - 2 and 16-3. John and Judy Zimmerman

More about SECURE RIGGING

From the author of the excellent article, Elements of Secure Rigging, which appeared in the Newsletter 16-2.

Dear Sir,

I plan to write a further group of articles, each covering one element of the security equipment (collar, leash and tie out, anchorage, etc.) and in each to give full information, instructions, illustrations, sources of supply, and the like.

I have my testing machine working now, so I would like to ask members to send in their old, used equipment for me to test. **Equipment that has been** through a "crisis" situation - whether it held or broke is particularly valuable in that the information gained from testing it will serve to verify (or modify) the **strength levels I design to.** The following information should accompany any such equipment: the weight and species of the cat it was used for; whether the leash or tie-out was being held by a person or was secured to an immovable object; and a brief description of the "crisis" situation, if any, that proved or disproved the adequacy of the equipment. Also, I would appreciate receiving information - and preferably also sample of - any snaps or other items that other members have found to be useful and effective.

Thank you,

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New Members

- 1608-372 Natalie Banks, Lansing, Michigan
 1615-372 Carl J. Calire, Maple Heights, Ohio
 1606-372 Yvonne Crim, Stateline, Nevada
 1645-372 Douglas Eller, Gainesville, Georgia
 1623-372 Mr & Mrs A. Faehrmann, Woodbridge
 Ontario, Canada
 1617-372 Mr & Mrs J. B. Fitzgerald,
 Waynesboro, Virginia
 1616-372 Jeanne' Fretwell, Beaverton, Oregon
 1619-372 Susan Haas, Clinton, Minnesota
 1644-372 Dan Harvelle, West Palm Beach, Fla.
 1610-372 Patricia Johnson, Hartford City, Ind.
 1618-372 Robert T. Johnson, Burbank, Cal.
 1621-372 Andrew Kershaw, Newport, Oregon
 1609-372 Marti Kheel, Madison, Wisconsin
 1611-372 Mike Landry, Fountain Valley, Cal.
 1614-372 Pat & Maryann Orsillo, Ringwood, N.J.
 1620-372 Donna Pauly, Chaska, Minnesota
 1622-372 Judy Reynolds, Pacheco, California
 1647-372 Reg Rothwell, Bradford, Pa.
 1612-372 Richard Russo & Fred Sprague,
 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
 1607-372 Judith Schranz, Southampton, Mass.
 1624-372 Luann Simpson, Seattle, Washington
 1613-372 Eric & Deanna Stevenson, Seaside Park,
 New Jersey
 1646-372 Patricia Stewart, Hazlet, New Jersey
 1625-372 Joseph J. Wintemberg, Ft. Lauderdale
 Florida

AMONG THE NEWCOMERS

OCELOTS

Tiger, a lady type who lives with Joseph Wintemberg, and his other pet, Sir Mergitroid Thomas, a jaguar. Felix, a Canadian neighbor, belonging to Mr. & Mrs. A. Faehrmann. Khea, an Equadorian gentleman belonging to the Kershaws, and Lawnce, one of the Hatfields' boys now living with Dan Harvelle. J.J. who claims the Fitzgeralds. Tikki, a Brazilian lady now residing with Glenda Johnson and Snoopy, another of the Hatfields' no living with Yvonne Crim.

MARGAYS

Chief, an eight pounder living with Natalie Banks and Weeko, a girl, living with Jeanne' Fretwell. Pequila, who claims Carl Calire.

BOBCATS

Sheba, a Texan sharing her home with Dick Russo, & Fred Sprague and Jinx, a four year old living with Sue Haas.

