

# NEWSLETTER

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## LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB



Veterinarian James Foster of the Woodland Park Zoo, in Seattle, Washington. The cheetah being treated is being examined prior to the removal of an abscessed tooth. Although Jim is especially interested in birds of prey, John Parramore of the Cascade Branch reports Jim is a great asset to their group and a interested and helpful vet. Dr. Foster is also credited with the initial success of collecting semen from the Parramore's ocelot with thoughts toward artificial insemination. Photo courtesy of Bruce McKim and the Seattle Times.



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Material for publication in the Long Island Ocelot Club Newsletter should be submitted by the 10th of the month preceding Newsletter publication, i.e. by the 10th of the even numbered months.

Local groups are advised that, if convenient, the holding of meetings during the odd numbered months will ensure the earliest publication time of their meeting reports due to the above deadline.

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## Moving?

To avoid any interruption of service and Newsletter delivery if you should move, send as soon as you know the details, your name, new address, old address and the date of moving to our Membership Secretary,

Pepper Perry  
1536 Dearing Road  
Memphis, Tennessee 38117

Please send all applications and renewals directly to Pepper for fast efficient service.

Send all Newsletter and related material to the Editor.

*Please*

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Send those cards & letters to:

Long Island Ocelot Club  
1454 Fleetwood Dr. E.  
Mobile, Alabama 36605

We'd love to hear from you.

*Shirley*

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## State Seizes Pet Ocelots

So read the headlines of a United Press International story carried in the Patterson Evening News on January 7, 1975.

Erik and Dee Stevenson along with Ken Neuhaus are now without their pet ocelots due to a New Jersey State Law that was passed in 1972 unknown to them. Here's what happened:

A uniformed policeman came to the Stevenson's home the first week in January, one morning at around 8 AM. Supposedly there had been a report that cheetahs were being kept by the Stevensons. Since she was unaware of the law requiring a permit for "wild animals" and the police already had knowledge of the cats she invited him in and showed him we were not keeping Cheetahs. That afternoon the policeman returned with a man and woman from the Fish and Game department again asking about "cheetahs". They were again assured that there were no cheetahs in the house but asked to see the cats to make sure they were adequately cared for.

Dee was then informed that it was necessary to have a permit and that the officers would have to give her a summons for failing to have one. When the summons had been written the officers informed them the cats were to be confiscated. Ken Neuhaus' ocelot was there on a breeding loan for the Stevenson's female.



The Stevenson's requested that if the animals must be taken that they be placed with their vet who was familiar with the cats. This was denied and they were taken to another vet and eventually to the zoo. **Charges** - possession of an animal on the endangered species list.

Paul McClain, head of the State Endangered Species Project maintains the "pets" were taken to protect the owners and the public. He maintains the animals will never be returned to their owners. "The ocelot is a potentially dangerous animal," McClain said. "Cats can be safe at certain times but at certain times it can be dangerous. You don't know what wild animals are going to do - particularly cats." "I doubt if we would return these ocelots to these people, our policy is not to issue permits to keep big cats".

All this happened on New Years Eve and as of the hearing date, January 31st, the cats were still imprisoned in the Terry Lou Zoo in Scotch Plains, N.J.

The judge ruled that the seizure of the cats was legal and that they were rightly property of the state since they were held illegally without a permit. As soon as money can be raised the Stevensons and the Neuhaus' plan to appeal and in the meantime they are working on getting a permit, however there is little hope of that.

Moka, Mala and Sheena have lost weight under their present conditions. When they were visited recently by their owners Ken Neuhaus threw a chicken neck into the cage and the cats grabbed for it viciously. "I've never seen them do that before," Ken said. Dee arrived with a blanket "so they would have something familiar", but the Zoo Director would not allow the cats to have it in the cage, nor would he allow Dee to go into the cage to comfort the cats. It's a far cry from a carpeted room in a loving home to a concrete floored cage in a zoo.

## Calif. Members Overcome Council Objections

Several LIOC members in California have been to hearings recently with the fate of their pets at stake. Thanks to the diligence and planning of these members they not only eventually got their permits, reversing hostile Council members but getting good press write ups in the process.

We were pleased to receive full page articles on the plight of Chris Dalri of Fremont, California and Dennis Warden of Union City, California. Such publicity as this does no harm and I believe it can do much good for our cause.

Both parties appeared at their respective hearings with full information on the care of their cats, showing themselves to be responsible with the cat's welfare in mind. Another member who showed up less prepared was less fortunate due in part to his conviction that a puma was a "housepet" and did not need a secure cage but could be left unattended in the garage for safekeeping. This should be a valuable lesson to us all. Whether a secure cage is actually needed for a "housepet" it is needed to put others minds at ease. Neighbors attended the hearings with the Wardens and Dalis in favor of the permit.

We must give credit to Shirley Nelson and her group, Exotics Unlimited as they worked hard to prepare and present a good case for these permits. It can be done folks - if you know how.

## FRESNO COUNTY, CAL. ROUGH ON EXOTICS

Fresno County, California is not the best place to reside if you have or are considering an exotic. County regulations make it illegal to own an animal on the Endangered Species List. A list of 24 directives on this subject was sent us recently by an individual who lost his puma as a result of these laws. Among them are restrictions limiting the animals movements "Total, strict confinement shall be adhered to at all times. Animals are not allowed out of enclosure or off owner's property except with written permission of the Department" and "No permission shall be granted to allow them on public sidewalks, or to transport them on public roads, highways or forested areas"; entire enclosure and animal not to be visible from public view; cement runs (floors sloped into an approved sewage system), Posted sign indicating a dangerous animal confined on the premises; automatic watering systems required; and on top of it all a provision that makes it possible for the Department to seize and destroy illegally possessed animals at your expense or shipped out of the state. ➡

## AND IN FLORIDA-

And in Florida the new "Personal Pet Law" sets forth that "it is unlawful for any person or persons to possess any wildlife as defined in this act , whether indigenous to Florida or not, until he has obtained a permit as provided in this section from the game and fresh water fish commission."

This law classifies animals into 2 categories: a) those that are totally illegal and for which permits will not be issued, b) Wildlife considered to present a real or potential threat to human safety a fee of \$100 per annum.

To date there has been no list issued of which animals fall into which categories. It further states that such wildlife shall be kept in sanitary surroundings and in appropriate neighborhoods. Persons, firms, etc. exhibiting and selling wildlife shall be exempt from this section of law but must comply with other state laws on the subject.

Hearings on this piece of legislation are scheduled for the early part of 1975 - I suggest our Florida members start writing their State Representatives regarding Florida Statute 372.922.

## URGENT!!

In order for our fight against current Federal regulations to be effective we need an accurate count of exotics held by each of you. WE DO NOT NEED YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, OR EVEN WHAT STATE YOU LIVE IN. Just jot down the number of cats you have, by specie and sex, the number of kittens produced and the number of those surviving on a plain piece of paper and send to our President. A format similar to the following will be sufficient.

| No of Cats | Species | Breeding | Kittens   |
|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| M / F      |         | yes/no   | born/sur. |

THIS IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY - SEND IT TO:  
Ken Hatfield  
1991 SW 136th Avenue  
Ft Lauderdale, Fla. 33325

If you are an active member of a branch make sure your Branch Representative has this information and that they have sent it in...if not do it NOW!

## Commentary

As a member of L.I.O.C. for the past six years and a concerned individual with the rights of private ownership of exotic felines, I have decided to go out on a limb with reference to funding our legal fund for the support of our cause.

As you are all aware, during our convention in Portland in August of 1974, we as directors, discussed the possibilities of an assessment against each member in the amount of \$10.00 to help fund the costs of legal expenses involved in attempting to amend the Endangered Species Act. At that time we all decided to forget about the assessment and appeal to the membership and branches individually to help us with the cause. As I understand it, to date there has been less than \$1,200. donated to the legal fund which is hardly enough for a retainer for a competent attorney. We cannot and absolutely should not as private owners and private breeders expect our larger breeders such as Ken Hatfield, the Douglasses and the Olympic Game Farm to finance a legal fight which is designed not only for their benefit but for our own. It is therefore my strong suggestion that each and every member of L.I.O.C. voluntarily and immediately send to Ken Hatfield, the treasurer of our legal fund, the sum of \$10.00 or more if possible so that we may proceed to fight the battle which will save our exotics.

As you know, recently exotics in many states are being outlawed and private owners are being deprived of the enjoyment of their felines. I fully realize that there are many important issues and problems before us in L.I.O.C., but I assure you the legal fight to save exotics is primary. I sincerely hope that you will join with me and the others to date in supporting this legal fund and ask that you immediately send your check for whatever amount you can afford to Ken. We cannot do this without your help and we cannot save our cats without your financial assistance.

William R. Boyle,  
Coordinator, Cascade Branch  
Term Director, L.I.O.C.



## How to Destroy a Club

1. Do not come to meetings, but, if you do come, come late.
2. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and all other members.
3. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than do things.
4. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed to a committee, but if you are, don't attend any of the committee meetings.
5. If asked by the coordinator to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. AFTER the meeting tell everyone how things ought to have been done.
6. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the club is run by a clique.
7. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or do not pay at all.
8. When a banquet or any special event is given, tell everybody money is being wasted and when no banquet or special event is given say the whole organization is dead and needs a tin can tied to it.
9. Do not bother to get new members, let someone else do it.
10. Agree with everything said at a meeting, and disagree with it outside.
11. Do not tell the club how it can help you, but if it does not - resign.
12. Get all the club gives you but do not give the club anything.
13. Take cooperation from the other fellow but never cooperate with him.
14. When everything else fails - blame the officers.

Courtesy of Moose Call  
Submitted by Herb Wilton  
Pacific Northwest Branch

# It's That Time Again

It is time to start thinking about nominations for our National officers. Nominations must be in by March 20th and to be valid must have the approval of the nominee and signatures of two valid LIOC members.

Officers presently holding office are automatically candidates for office unless they decline the nomination in writing prior to March 20th.

Those up for re-election are the Term Directors, President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer, who are listed below.

Ken Hatfield - President  
Roger Harmon - Vice President  
Pepper Perry - Secretary/Treasurer  
Bill Boyle - Term Director  
Charles Douglas - Term Director  
John Paramore - Term Director  
Shirley Treanor - Term Director

Those elected will serve for two years in accordance with our by-laws. The Editor is appointed by the board at their discretion.

To help you in making a nomination, a rough outline of the functions of each office is listed below. Since our Constitution and By-Laws do not specifically list their duties, these are functions now being accomplished by these persons and therefore could be expected of their successor. Of course additional duties might arise.

**PRESIDENT** - coordinates all LIOC national doings, is an ex officio member of all committees and shall officiate at all National Board Meetings.

**VICE PRESIDENT** - In case of the absence of the President shall assume his duties at National meetings, or shall take over as President should he be unable to continue in that capacity. In general the Vice President will assist the President in any way deemed necessary.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER** takes care of all the clerical work of the organization. She is responsible for the membership rolls, and monies of the organization and renewal of memberships. She is the source of all such information relating to these things.

**TERM DIRECTORS** - Are important in making club policy and should be able to take into account the memberships viewpoints when a vote is taken. In general they help formulate club policy and participate in general discussions held at the National meetings.

This is also the time specified by our Constitution that allows the general membership to submit motions for consideration. Changes to our Constitution are allowed only during this time. To be valid, such a motion must have the signatures of three members and must be received by March 20th. These motions will be presented to the membership for a vote in the May edition of the Newsletter.

Our By-Laws may be amended at any time as deemed necessary by the Executive Board. It is important to remember that the Constitution should deal in generalities as it cannot be changed easily. By-Laws on the other hand, can be amended to fit our needs. Therefore it is wise to think carefully when amending the Constitution. If you think it necessary for an item to be included in our Club policy, perhaps it should be included in the By-Laws and not the Constitution. It should then be brought to the attention of the Board for a vote.

The following is the Constitution of the Long Island Ocelot Club as it now stands along with our present By-Laws.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB

### ARTICLE I - Name

1. The name of this society shall be the Long Island Ocelot Club.

### ARTICLE II - Object

1. The object of this society shall be the preservation and propagation of the family felidae with the exception of Felix Catus.

### ARTICLE III - Membership

1. Active Member: Any person with a sincere interest in any of the species of felidae shall be eligible for membership.

2. Life Member: Life memberships shall be extended to Active Members who have performed extraordinary services to the Society as determined by the Executive Board. (i.e. Lottie winners now receive Life Memberships)

### 3. Honorary Member:

i. A membership which can be extended to individuals who are not current active members or life members, yet who significantly benefit the Society, its membership, or aid in the furtherance of its objective as determined by the Executive Board.

ii. Honorary memberships will be limited in duration to one year.

iii. Honorary members shall enjoy all of the benefits of the Society with the exceptions of voting privileges and of expressing motions concerning Society procedures.

4. Dues: The Executive Board shall set the amount of annual dues.

## ARTICLE IV - Officers

1. The officers of the Long Island Ocelot Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and eight (8) Directors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed in the by-laws.

2. The officers shall be elected by preferential ballot of the entire membership to serve for two (2) years or until their successors are elected, and their terms of office shall begin January 1 of the year following the election.

3. In addition to four (4) elected Directors, there shall be four (4) life Directors.

## ARTICLE V - Nomination and Election

### 1. Nominating Committee:

i. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Executive Board. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate members for the offices to be filled on January 1 of each alternate year.

ii. The Nominating Committee shall accept proper nominations, as given in Section 3, from the membership, and after ascertaining the willingness of the proposed candidates, shall present these candidates coincidentally with the committee's own nominations.

2. An officer serving any term shall be a candidate for the succeeding term unless the office holder specifically declines the nomination in writing to the Nominating Committee.

3. A member shall be considered properly nominated by the membership if he is willing to assume the office and there are two (2) valid Long Island Ocelot Club members' signatures on the document presenting his name and if the document is mailed to the Nominating Committee by March 20th of the election year.

4. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations, those from the membership, and the officers who are candidates for another term by April 1st, of the election year for publication in the May edition of the Society's Newsletter.



5. The completed ballots shall be mailed to the Nominating Committee within five (5) weeks of the distribution of the September edition of the Society's Newsletter and the results announced by publication in the November edition of the Society's Newsletter.

#### ARTICLE VI - Membership Participation

1. At any convention or gathering to which all Long Island Ocelot Club members are invited, there will be a general membership meeting during which members may present suggestions concerning the Society for discussion; and at the option of the Presiding Officer, conferences shall be held with authorized Branch Representatives and other Officers.

2. Every two (2) years, the months of February and March of the second year of the term of the current elected officers, shall constitute an interval of time during which all valid Long Island Ocelot Club members may introduce motions concerning the future actions of the Society. **These motions must be undersigned by three (3) valid Long Island Ocelot Club members and mailed to the Directors. Upon decision of confirmation that the submitted motion conforms to the properties of a general meeting motion, as prescribed by the accepted authority of parliamentary procedure, the Directors shall authorize that the motion be published in the May issue of the Society's newsletter. For the duration of five (5) weeks after the distribution of the May edition of the Society's newsletter, members may mail their votes concerning each motion to the Directors. The results of these votings shall become effective August 1 in the year of voting and shall be announced in the July edition of the Society's Newsletter.**

#### ARTICLE VII - The Executive Board

1. The Officers of the Long Island Ocelot Club, including Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board.

2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, make recommendations to the Society, appoint the Editor of the Newsletter, the Membership Secretary, and perform such other duties as are specified in this constitution and in the by-laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII - Committees

1. Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Society or the Executive Board deems necessary to carry on the work of the Society. The President shall be ex officio a member of all committees.

#### ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority

1. The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and all by-laws and special rules of order the Society may adopt.

#### ARTICLE X - Publication

1. The Long Island Ocelot Club shall publish a Newsletter six (6) times a year bearing the dates: January, March, May, July, September, November successively.

#### ARTICLE XI - Branches

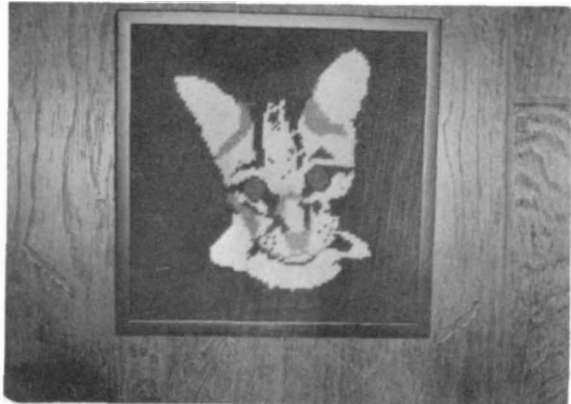
1. The Executive Board shall make determination as to branches as per the by-laws.

#### ARTICLE XII - Amendment of Constitution

1. This constitution can be amended during any Member Participation Interval by a two-thirds vote.

## A Stitch in Time....

A needlepoint design showing JJ Fitzgerald ocelot is now available. For \$4.50 you will receive a colored graph (a stitch to be made in brown will be colored brown on the chart), a sheet of instructions, a list of materials needed and blue and orange yarn for the eyes (J.J. kept his blue eyes until he was over a year old). The picture is 12" X 12" and done on #10 canvas. They are suitable for framing or pillows. The stitch used can be continental or half cross.



Please send a check for \$4.00 made payable to Jo Sullenger AND Ken Hatfield and enclose 50 cents in coin for each kit desired. Your check will be endorsed by Jo and forwarded to Ken for the Legal Fund. The 50 cents is to cover packaging and postage. Send orders to:

Jo Sullenger  
4301 S. Main  
Independence, Mo. 64055



## THE MATING GAME

By June Johns

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This stimulating, highly entertaining book charms you into close consort with animal life, where for a brief moment you will rid your mind of taboos of civilization, many of which equate sex with dirt and love with lust. Here is the world of our fellow beasts (including a chapter on "Cats that Walk Alone", tigers, leopards, cheetahs) where each creature obeys the law that rules its conduct in love, parenthood, peace and strife.

It is a unique book packed with explicit descriptions and hilarious, sometimes poignant, anecdotes of erotic antics -- amazingly like our own.

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Reviewed by B. J. Lester



#### ADAMSONS CHANGING THEIR SPOTS?

The Adamsons, who made fame returning lions to their wild state have become involved with a different sort of cat - leopards. The 69 year old former Kenya game warden, has persuaded the Kenyan government to set aside an area along the Somali border as a game preserve. This area has been void of leopards due to poaching. George Adamson plans to train some 50 orphaned leopards in the art of survival in the wild over a three year period and is presently raising funds for this venture in hopes of restocking this bush area.

#### SUCH A DANGEROUS ANIMAL!

Shown below is Liz Ghent and her "dangerous" cougar Loki. Liz's problems with her neighbors were reported in the last edition of the Newsletter.



#### MOUNTAIN LION PRINTS AVIALABLE

Richard Timm has a collector print out of the mountain lion. It shows a pair of the magnificent animals reclining on a log in natural surroundings. Mr. Timm is the first artist since Audubon to devote his talents strictly to North American animals.

The prints are currently selling for \$50. They are 22"x 28", signed by the artist and numbered. The edition is limited to 5,000 perfect reproductions. Some earlier releases of this artist's have appreciated to more than 200% of their original value in two years time.

For further information contact; Nature House, 1310 South Spring, St. Louis, Mo. 63100

#### CANADA MAY JOIN U.S. WITH ENDANGERED SPECIES LAWS

Much pressure is being put on Canadian officials to ban the sale and importation of exotic pets. A recommendation was made at a national convention on exotic animals held in Ottawa last November.

The Ontario Humane Society has launched an investigation into the allegation that Canada is being used as the middleman for illegally exporting endangered animals into the U.S. News of the investigation was released following a statement by the International Primate Protection League which charged that rare Gibbon apes are being sent from Thailand to the U.S. via Canada.

With such pressure being brought to bear, it is very likely that Canada will consider passing laws similar to those in the U.S. banning unrestricted importation of wild animals.

#### GRIZZLEY PUT ON THREATENED LIST

After being petitioned by the Fund for Animals on behalf of the Grizzly bears, the Department of the Interior has studied the status of this animal and although finds no reason for an "endangered status" has agreed that it is "threatened" within the conterminous 48 states and has placed it on the "threatened" list.

However, those animals posing a threat to life of humans or livestock may be killed and reported to the Department. The Department is open to comment on this proposal until March 3, 1975. Such comments should be submitted in triplicate to: Director (FWS/LE) U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, P.O.Box 19183, Washington, D.C. 20036.

If you wish to see the proposed rules for yourself, they can be found in the January 2nd, 1975 issue of the Federal Register, page 5. The Register can be found in most large libraries.

#### BEWARE OF SPIES

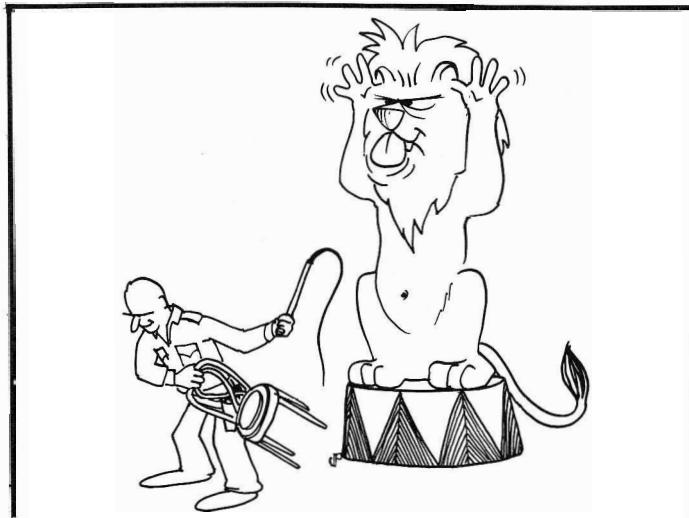
The American Legion Magazine carried an article in their December, 1974 issue asking that their members cooperate with the Department of the Interior in stopping illegal activities where endangered species are concerned. They suggested that members report any dubious activities and help curb the trade in endangered species. They also suggested that members write the Department for a list of endangered species to help them identify illegal activities. Be careful - Big Brother may be watching!

#### BIG GAME HUNTING STILL A BIG DEAL

The Safari Club International held its third annual convention in Las Vegas recently. Although we know of no one who attended, we did receive their brochure which promised chances to meet guides, taxidermists, outfitters, hunters and agents from all over the world. A presentation of trophies to the winners of big game competition was to be held. The registration fee was \$225 per couple and you were promised that your funds would be used to "the conservation of wildlife and the protection of the hunter." The brochure further promised films, lectures, art displays and trophy exhibitions, cocktail parties, door prizes, an auction, and trophies "to those who have excelled in the Great Sport of Hunting", all amid a fun time in Las Vegas.

The list of luminaries to be present included Astronauts Stuart Roosa and Charles Duke, actor Chuck Connors, United States Attorney General William Saxbe, Governor Mike O'Callahan of Nevada, Ray Arnett, California Fish & Game Department and Representative Lynn Castle of Alaska.

It is interesting to note that those animals considered as the top ten in game hunting, namely the leopard, lion, rhino, hippo, cape buffalo, elephant and several species of large antelope as well as some of the larger baboons, are threatened if not endangered. And yet, we still have thousands who spend thousands to go into a country where it is perfectly legal to kill these animals from a country where we cannot safely breed them and keep them in safety, thereby insuring their survival.



# TISSUE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

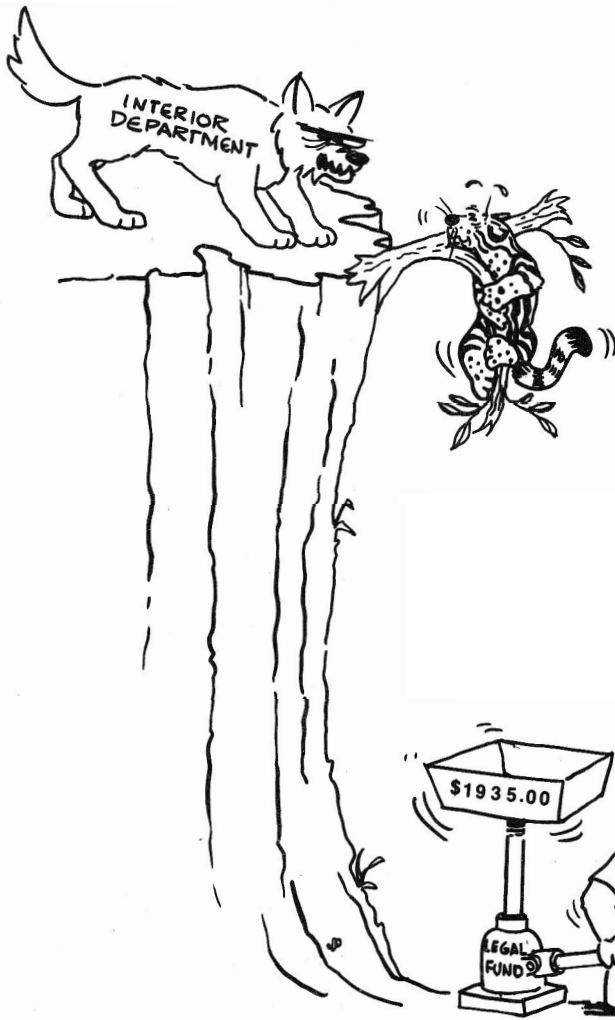
After the report from Gayle Schaecher that she has had problems trying to cooperate with the National Cancer Research people after she took samples from Tahja when he died (that was on January 3rd and the samples had not been sent for as of January 23rd), we called Marie Purdy to find out what the problem was. Unfortunately we learned that Marie was not in due to extended sick leave. We nevertheless hope this finds her improving.

It is a traumatizing experience when one's pet dies and there should be some way to make the prospect of taking the samples needed for research easier. In an attempt to accomplish this, we're listing the following procedure in hopes it will lessen the pain involved.

1. When your pet dies (or death is imminent) call HEW collect. This can be done only on weekdays, 8-5 EST. If it is a weekend, or late at night, try to refrigerate the cat until HEW can be contacted. Ask them what specimens they need, or ask your vet to call them for this information.
2. When samples are taken, they should be placed in a sterile container and frozen if they cannot be shipped immediately. If shipment can take place immediately, refrigeration is necessary.
3. Call the airline for the most direct flight, and then call HEW collect and inform them of the flight number the COD charge and time of arrival.

4. Package any frozen specimens in a small ice chest (the kind made for a six-pack will usually be large enough). If the flight will be over 4 hours long a piece of dry ice will be needed and the container holding the specimen should be wrapped in paper to avoid contact directly with the ice to avoid burning. If the specimen is fresh (non-frozen) package it in wet ice.
5. HEW maintains a taxi on call 24 hours a day to collect such specimens from the airport and deliver them to the lab where there is someone on duty around the clock.
6. If you incur any expenses at the vet's because of the taking of the samples, ask him to give you a separate statement of those charges and forward that for reimbursement. HEW will assume ALL the expenses incurred in getting the samples, including the cost of packaging.
7. Other than finding out what HEW wants, you do not need to contact them except to notify them of arrival time. You do not need to hold specimens for containers or shipping instructions.

We are trying to find the name of another person we can contact in the event Marie is unavailable. Unfortunately the routine lab technician is unaware that these animals are a part of our family and that we are a bit emotional at best. Hopefully this will smooth things somewhat. We are also trying to get a phone number for weekends so the trauma of saving a body over the weekend can be lessened.



Contributions to the Legal Fund are trickling in. The following have done their share and sent in contributions since the last report.

Mr. & Mrs. Clemons Schaecher  
Sunshine & Lance Giller  
Gary & Ginger Sawyer  
Jim & Lyn Craft  
Isaac & Delores Tiktin  
Mike Smith (THIRD DONATION!)  
Cascade Branch  
Pacific Northwest

It is sad that although everyone is asking what LIOC can do for them they are unwilling to do anything to help themselves. It will take a \$10 donation from each member plus a \$200 donation from every branch to reach our goal. Of course some will not do their part and others will do more than their share - WHICH ARE YOU?

Ken reports that contributions to date total \$1935. In asking for an opinion on the law we are spending \$795. For this amount the lawyer will research the law and precedents for an action such as ours and give us his opinion as to whether we have a chance and what our best course of action will be. Initial proceedings are estimated to cost around \$5-7,000 if we have to appeal (and we'd better be prepared to) costs could go as high as \$10,000.

Once the problem is alleviated on the Federal level, we can turn our efforts toward helping those attacked by local legislation and make funds available to them. Many State and local laws are passed in support of the Endangered Species Law and until we get past that stumbling block we cannot hope to help individuals with their local problems.



# U.S.D.I. at War with Wildlife?

To help you understand how the Department of the Interior thinks with reference to controlling damage by wild animals we are presenting the following.

Recently the Federal Register, Volume 39, Number 214, dated November 5, 1975 carried the following report on the use of Sodium Cyanide for predator control on the device known as the M44.

The Register points out that "All of the use of M-44 as a supplemental tool to attempt to resolve coyote depredation on sheep and goats was conducted by trained Service personnel in accordance with the Procedure For Advance Identification and Approval of Areas for the Possible Emergency Use of Sodium Cyanide Delivered by the M-44 Device for the Control of Depredating Canids, as it appears in the Federal Register, Volume 39, Number 120, Thursday, June 20, 1974".

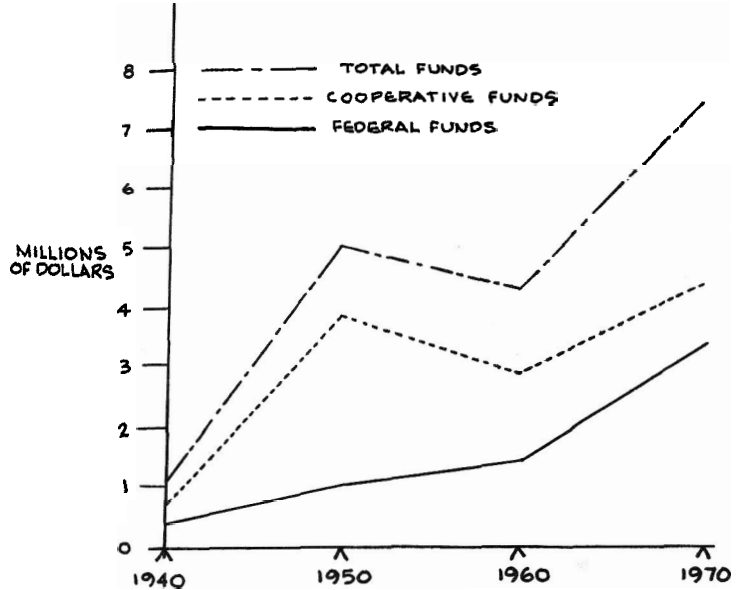
This report shows that for the months of June, July and August, 1974 5,296 M-44's were approved and placed on 224 ranches to protect 173,372 sheep and goats. The report states "Although summer weather conditions inhibited M-44 effectiveness, 79 coyotes were taken by this device during this time period."

Judging from these figures one would indeed wonder if coyotes are infact a serious threat to sheep and goats or whether the "trained Service Personnel" just didn't know their jobs. It does not state the cost of a M-44 but knowing governmental costs you can be sure it's plenty. The report did not state what other wildlife had been destroyed during that time by the M-44

Previous reports have been more complete in their studies as by the chart below illustrating the amount of funding in millions of dollars for predator control.

It would seem that an animal must become endangered before the U.S.D.I. takes note of the damage it has done and begins protecting it. One can't help but wonder how many animals other than coyotes were killed. Personally, it seems that too much heavy ammunition is being used too freely because of 79 coyotes.

The most recent figures released in the January 27th Federal Register for the time from June 1st through October 31st, 1974 are as follows: 7,508 M-44 devices were used to kill 573 coyotes on 334 ranches. Also killed were: 119 foxes, 6 feral dogs, 10 raccoons, 10 skunks, 14 opossums and one calf.



| YEAR | BEARS | BOBCATS | COYOTES | RED WOLVES | LOBO WOLVES | COUGARS |
|------|-------|---------|---------|------------|-------------|---------|
| 1937 | 299   | 7,472   | 80,299  | 980        | 27          | 212     |
| 1938 | 392   | 7,189   | 84,844  | 1,343      | 17          | 255     |
| 1940 | 608   | 10,566  | 104,072 | 1,246      | 9           | 214     |
| 1945 | 619   | 7,325   | 102,979 | 1,354      | 11          | 162     |
| 1950 | 719   | 10,874  | 66,281  | 1,051      | 108         | 236     |
| 1955 | 874   | 19,249  | 55,204  | 2,487      | 171         | 195     |
| 1960 | 1,023 | 25,808  | 94,769  | 3,830      | 2           | 290     |
| 1965 | 605   | 17,294  | 90,236  | -          | 15          | 280     |
| 1967 | 499   | 11,031  | 75,892  | -          | 9           | 143     |
| 1968 | 440   | 9,351   | 69,390  | -          | 34          | 152     |
| 1969 | 399   | 8,443   | 74,070  | -          | 14          | 145     |
| 1970 | 403   | 8,403   | 73,093  | -          | 11          | 121     |

The above is the known number of animals removed by the U.S.D.I, Bureau of Sport fisheries and Wildlife and its predecessors in order to suppress damage. 1964 was the last year the U.S.D.I. intentionally killed Red Wolves. The number being 2,617. The big thing now is to save the Red Wolf but not as much money is spent on saving as for killing. Its 1972 budget estimate lists \$50,000 for work on the Eastern Timber Wolf, Kit Fox, Red Wolf and Black Footed Ferret. As you can see by the previous chart, In 1970, over three million dollars was allocated for predator control. It seems the problem of protecting wildlife, the legacy of an entire nation, is not quite as important as the protection of livestock belonging to a few. I wonder how many of the animals killed were on public land being used by individuals for grazing. I also wonder if the individual ranches involved in any way reimbursed the U.S.D.I. for its services.

# OBITUARY

Unfortunately the holidays brought sadness to three homes of LIOC members.

We are sorry to report the deaths of Farmer Tannahill, Gertrude Griswold and D'Arcy Bancroft.

Farmer Tannahill first became involved with LIOC in a professional capacity (he was a ZuPreem distributor) at the Convention in Dallas, Texas. Farmer soon became a friend and not only joined us as a member but was a sure thing at all conventions since Dallas. He will be missed sorely.

Gertrude Griswold of the Cascade Branch died of a heart attack over the holiday season. Her bobcat, Sheena has found a good home with the Starns of that Branch. I'm sure she is missed in the Northwest.

D'Arcy Bancroft, a Canadian member, succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 31 on December 27, while on a business trip in Los Angeles. D'Arcy was a member in the Law firm of Bancroft, Whidden and Mayer. He took an active part in political and community affairs in Manitoba and was noted for his achievements for equal rights for the native people in the legal process. He was equal active in work with young people and in hockey. D'Arcy was another who we always looked forward to seeing at Convention as he had never missed one, making the long trip from Northern Manitoba each year.



D'Arcy left his two ocelots, Lancelot and Sheba as well as his jaguar, Guenevere, his house and property to a friend providing that the cats would be cared for according to his specifications. We will miss D'Arcy in Florida next year as all occasions were enhanced by his presence.

D'ARCY BANCROFT and  
BILL BOYLE AT  
CONVENTION II IN LOS  
ANGELES, 8/2/73

## In Memoriam

Dear Ken & Jean,

Here is a check for twenty dollars to be donated to the Legal Fund. Since D'Arcy Bancroft's death we have been on the telephone to his mother so that we might send flowers from our Branch. She tells us not to send flowers but to donate the money to something D'Arcy believed in, so we're sending it to the Legal Fund. We had a very nice visit from D'Arcy after the Convention last summer when he came to Kansas City. He was very much in favor of the Legal Fund and told us that he was also very impressed with you, Ken. Would you please see that our donation, made in his memory, is put in the Newsletter so we may send it to his mother.

We feel a great loss of a friend here in Kansas City and know other Branches have many members who thought of him as a friend. Would it be possible to consider dedicating the 1975 Convention to D'Arcy? We, the members of Central States Branch, would like very much to see this done. He was one of us and believed very much in LIOC.

THE CENTRAL STATES BRANCH  
Ilene Massey  
Rick & Kathy Murphy  
Kenneth & Nelda Ebling

Charles & Nelda Clark  
Tom & Micky Hartung

Word has just reached us here in Texas of the untimely death of our beloved friend, D'Arcy Bancroft. Some very kind soul, we are not sure of the name because her call came in the wee hours, and my wife Faye could not waken sufficiently, is not sure who it was, gave us this grievous news. I would in some small way to pay a tribute to this grand and wonderful man. I am sending to our President, Ken Hatfield, a small monetary contribution to the Legal Fund as our personal tribute to his memory.

I was a bit shocked and a little curious when I first saw this uncommonly large man at our First National Convention in Dallas, Texas some three years ago. I have never been one who's very good at judging by first impressions, and in D'Arcy's case this goes double. I think we all, very rapidly, overlooked his abnormally immense appearance and became more and more attracted by his kind and gracious attitude toward life, other humans, and toward all animals. I personally was attracted by his brilliant mind, his immense knowledge in so many varied fields and by his grace and ease in which he related to others. I very rapidly stood in awe and respect of his judgement on nearly all matters pertaining to LIOC. I could never quite get over the curious fact that here was a brilliant man, very much involved in his chosen field, the legal profession, who could find time not only to attend our National gatherings, but who was wholeheartedly interested in every aspect of our organization, whether it affected his personal situation or not. He asked so very little of any of us, and contributed so generously to all our endeavors. What a tremendous pleasure it was to know him, and of course, "to know him was to love him". He indeed loved the Long Island Ocelot Club very much, and each of us have lost a friend, whether we knew him personally or not.

I join his immediate family, his loved ones, his colleagues in the legal profession and his many friends in all parts of the world in sad lament at his leaving. God's Heaven is this day enriched, as simultaneously we here on earth suffer his loss. One of my greatest regrets is that I never found the time or words to tell him in person how very much I appreciated and loved him...unashamed I do so now.

Roger Harmon, M.D.  
Vice Presiden, LIOC



**FOR THEIR  
PROTECTION**

No one likes to think prematurely of one's own demise, but one should THINK about their exotic felines in case something unforeseen and tragic happens. It is not a bad idea to leave a name and a number of someone who could be trusted to care for your cats immediately in case of a prolonged hospital stay due to a sudden accident, or in case of death. Probation of one's will can be a lengthy affair but definite instructions should be left or someone contacted beforehand who will take the responsibility of you animals during this time. This is particularly important if you are a single person and are the only one who can effectively manage them. The person named should know about your plans and agree with them beforehand.

The needs of your exotics will continue long after you are gone. Have you made provisions in your will for sharing your worldly goods with them? Have you left detailed information on their personalities and special peculiarities of handling? Is information available first hand for someone to be contacted who will adopt your animals in the event of your death?

An informative brochure on how to write wills and how to select charitable beneficiaries is available from the Humane Society of the U.S., WILLS Dept., 1604 K Street, Washington, D. C. 20006.

# HODGE Podge\*

Please remember when making a feeding formula that fats can be synthesized by the body from carbohydrates, which in turn can be produced in the body from protein. **PROTEIN**, on the other hand is derived only from Protein and its derivatives.

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## AEROSOL THERAPY

I have used Aerosol Therapy in most all felines that have had diseases of the respiratory tracts. Nebulization is a way of converting the medication into a fine spray or mist with a deflecting device that retards the flow of larger particles. The smaller particles are able to reach the smaller bronchioles and alveoli, where the therapeutic agent is effective. This is also a good form of therapy for primary or secondary pulmonary manifestations - pneumonias and rhinitis.

I have found the nebulizer for cold steam to be the most practical. A unit that can be adjusted to administer a minimal volume of 12.5 Ml. per hour or a maximum volume of 80 Ml. per hour is suitable for our cats.

Alevaire a mucolytic detergent, wets, thins and loosens respiratory secretions, it also is a good vehicle for administering antibiotics.

Antibiotics that can be added to the aerosol solution is penicillin, 100,000 units can be given twice daily at 50 to 60 Ml. per hour.

Streptomycin may be added to the penicillin if desired. Tetracycline, chloramphenical, and chlorletracycline may also be used. Nebulization with antibiotics should only be used for one hour, 2 to 3 times a day.

A bronchial dilator (isoproterenol) may be added to the nebulized solution to relax bronchial spasms. Dosage is 0.5 Ml. of a 1:200 solution administered for 15 minutes every three to four hours as needed.

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## SAMONELLA CULTURE

Place stool specimen in Selenite or tetrathionate Broth - incubation 18 - 20 hours - one loopful of the enrichment culture is used as inculum for a Brilliant Green Agar or a MacConkey Agar plate. Bacto. Brilliant Green Agar plates are used here at the Game Farm to isolate enteric pathogens such as Samonella. The agar named above is a selective differential plating medium that permits the growth of Samonella and inhibits coliforms (Brilliant Green Agar) the Green Agar is the best for home testing - there are a large number of tests the layman can do in his own home, many times he may not know what culture he's got, BUT by making a sensitivity test (or taking the culture to his vet) he will know what the best antibiotic is - then use it.

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## NOTES ON KETAMINE

The relatively new drug Ketamine has been getting a lot of attention lately as an ideal agent to achieve anesthesia for diagnostic and surgical procedures. I have used it her at the Farm with nothing but the best of results. However, one would do well to consider this or any other drug from the patient's standpoint.

To do this we can only judge from the testimonies of creatures with whom we can directly communicate - other humans. According to Dr. Pegg, MD, Chief of Anesthesia, Queen's Hospital, and Clinical Professor of Physiology, University of Hawaii, "experience with this drug in humans has been disappointing due to a high incidence of dissociative, often terrifying, reactions. Occasionally these incidents recur weeks after the anesthetic. Thus, the drug is rarely used except for those who are not really in contact with reality anyway, infants and senile adults." " It would be difficult, therefore, to rely on

this being any more humane than a paralyzing drug such as succinyl choline which retains consciousness, as the mentation with Ketamine could be even more terrifying." These considerations were the results from a panel of discussions of Sedatives, Anesthesia, and Surgery at the Third Annual Conference of the IAAAM in Honolulu.



MEETING REPORT  
January 25, 1975

Our first meeting of the new year was held in Dallas at the home of John & Rebecca Duke with the help of their cougars, Socki and Tina and Margay Tresi. Even though it was a winter meeting, by some stroke of luck, we had nice weather and a good turn out.

Most of us started the day with a "behind the scenes" tour of the cat facilities and nursery at the Dallas Zoo led by the zoo's Curator, Jack Joy. The Dallas zoo recently produced a pair of white leopard cubs born to black parents. The surviving cub is now as black as the parents. The zoo has enjoyed a good production record with the large cats and is presently experiencing a population problem due to recent legislation.

We returned to the Duke's house for the usual cat talk and a fine noon meal of smoked turkey and potato salad prepared by Betty Smith and Rebecca Duke.

Danny Treanor, our president, called to order a short business meeting in which we discussed different methods of giving shots to unruly cats. The meeting was then turned over to Jack Joy who showed some slides of both the cats at the Dallas Zoo and in the wild. Of great interest were those of the transition of the leopard cubs. Of course there were many questions put to Mr. Joy during his presentation which he answered willingly. We do appreciate Jack's time spent with us as we know he's a very busy man.

With plans of meeting again in April or May, the meeting was concluded with our usual raffle. The first prize was won by Roger Harmon who presented it to Mr. Joy on behalf of the Branch; the second by Vicki Meadows and the last went to Philip Ivy.

In attendance were: Roger, Faye and Kay Harmon, Danny & Shirley Treanor, Walter & Lois Marshall, Harriet Leake, John & Rebecca Duke, and newcomers Sidney & Betty Smith, Elmer & Cathy Morgan, Shirley Williams and son Forrest, Robbie and Vicki Meadows with bobcat Rufus and Jack Liles. Visiting for the first time were: John Van Deventer, Teresa Brooks; Philip Ivy, Lindy and Karen Hempling and Fred Lenz, all of whom we hope will join us on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted  
Rebecca Duke  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Booster  
Time?**



**MEETING REPORT**  
January, 1975

The January meeting was held in the home of Gayle & Clem Schaecher in Boring, Oregon. The weather wasn't too bad and inside Skeeter, 8 month old ocelot, met everyone at the front door.

Both members & guests were welcomed by our new Coordinator, Ginger Bordwell. With the absence of Herb & Barbara Wilton, Ginger presented Gayle with a beautiful plaque and gavel for her to present to them in their home on behalf of the Branch.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and the Treasurer reported that our Branch balance was again building. However this last month we have spent a lot of money on flowers. The end of December and the first of January were bad times for some of us here in the Northwest. Jim and Katie Franich lost their six month old cougar, Aaron, through a horrible accident; Howard and Anita Sharpe lost their six year old margay, Abdul through an infection that started with a ball of wax in the inner ear; and I lost my seven year old margay, Tajha, through cirrhosis of the liver. Flowers were sent to each losing a cat in remembrance of the cat. Barbara Wilton has surgery along with Linda Waide, who had foot surgery. We sent them each flowers. It is something our Branch always has done for its members to let them know we do care.

Our business meeting was packed full of all kinds of informative information and good points for everyone. We also got down on some Branch rules to be formed. They are as follows: No alcohol during meetings; legal fund for the members of the Pacific Northwest Branch only; mandatory insurance (private liability) for those that have cats & attend Club functions with their cats.

Marvin Happle reported that Claudia Carver did not get a permit to keep Kelo, her male lion cub, in the City of Portland. She has ten days to remove Kelo from the City.

Marvin also reported that Pat Whiting, a State Representative, was very interested in our group along with Susan Kerr, Assistant to the Mayor. They will help us keep up to date on different laws and bills concerning exotics. We voted that our Branch buy them gift memberships to LIOC along with our marvelous vet, Dr. Dale Orchards. Dale really cares about our animals and has been doing a fine job here with them.

It was also decided that the size of the donation that we could send to the Olympic Game Farm would not be that helpful to them. We are going to contact them to see if food for the animals and free labor from us would help them out at all. They are having a rough time of it right now.

In the absence of our guest speaker, Bill Hodge, Richard Johnson showed the members beautiful leather harnesses and collars he and Theresa are making for the cats. They are ever so sturdy and are very reasonable. Lets all get our orders in. Hey Dick, Skeeter needs a new harness!

Robin Hood, a new member of our Branch, and the owner of the most beautiful female cougar, Kitty, asked the members

if they knew that the Game commission issues permits to kill cougar in Eastern Oregon. Theresa Johnson said that she had heard this and had done some research. It happens that in Eastern Oregon there are many cougars and they present quite a menace to the ranchers and their livestock. So, the Game commission issues 75 permits each year to cut down on the cougar population. They say that when the population is cut down they will stop issuing permits. I say "Bull!" Let's everyone get a permit and burn them - that way we can save a few!

Linda Morse talked about bulk meats we could buy from the Government to feed the cats. She will be checking into it and have the information at the next meeting.

Marv Happel passed around an article concerning the hunting of bobcats here in Oregon. Did you know there is still a bounty on bobcats? The article was very informative as to the hunting and prices they get for pelts.

Gayle spoke on the death of Tajha and the ordeal she has gone through with the National Cancer Institute. The membership agreed that she should write her experience down and send a copy to Shirley Treanor for the Newsletter and a copy to go to each branch, in hopes that it will save someone else the ordeal.

That was it for the business meeting. Afterwards we all sat down to Roast turkey and all the trimmings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Schaecher, Secretary.



**LOTS OF  
LITTLE ONES**

A FIRST IN LIOC

Lance Giller of Florida announces the birth of FIVE cheetah cubs bred in cooperation with the Crandon Park Zoo in Miami. Lance's female was bred to the Crandon Park Zoo's male and was then returned to her home. So now we can add cheetah's to the list of successful LIOC breedings.

TWIN MARGAYS AT PEPPER'S PLACE

Pepper Perry announced the birth of twin margays the latter part of December. Unfortunately one died within a few days and the other a couple of weeks later. There was a boy and a girl.

AND AT THE OLYMPIC GAME FARM...

Bill Hodge announced the arrival there of a black jaguar cub, born in September. News of this occurrence was delayed due to the potential danger to the cub caused by the anthrax outbreak. Needless to say everyone is very pleased by the youngster...both parents were spotted. As of this writing everything is fine and the kitten is thriving.

ONLY ONE LEFT

The white leopard cubs born at the Dallas zoo last year are no longer white - in fact the surviving cub is as black now as his parents (excepting one white whisker). The Southwest Branch was treated to a tour of the zoo at the last meeting and were very interested in a slide presentation regarding the cats there. Of particular interest were slides of the cubs as they grew and changed from white to black. Thank you Mr. Joy for the treat.

# EXOTIC CATS OF NO. CALIFORNIA

## MORE ON ZUPREEM

MEETING REPORT  
December 1, 1974

The grand renewal of LIOC Northern California Branch took place on schedule. In attendance were a black leopard, a bobcat, a leopard cat, three ocelots and four mountain lions. We lacked a part-ridge in a pear tree but the few of giraffes gambling in the grass gave the final dash to this happy occasion. A goodly number of homo sapiens were also in attendance.

Here we were, most of us out of touch for several years, but draw together by our love of exotics, about to begin again to organize, for in strength of numbers is power to control our destiny. Foremost in our minds is the fear of creeping antagonism to exotic pets brought about by those who simply wish to pass another meaningless and costly law. Here in Oakland Zoo's fine old Snow Building we met around a blazing fireplace to discuss these things and to help each other. Old timers were chatting with novice owners seeking to assist in any way possible. It seemed sad that more time to chat could not be found as there was so much to catch up on.

A large part of our discussion centered most naturally around how to best formulate our reorganization. I read a letter from Catherine Cisin which I received many years ago which contained a brief history of LIOC and helpful hints on procedure. It was the opinion of most that a certain amount of organization was necessary and practical. Therefore, a call for volunteers for Secretary and President was met by Linda Warden and Chris Dalri. They will get our next meeting going at which we shall have a vote for officers. It was unanimously agreed to allow only one term in office for a year to distribute responsibility to a greater number of people.

The possibility of amalgamating with another organization called Exotics Unlimited was suggested but most felt that since this club contained various species of animals a club devoted exclusively to exotic cats had a need and a rightful place of its own. We had missed our meeting review in the LIOC Newsletter and felt we would like to continue in the style of the old organization. We shall be meeting every other month and shall be sending in reports and hopefully will be very active in the future.

Now on reflection, the renewal of our group was really a great event, and I wish to thank Juanita Gex and her crew of charming Zoo Junior Docents for making our meeting place available and helping to add so much. The scenes that were memorable at final glance was the area set aside, which I dubbed lion country, where the big fellows sat calmly about on the grass just out of reach from each other but looking very regal. Indeed, the beautiful black panther who was weaned by a house cat and was sitting contentedly in her cage with her litter mate, a domestic whom she had grown up with. The identification of a leopard cat for a young man who thought he had an ocelot that never grew. He did not seem overly perturbed at this news and proceeded to find out the particulars about leopard cats from a real pro. My own ocelot, Isis, made me very proud when at the last minute I could not find my carrier came along anyway, sans travelling cage, and behaved very well.

So with the new year we shall join together again and those of you out there in the Northern area of California are urged to attend our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Lora Vigne, Acting Secretary

B. J. Lester reports the following experiences with ZuPreem obtained in Florida,

I ran out of my large supply of a certain lot number of the canned ZuPreem and bought a supply with a different lot number. It seemed bad - that is it smelled stale, had a strange and different odor and texture and was grayish brown in color, unlike the cans with which I had no problems.

I used a few cans on my cats (margays) and they came down with diarrhea so I discontinued it and ordered a different lot number from the supplier. He told me to "ditch" the case with Lot #69101FT4 and he kindly replaced it with Lot #6910 AQ4. I started using AQ4 and then stopped because I was informed that it was overcooked but that nothing was really wrong with it.

Samples of both lot numbers were sent to the Florida State Lab for analysis and the results were as follows:

"The Food Laboratory reports that there were no abnormalities detected by microbiological examination."

"We note that other individual cans might not fair quite as well as the samples submitted of these two codes, 1FT4 6910 and 6910-A-0-4,"

The Supplier told me that they are unable to even get the ZuPreem from Hills Division of Rivana Foods, the manufacturer, but that the Company is remaking an entirely new batch of this product. He is to inform me when it is available.

My Vet examined two cans from different lot numbers and stated that he thought it was either incorrectly stored or the quality control of production was off. He phoned Hills Division and was told the food was "overcooked" He fed both cans to domestic cats with no repercussions.

I received the following reply from the maker:

"The sample of ZuPreem that you forwarded to us has been checked and found to be part of a production that was overcooked. There is nothing wrong with the product nutritionally, however, the overcooking would produce a decrease in Palatability."

The letter went on, "My first knowledge of the so called contaminated ZuPreem in Florida was through the LIOC Newsletter. As far as can be determined this is not true. I have been trying to get additional information of this, but no one seems to have any factual data".

"Our policy, and that of our distributors, is to replace or give credit for any questionable product."

The letter was signed by Mr. Jerry K. Houghlan, Hill's Division Riviana Foods, 401 Harrison, Topeka, Kansas 66601

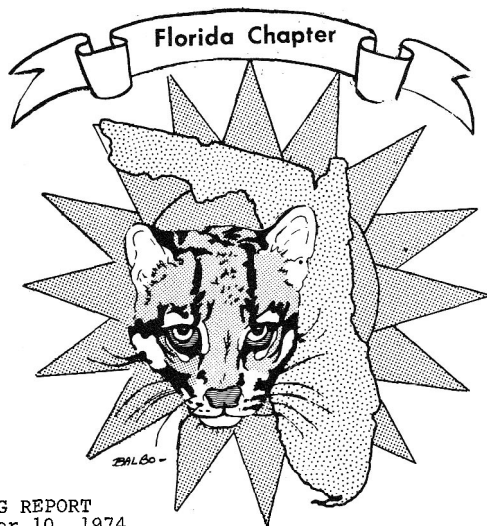
Would members please share thier experiences with me in regards to canned ZuPreem over a long period of time, as I would like to know if it is really the right diet for my margays. I began using it at the recommendation of a zoo director and two zoo veterinarians.

B. J. Lester, P.O.Box 133, Neptune Beach, Fla. 32233

(Editor's note - on a recent visit to the Dallas zoo, Curator, Jack Joy, informed us that frozen ZuPreem is used exclusively for the large cats there (they do not keep any small varieties at present). It is their sole diet and unless a problem were to arise they do not supplement it in any way and start feeding it to cubs as soon as possible - so far with good results as their young tigers certainly did look healthy.)

## L. I. O. C. NEEDS YOU !





MEETING REPORT  
November 10, 1974

Hi, y'all! I'm substitute correspondant for today, with a brief report of our November meeting at Joe Wintemberg's in Fort Lauderdale. We had about 28 people and five felines, and this time we managed to stay legal...no raids by the local constabulary. Well, we weren't actually raided last March, but it did cause a little flurry of excitement when the police car drove up and the fully armed officer wanted to know where the owner of this property was. It turned out that Joe was breaking the law - he had put up an LIOC sign on the corner of public property without a permit. After he promised never to commit such a crime again, the officer let the criminal off with just a warning. However, that was in March - back to November.

We all got together by about 1 PM; those members attending were: Don Piechocki, Bob & Ann Davis, Ken & Jean Hatfield with jaguar and geoffry cat kittens, Mr & Mrs Phillips with their ocelot, Bill Engler, Hope Bahney, Linda Long, Henry & Ursula Seiden, Mrs. Keith Firestone, John & Andrea Johnson, Barbara Bond, and our host Joe Wintemberg with ocelot Tiger and jaguar Sheba. Naturally the two main topics of conversation were our cats, how they are, and what they've been into since the last time, etc. and of course, the laws.

After a while of general conversation, Ken called the "official" meeting to order. First, he had the new members introduce themselves, or in the case of Bill Engler, new to Florida, Next, he went over the legal situation briefly; re Florida, no rules or regulations regarding the new law have yet been "promulgated" (translation: no one knows anything about anything). Re: the U.S.D.I., and the Endangered Species, he said that no new rules have yet been issued, although there are rumors of such. He also told the group about Robert Baudy of Center Hill being accused of shipping skins illegally early in 1974 (when no one had even heard of the new law) and of Ray Kepler's experience in jail when he tried to take his leopard and cougar to Kentucky.

That about concluded the business of the day, except to remind those present that Florida is hosting the National Convention in August. It may seem like a long time away, but August will be here before we know it. Then Anne Davis, with Connie Hatfield assisting, raffled off the gift of the day, a pretty dish donated by the Douglasses, with the proceeds going to the Legal Fund. (It was won, by the way, by a friend of the Host) I'd suspect something except my daughter drew the name. Joe, our host, served lunch, thereby effectively ending the business meeting. Then we went back to our main purpose, talking about cats. Tiger, Joe's ocelot, put on her usual performance; she's a finger grabber. When any unsuspecting soul wandered too close to where she was tethered in the kitchen-family room, she grabbed a finger and wouldn't let go!

This, to the average person, is quite startling - you have suddenly acquired another appendage at the end of your arm which is fiercely slurping away on your finger or thumb. Even to the average ocelot owner who is used to his pet's own nursing habits, this can be startling. The big problem is to get her to turn loose, leaving the finger still attached to your hand. Ocelots are very possessive you know. Well, everyone left the meeting with the same equipment they arrived with, so it all worked out well. Sheba the jaguar was on her best behavior, naturally; the Phillips never did bring their ocelot into the house as he is a bit timid with strangers. so we didn't get to visit much with him. We had two babies with us - one geoffry cat and one jaguar; now there's an extreme in sizes. The geoffry weighed 15 ounces at six weeks and the jaguar was eight weeks and weighed about five pounds. That geoffry loves the jaguar and wouldn't go to sleep unless she was in the playpen with him. Reminded me of the traditional Christmas card of the lion laying down with the lamb.

Well, I guess that's it with Florida for November, except to report that Joe presented old Pres Ken with a souvenir of his trip; a towel with an inscription that everyone agreed with heartily (it's a bit risque, so I won't repeat it here) About 5 o'clock everyone started leaving for home and we hope to see y'all in January.

Jean Hatfield

\*\*We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Sadie & Charles Douglas's daughter the day before the meeting. We all extend our sympathies to them at this time as I'm sure do others in the Club around the country.

## CORRECTION

It was reported recently in Defenders of Wildlife that all but one LIOC board member voted in support of the resolution opposing fur farming. When this fact came to light we were contacted by the board member whose vote had not been received and were assured that the vote had been sent in and it was in favor of the resolution. The U.S. mails have struck again folks - its now unanimous - the Resolution that is.

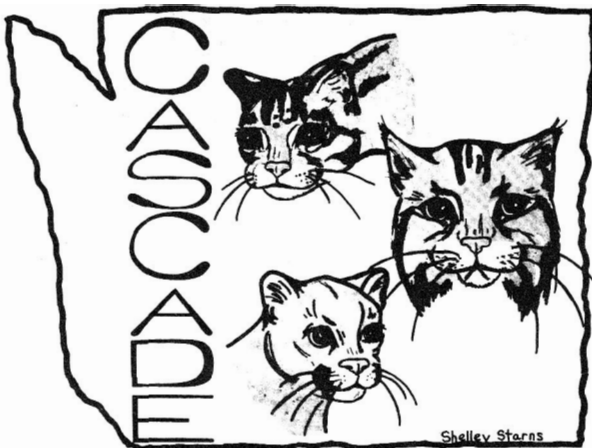
## Necrology

TAJHA, a male ocelot, belonging to Gayle & Clem Schaecher, succumbed to a liver disease on the 3rd of January.

And from the Hatfields - "MITTENS the Margay is no more. The Hatfield Hillbilly has laid down his shooten iron and his jug is now empty. His last few days with us, as his kidneys failed, were pretty rough on the old boy, but on the whole I'd say he had a pretty good 14½ years. He watched over me and made sure I took care of the Chapter's work properly. So now he's gone, but never forgotten, as those of you who have lost your first exotic know. His ashes in the little urn will rest on his favorite place, tucked away on the top shelf of the closet. And so we go on, taking pleasure in our other pets, playing with the babies, but still, every once in a while, glancing around to check and see, where's Mitts...."



Mittens' had been plagued with recurring kidney infections for the last few years. This last attack brought with it kidney (renal) failure and when the vet could give them no hope for recovery, and it was obvious Mittens was suffering he was put to sleep. Another LIOC legend is gone but will never be forgotten. The logo of the Hatfield's Hillbilly will continue to be used in his memory and for the benefit of others of his kind.



MEETING REPORT  
December 1, 1974

The December meeting of the Cascade Branch was held at the home of Annette Curn in Kent, Washington. It was a "no cat" meeting, but Annette's leopard cat Cherokee was there. Being shy, Cherokee decided the bedroom was the safe place to be for the duration. No one could blame him.

The meeting was called to order by our Coordinator, Bill Boyle.

First was the discussion of items to be added to our Branch by-laws. It was decided that the election of officers and by-laws will be voted on by ballot through the mail with the results announced at the January meeting. This will benefit those members who cannot attend meetings.

Also, for those members who cannot attend meetings on Sundays, we decided to hold meetings on other days as well. Some will be on Friday evenings or on Saturdays. Our next meeting will be January 17, 1975 (a Friday) at 8:00 PM at Liz Ghent's in Seattle.

Nominations to appear on the ballot for Branch Officers were called for. Bill Boyle and Shelley Starns were nominated for coordinator; Shelley Starns for Secretary/Treasurer; Marcie Wilde, George Kirkpatrick and Annette Curn for H.E.L.P. (Help Exotic Lovers' Pets) Committee. Space for write-ins will be available on the ballot.

Final business was the decision to send the Legal Fund \$100.00.

The meeting was adjourned to a potluck lunch and animal talk.

Two new members were introduced: Steve Johnson and George Kirkpatrick. Neither has a cat presently.

Raffle winners were: Wildlife napkins - Shelley Starns; Leopard Cat picture - George Kirkpatrick; Bear ceramic - Liz Ghent; Cat ceramic - Natasha Labinsky; Lion jig-saw puzzle - George Kirkpatrick.

Those attending were: Annette Curn, her mother, Helen Proso, Melvina Hakanson, Liz Ghent, Bill Boyle, George Kirkpatrick, Natasha Labinsky, Terry and Shelley Starns, and Steve Johnson.

Cascade wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and the Happiest Exotic Filled New Year.

Amidst Purrs & Growls,  
Shelley Starns,  
Secretary

MEETING REPORT  
January 18, 1975

The January meeting of the Cascade Branch was held at the home of Liz Ghent in Seattle. It was a "no-cat" meeting on a different day and time than usual so those members who cannot attend meetings on Sundays could attend. We held this one on a Saturday evening and had a very large turnout - about 40 members and guests in all. It was nice to see so many friends again.

The meeting was called to order by Coordinator Bill Boyle, the Treasurer's report was read and approved and we went on to a full evening of business.

Two letters from Bill Hodge were read. The content of the letters dealt with the branch policy which he disagreed with. Considerable discussion followed with some changes for the Branch.

Many members felt that membership in the National LIOC is all that is necessary and wanted to dispense with the \$5.00 yearly branch membership fee. Ideally, we agreed that we will try to eliminate the fee in the future, but for the time being our treasury cannot support mailing meeting notices, etc. without some form of income. So, until January of 1976, we decided to maintain the fee. For the purposes of the branch elections of officers for 1975, all National LIOC members in the Cascade Branch area will be sent a ballot to vote, regardless of whether they have paid the local fee or not.

We also decided to dispense with serving lunch at our meetings in an effort to get us on more of a business and educational basis. It was decided, however, that anyone wishing lunch could bring their own.

For the past few years we have not allowed children at our meetings, but decided that LIOC members children could attend. We still felt that no "guest" under 12 years of age would be allowed. LIOC parents will be required to sign a waiver.

We decided that a new position was necessary for the benefit of all. It will deal with legislation that will effect us as exotic owners. The duties will be to keep us informed on the laws in our area and present them to us for action. That position is to be filled at our next regular meeting.

Up until now we sometimes forget to formally introduce new members and guests, so we resolved to create more of an atmosphere of friendship to our guests by introducing them during meetings.

The results of our elections of officers for 1975 will be announced at our next meeting. Voting will be by ballot through the mail. Those nominated for office were: Coordinator - Terry Starns & Marci Wilde; Secretary/Treasurer - Shelley Starnes; HELP Committee (three positions to be filled) - Clint White, Kent Raymond, Liz Ghent, John Paramore, Richard Dyck. Space for write ins on the ballots will be available.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 2nd. Please contact Shelley Starns for details.

Those attending were: Bill Boyle, Kent & Sue Raymond, Melvina Hakanson, Milt & Marcie Wilde, Steve Johnson, Bill Hodge, Kathy DeSalvo, Terry & Shelley Starns, George Kirkpatrick, John Paramore, Natasha Labinsky, Clint and Judy White, Bill Adams, Dick Flood, Marie Morris & Family, John & Carol Ellis (Canada) Richard & Evelyn Dyck (Canada), and Jan Goldsmith. We welcomed one new member, Ron Prevost. Guests were: Henry & Judy Sauer, Wade & Judy Warren, and Ed Smith. There were a number of late arrivals which I regret I did not manage to list. Sorry, but glad to see you all and hope to see you again.

Terry & I were pleased to announce a new addition to our family - a 4 year old altered, declawed & defanged bobcat named Sheena. We were all envious of the Warrens who now have a pair of bobcats, a pair of cougars and a pair of leopards - Congratulations!

The Ellis' have a beautiful male ocelot that they would love to breed, but lack a female. If anyone in Canada has a female or knows of one in need they'd be glad to hear from them.

Shelley Starns, Secretary  
Cascade Branch

## Editorial

# Iriomote Wild Cat A New One to Us

Well, it was discovered about ten years ago on an island in southern Japan. According to the December, 1974 issue of WILDLIFE magazine (published in England), the scientific name (as announced officially by Dr. Yoshinori Imaizumi, Director of the Tokyo National Science Museum) of this new genus and species of feline is Mayailurus iriomotensis.

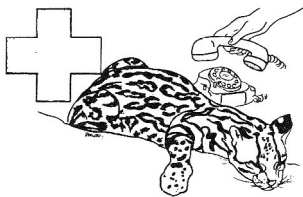
It appears to be the most primitive of the cat family and its discovery has caused great excitement among the authorities. A photograph taken at the bait site with an automatic camera shows that the Iriomote wildcat has the white spots on the black back of the ear, it has a large nose compared with a feral domestic cat, has oval pupil and black markings under the eyes. I studied the color photo carefully and it seemed to me that the coloration is greyish brown with some light gold, with black lines on the upper part of the head, darker small spots on the body and hair texture similar to the bobcat. The white lines between the eyes and nose were also noticeable. The nose was a pinkish color and the eyes were yellow-gold. The cat's feet were quite broad as compared to a domestic. The tail was not visible in the photo.

The article stated that captive observations of the Iriomote wildcat shows it walks with its claws only half retracted (domestic cats fully retract claws while walking). Also, this wildcat would leave its feces uncovered whereas domestics tend to bury theirs.

A research program has now been started to study the ecology and habits of this nocturnal species, according to Tadaaki Imaizumi, who authored the article. The island is between Taiwan and Okinawa and a cultivation land plan was to be extended to Iriomotejima Island. Because this plan would be a threat to the habitat of the Iriomote Cat, protection of this wildcat was proposed to the Japanese National Parks Assn. The World Wildlife Fund and International Union for Conservation of Nature are giving financial aid to the cooperative Japanese-German study which will start with the cat's feeding habits.

Recapped by B. J. Lester

### KNOW YOUR VET'S TELEPHONE NUMBER



You know, lately depression is the rule rather than the exception at your Editor's desk. Although we do occasionally receive good news such as the group in California who did receive their permits, and of course the births; we receive more bad news these days.

We sit on the phone trying to encourage someone whose ocelots have been confiscated or whose puma has been put to sleep. We hear how few members show up at hearings to support those in trouble or we hear of letters against our members from other members.

I can understand one crawling into the woodwork hoping that if they hide long enough they'll be safe. I can understand this even if I don't agree with it. If you are legally in possession of your animals you should help all you can. Ignorance of the law is a flimsy excuse - write your State, county and local officials and ask for copies of the laws - then send them to Ken Hatfield so we can inform those who don't know.

When I was a little girl I was always reminded that if we couldn't say something nice we shouldn't say anything at all - has this become obsolete? A member applying for a temporary permit to keep a large cat was "helped" by members who did not know her and who did not even live in the same state to the point that her permit was denied. I have no first hand knowledge of what these letters to the City Council said, but they couldn't have been too encouraging. Wouldn't it be better not to pass on an individuals right to have a pet and merely say that if one is to have such and such a cat we recommend the following precautions? **That is if you have had first hand experiences with THAT KIND OF CAT!** You cannot say that a margay is to be handled the same way as an ocelot or a leopard the same as a lion - they're different. You can't say that an individual has no experience - or else we should require people to have "experience" before we allow them to have babies too! I didn't have experience with anything other than housecats when I obtained my first exotic and I daresay few of you had much more. Because one has had an unfortunate experience with one type of cat does not negate the possibility they might be very successful with the next - otherwise second marriages should be outlawed. We learn from our mistakes - I did, and I'll freely admit to making more than a few. You cannot state that because an individual was afraid of one cat they will be unable to handle the next - I have "cage cats" ones that will never be tame - yes I admit to being afraid of them - you won't find me going into the cage with them - I'm not stupid.

Of course there are those circumstances where an individual has grossly mistreated an animal - those are exceptions. But as long as an animal has been fed and housed adequately - unless you have extensive first hand knowledge of the situation I would suggest the rule of "if you can't say something nice" be followed. We do not enhance anyone's image, ourselves, the Branches' or LIOC's by such tactics. If there is doubt in your mind - keep quiet. I have yet to meet an exotic owner I have not heard doubtful things about or who is perfection personified. In these troubled times it would be wise for us to stand united - if we don't we'll lose it all.

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