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GIGOLO, a male margay belong to B. J. Lester. The name Gigolo means man supported by woman (B.J.) in exchange for favors (companionship, affection, beauty and intelligence.)



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Shirley

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MARGAY MENAGERIE

By: B. J. Lester

After living with a male margay for almost six years now, I am continually and almost daily amazed at the curiosity, intelligence, instincts and keen sense of smell of this species - *Felis Weidii*, my Gigolo.

There are three instances which have occurred, and recurred, which stand out in my thoughts. I would like to share them with other margay owners.

One day, while eating black olives, I discovered my margay liked them since he actually climbed all over me to get at them. So, everytime I open a can of olives, I save him a few. It is only necessary to say his name, hold the olive so he can see it and he will get up from a sound sleep. However, one day he was napping out of sight. I called his name, asking if he wanted an olive, he gave a big, margay meow and walked sleepily into the room for the treat. Incidentally, he spits out the pits!



ALFREDINA

Another time I was growing some bean sprouts for a salad. The covered plastic sprouter containing the almost ripe sprouts was in the sink. The margay stretched up on his back legs with paws on the sink, sniffed a second, then leaped onto the sink and began pawing at the container. I took a couple of sprouts out and threw them across the room. He scampered after them, found the sprouts under a piece of newspaper, and promptly ate them. Then he strolled back to the sink looking for more.

The particular margay is "humanized" and "catholic". And I am not ashamed to admit it. I would venture to say I have learned more about the behavioral patterns of this species by handling his lifestyle this way, than by caging him without human companionship. He is really amusing - all I have to do is pop a cork on a bottle of sherry and down he jumps from his perch, pawing at the bottle. A papercup swished with an alcoholic beverage will excite him. He holds the cup in all four paws, puts his head inside the cup and licks out the contents. Then he demolishes the cup! He is so conditioned to this that he will even go after a papercup with root beer in it. But then he is disappointed and usually ignores the cup. Sometimes he tries to grab my cup of sherry/honey hot tea, often knocking it out of my hand.



SLIM JIM

Gigolo is wild born, Colombian margay, now four years old. He has been on educational tv, visited schoolchildren and assisted in raising money for the Jacksonville, Florida Zoo.

Slim Jim is of a rare color, silver & black with almost none of the tan coloring found in most margays. Alfredina (Alfie) is a seven year old female. I call her "my little Chinese cat" because of the pronounced slant of her eyes. And of course, Waco, my three legged margay from the Waco, Texas zoo.

ROOT CANAL & CHEMICAL CAPPING ON MARGAYS

Two of my adult margays had each broken off their lower right canines exposing the nerves. One of them, a cat named WACO (from the Waco, Texas Zoo) arrived at my compound a year ago with only three legs and three teeth from a fight he had with another cat while in that zoo and he could no longer be exhibited so I offered him a permanent home and hopefully a mate. The tooth showed no outwards signs of infection, however, after observing a dental operation on the canine of a gibbon ape, in which the tooth had become badly infected, I decided to have Waco sedated and examined. The vet found infection and proceeded to clean out the root canal with hydrogen peroxide using a "reamer" to pull out all excess debris, etc. and prepare the root canal for packing.

The tooth was dried out with ether prior to packing. The tooth was also ground smoothly with a portable type dental drill and the canal was prepared for filling by grinding out an enlarged portion just below the surface of the tooth so the packing material would hold. The packing material consisted of two substances to be mixed together: pulp treatment powder (zinc oxide, resin, and paraformaldehyde) and Pulp treatment liquid (eugenol and cottonseed oil). These were mixed together and packed tightly into the canal of the tooth. (These materials manufactured by Coralite Dental Products, a division of Harry J. Bosworth Co., Chicago, Ill.) Then a chemical capping material was prepared consisting of two parts: Adaptic Universal Paste & Adaptic Catalyst Paste. This is like an epoxy cement and hardens almost immediately upon mixing. It has to adhere to both the packing material and the tooth; and it had to be done three times before it adhered. After hardening, it was ground smooth with the drill. This product is made by Johnson & Johnson Dental Restorative Co., E. Windsor, N.J.



DR ROY BRINKMAN, JACKSONVILLE ZOO, WORKING ON WACO

A broad spectrum antibiotic injection was administered to prevent further infection. Two months later the capping is still in place and the margay shows no signs of discomfort.

Gigolo broke off his tooth while roughhousing with a female companion. A decision was made to have this tooth fixed after a month's delay and there was no infection present. However, the same operation was done on Giggy. The sedation used was Ketaset (ketamine hydrochloride) and it took Giggy three days to regain use of his muscles, elimination functions, etc. The cost of the operation was approximately \$50 per tooth which is nothing compared to the agony of that

Bill & Bengals

BY BILL ENGLER

The Bengal Cat had its inception as an experiment in hybridizing the Leopard Cat with the Domestic Short Hair. In this experiment the sire was the Leopard Cat, Shah, a gutsy little spitfire. Two Domestic dames were bred, one a solid black and the other a light brown tabby. The backgrounds of the dames are unknown, but they were both of good disposition. The name "Bengal" was taken from the Latin name of the Leopard Cat, *Felis Bengalensis*.

In the beginning, I had everything to learn. Would they breed? If they did, would the dame produce young and would they be normal? Would these young (hybrids) be sterile or would they be able to reproduce their likeness? Finally, would they be desirable for pets?

To answer the first four questions, they have bred to two and a half (2½) generations now. To explain: consider the offspring of the leopard cat/domestic breeding as being the first generation, breeding two first generation Bengals produced the second generation. The second generation cat was bred to a first generation cat producing the 2½ generation litter.

I consider only the first generation cats as being hybrids. The offspring of these hybrids as being a new species. They can and do reproduce their own kind. Reason suggests that this has happened many times in nature to contribute to the numbers of different species carrying somewhat similar characteristics yet enough different to be classified as a species.

The first litter of Bengals was born March, 1970 to the black female domestic. From this litter I retained one female, Cassie. The second litter was born to the brown tabby in April, 1970 from which I retained the two males, Andy and Golden Boy. I have successfully bred two other domestic females to the Leopard Cat.

All kittens produced by the original black dame have been of gray background with black spots. Those from the brown tabby dame have been of golden background with copper spots. I call them respectively the gray phase and the golden phase. A single breeding to a tortoiseshell dame produced one gray phase, one golden phase, and one yellowish-gray phase kitten. I retained the gray phase female.

I hope eventually to produce a phase of golden background with black spots. I know this is possible. Twice I have bred a tortoiseshell dame (domestic) to the Leopard Cat. Each time I have gotten one kitten, golden with black spots from the litter of three. But, on both occasions she killed her kittens before I found them.

My cats have produced approximately 60 kittens so far. A few of these have died as babies, about 10 have had undesirable dispositions and these were neutered and given away to folks who would care for them. 34 of suitable disposition have been sold. I am in touch with a number of their owners who are well satisfied with them. At least two of these are breeding them now. I have retained seven as breeders, plus 3 month-old kittens on hand. These include 1st, 2nd and 2½ generation cats.

It is true that this project has produced some inferior cats. This is to be expected in such an undertaking. Inbetween there are quite a number of cats ranging from near inferior to near superior cats and on the top there are the superior ones. Only the superior cats and near superior cats should be used for breeding. It follows that after several generations, practically all the offspring will be such. This selective breeding program should be followed in any breeding program. Unfortunately, there are always the get rich quick schemers who will breed and sell inferior animals for the quick dollar.



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I cannot describe the personality of the Bengals in general. They are individuals as are all cats. I will give a short description of those I have on hand.

Cassie: The lady; the attentive mother; affectionate, proud of her babies (has had several litters) when one, stranger or not, sits in the room with her and her babies she will bring a baby to the person's lap and expect to have herself and the baby praised. She uses the toilet but has not yet learned to flush it.

Sauvis: Can't get enough love; pushes her nose hard against my mouth for kisses, when taken to bed, sucks and kneads in my armpits.

Lady Gray: a friendly, noisy old gossip - cute & funny.

Chris: Gabby, large vocabulary, a busy body, has all the cares of the world on her shoulders. Affectionate but too busy to stand for more than a few strokes at a time. When she has kittens, after the first week or so when she takes good care of them, they must soon learn to run to catch up with her for a minute's nursing - she's too busy to lie still for much more. But, she does raise her kittens.

Eloise: Fits her name, given her by Sadie Douglas. A prissy little lady, sweet.

Brutus: 16 months old, a lovable, playful monster as a kid; beginning to grow up now a handsome teenager.

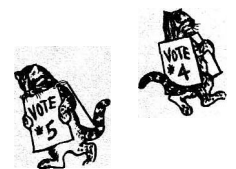
Andy: The perfect gentleman; quiet, well behaved, affectionate, very stable; the perfect cat.

The three babies (Cassie's) Hankenkreuz, he goose steps; Flicke and Sonnnig, all cuddly babies.

On several occasions I have kept Bengals and Luchsie mothers in the same room. The mothers nurse whatever grabs a faucet whether it is hers or not. Chris likes this arrangement, lets the other mother do most of the nursing while she attends to other important (to her) matters.

DID YOU VOTE?

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REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY AND PROPAGATION OF THE OCELOT

BY: RANDALL EATON

In a paper to be published in Der Zoologisch Garten, Randy makes several observations on how to improve captive propagation of the ocelot based on data collected from ten zoos and private facilities. A survey by the author in 1974 showed 32 of 115 zoos keeping ocelots. It was encouraging that the study showed a trend toward breeding efforts was beginning as the average collection per zoo was 2.1 animals in 1974 as compared to 1.4 in 1966. Ten percent of the zoos reported reproduction from 26 potentially productive pairs.

In data collected from 10 zoos and private facilities, six had reproductive success with a total of 37 litters. Sixteen (16) kittens were successfully mother raised, one stillborn, two eaten (one by the sire) and two were killed after falling from a cage. Among 25 which were hand raised one died from an unknown virus.

The information collected led to several conclusions:

- The average estrus is 5-6 days if mated.
- If the kittens are removed the female will go into estrus soon again suggesting that when young are lost or removed it is common for females to reproduce twice a year.
- Gestation averages 80 days counting from the last day of estrus.
- They begin to mate in the wild at 2½ years and do not mate as long as in captivity due to food and nutritional problems encountered in the wild. A healthy captive ocelot should be expected to reproduce well beyond 10 years and probably as much as fifteen (15).
- The largest litter size recorded was 3 with the average being 1.5 kittens per litter.
- Peak birth numbers recorded in captivity are in May, March, September, October with the lowest being recorded in November.

In summary, 11 females in seven zoos and one breeding farm produced 57 litters. Of the 47 kittens left with their mothers, 67% survived to young adulthood. Of the 26 removed for hand raising, 92% survived. The most common cause of death in those left with the mother was predation primarily by the father who was present at birth.

All successful births occurred in den boxes except in one zoo where plenty of natural cover (rocks, logs, etc.) was available. In the successful births the pair were housed together with the male being removed when pregnancy was detected or suspected.

Randy surmises from this data that breeding in zoos could be improved if males were introduced to females only when in estrus and not allowed access to them at other times - seclusion means the males being kept out of sight as well as being separated. This would also remedy the predation problem as zoos insist on mother raising, for display reasons as well as believing a mother raised animal to be a psychologically better cat, with tameness being of no value to them.

Randy also concludes that the low conception rate may be caused by presence of the male causing unborn litters to die from stress on the female causing spontaneous abortions in early pregnancy.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The following is reprinted from INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE BY WARDENS WHEN INSPECTING FACILITIES USED TO HOUSE ANIMALS HELD UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 671, TITLE 14, CAC issued by the Resources Agency of California, Department of Fish & Game.

Lions, Tigers, Cougars and Other Large Cats

"Any number of compatible cats of the same specie and their offspring of the year may be held in one pen. A pen should be enclosed completely, including top.

The floor of the pen should be of concrete, 4 inches thick.

A pen should provide 400 square feet for one animal, 576 sq. ft for two animals, and 200 sq ft for each additional animal.

The framework for walls and top of a pen should be of 3-inch galvanized iron pipe or steel posts of equal or greater strength, with all upright members set 3 feet deep in concrete and spaced 4 ft apart. Cross members (stringers) forming the framework of the top should be spaced 4 feet apart.

The walls of a pen should be of 6 gauge chain link with mesh no greater than 2 inches in diameter, fastened at the bottom, at each 4 inch interval, to a horizontal crossbar, 2 inches by 3/8 inch in cross section, welded at the ends to the vertical framework of the pen; or vertical steel bars or rods 5/8 inch in diameter spaced no greater than 2½ inches apart, set 4 inches in concrete, and having at every 36 inch interval above the floor a horizontal crossbar, 2 inches by 3/8 inch in cross section, welded to each upright member; or 3 walls may be of 8 inch cement block construction. A wall should be not less than 12 feet high.

A pen top should be of 9 gauge chain link fence similar to walls, welded or fastened with bolts and clamps to cross members at 1 foot intervals.

A concrete or cement block den with adequate ventilation, sloping floors for drainage and to facilitate cleaning; 4 feet high by 4 ft wide by 8 ft long should be provided for each animal; or one den 4 ft high by 6 ft wide by 8 ft long for two animals. The den floor should be concrete or concrete covered with heavy duty exterior grade plywood with epoxy coating or with 2 inch treated planking covered with exterior grade plywood. The top should be of concrete or 2 inch treated planking covered with heavy duty exterior grade plywood. The top should serve as an outdoor loafing platform. The entrance should be 4 ft high & 3 ft wide. Shade should be provided by covering ¼ - ½ of chain link with exterior grade plywood, fiber glass, metal sheets or similar material, except when natural shade is available at all times of the day throughout the year. The floor of the pen should be of concrete 4 inches thick.

A pen should provide 300 square feet per animal and 100 square feet for each additional animal."

For foxes and bobcats, the Game Department requires 144 sq ft for one animal, and 36 sq ft for each additional animal. Walls of 14 gauge fur farm netting or similar material is sufficient. For bobcats the ceiling must be 8 feet high. Den box must be 2 feet high and 2 feet wide by 3 feet long for each animal. An elevated platform should be provided for cats along with tree limbs, auto tire or wooden exercise bar.

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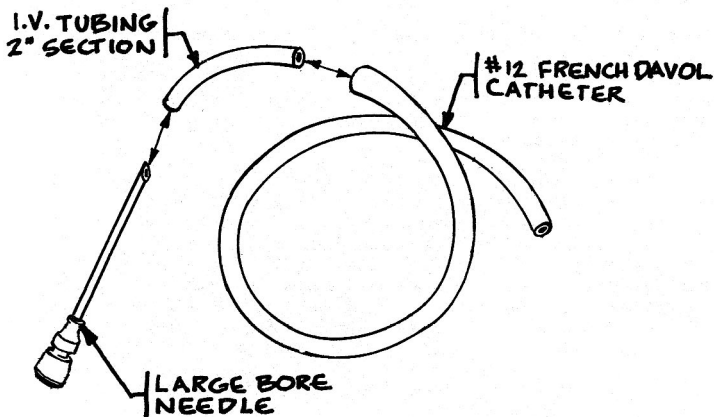
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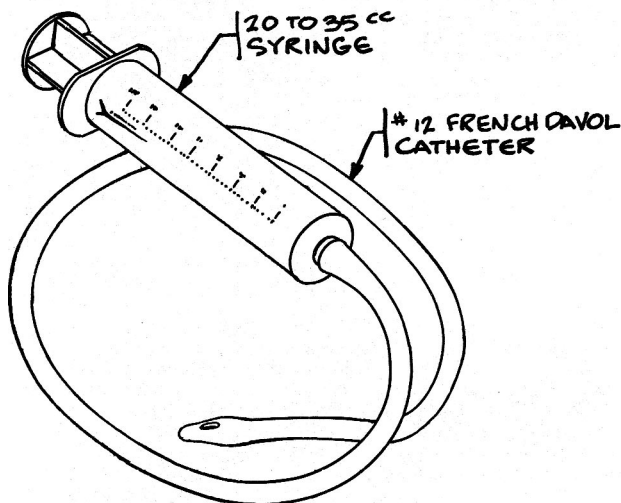
The Department of the Interior has changed its ruling on the Breeding Loan Agreement previously carried in this column. Since the Agreement states the disposition of kittens produced, the DoI now takes the stand that this constitutes barter and is therefore not acceptable.

TUBE FEEDING

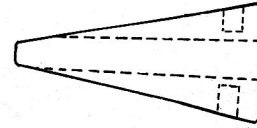
For sick and weak animals and in situations where some danger of inhalation of the formula exists, it is best to feed our cats by a stomach tube. The tube used for cats weighing 2 to 15 pounds is a 16 inch, soft rubber, siz 12, French Davol catheter. This tube, due to its size can not enter the respiratory passage.



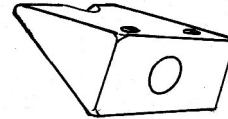
The catheter can be modified two ways. First, by cutting off some of the flared end of the catheter you can attach this to a 20 or 35 cc syringe. Secondly, by cutting off the flared end of the catheter and inserting 1 or two inches of a 16 inch plastic tube (from an intravenous set) This is cemented to the end of the catheter. A large bore needle or adapter is fixed to the open end of the tube where you can now attach the syringe.



A piece of hardwood with two vertical holes of proper size, spaced so that both upper and lower canine teeth can pass through them, a horizontal hole of adequate size to allow the tube to pass completes a speculum that will prevent the biting of the tube.



WOODEN MOUTH BLOCK



Procedure is as follows:

First, mark the feeding tube with nontoxic waterproof ink or tape at a reference point three-fourths of the distance from the cat's nose to its last rib.

Gently insert the tube over the tongue into the esophagus, up to the mark. Always insert the tube fully to the mark before releasing any formula. By following this procedure, placement of the formula into the stomach is assured.

If you cannot insert the tube to the designated mark, it is not in the stomach but rather in the windpipe or lung. Introduction of fluid into the lung will cause pneumonia. If the tube is inserted fully to the mark, there is no chance of this happening.

PLACEMENT SERVICE STILL FUNCTIONING



Contrary to rumors, the Placement Service is still alive and well. You CAN get ocelots & margays even tho they are on the Endangered Species List and there are lots of kittens to be had (or were).

Although it is illegal to sell endangered species in interstate (across state lines) commerce, there is nothing illegal about going on vacation and seeing a cute, irresistible kitten, buying it and taking it home with you - IF THERE WAS NO PRIOR INTENT. That is to say if you didn't call the breeder and ask if he had a kit and made the trip to pick it up. Of course there is nothing illegal about taking a cat as a gift or on permanent breeding loan if no money has changed hands. The key words are interstate commerce and prior intent....that is if they can prove, thru long distance telephone records, say that you contacted an individual prior to taking that vacation in the sun and made it with the intent of engaging in interstate commerce then you're guilty, or of course if they can prove money changed hands, then they've got you! But to fall in love with one of the cute cuddly things and find it irresistible is, well, human nature.....

The Placement Service is here to help you in finding an appropriate home for an unwanted cat or putting you on the list of adoptive homes. There are many types of cats that are perfectly legal regardless (unless there are local laws prohibiting them). The Service is here for you - use it! I might mention here and now that because of the import laws, domestic born kittens, ain't cheap....they run in the neighborhood of \$700-800 for ocelots & margays and a little less for other species - but they are available.



MEETING REPORT May 18, 1975

The meeting was held at the home of Dr. Ray McPeck in Fredon, N.J. Dr. McPeck has a New Jersey state permit to keep exotic cats, for scientific-research purposes - not as pets.

Being a joint meeting of Mid-Atlantic & Greater New York, attendance was very poor with a turnout of about 25. The weather forecast had been for rain, but it was only cloudy. The questions over the legality of having cats is definately keeping the members away.

The business portion of the meeting discussed the current legal status and problems in New York & New Jersey & Connecticut.

New York isnt too difficult at present except that local ordinances can and do forbid what the state allows. The New York State Endangered Species law lists specific animals and additions to the list would require a modification to the law by state legislature. The enforcing department (Enviromental Protection) is given a free hand to write their own rules and regulations. So far, there haven't been any problems, but the rules & regulations can be changed at any time by the Agency.

New Jersey has been giving the most difficulty, currently keeping three ocelots from their owners; two belonging to the Stevenson's & one to the Newhouses. The law does not say that there is anything but a fine for conviction of having an endangered species without a permit. Both families have been found guilty of possession without a permit. The law allows for the possibility to permits to individuals but to this time we know of none except the meeting host.

Currently the state has come out with a list of rules and regulations for individual owners attempting to make it impossible to have exotics as pets. Each rule is written in vague language which could be fought in court forever. The question at present is how to get the best results with the least legal expense and time.

Connecticut's law came as a surprise. It was passed without any publicity in October of 1973. First word of it got out over publicity in a "test case" where the judge dismissed the charges against a man who had acquired a tiger skin rug more than two years before the law was passed. A legal opinion said that with automatic loss of the animal or fur combined with criminal penalties of up to a \$1,000. fine and jail term of up to six months, the law cannot be retroactive. A leopard has been confiscated and that story is told under the Greater N.Y. Branch Heading.

Pumpkin, the year old tiger was friendly to everyone. With both a cataract and crossed eyes it was surprising to see him staring at birds fifty to a hundred feet away. Dr. McPeck is constructing a large cat operating room and consulting with eye specialists to seek normal vision eventually for pumpkin.

By unanimous vote it was decided to keep having meetings for those interested members to keep them informed of the latest legal happenings.

Submitted by
Arthur Human

Our spring meeting was held May 3rd at the home of Carl and Jean Hamil on the banks of the San Jacinto River.

After a fun-filled morning of playing with the various cats in attendance and the usual exchange of cat gossip, we had a short business meeting.

In the absence of President, Danny Treanor who had to stay home with a baby margay born the day before, the meeting was called to order by our Vice President Jean Hamil.

The first order of business was to elect representatives to Convention and it was decided Danny Treanor and Rebecca Duke could fill the bill. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing ways of raising money for the Legal Fund. A vote was taken and it was decided to donate all but \$75 of our treasury to the Fund in memory of Bill Hodge. We decided to have our next meeting at the First Monday Sale in Canton Texas with everyone saving and bring those odds & ends which could be sold at this gigantic, statewide flea market. Our raffle was won by Roger Harmon.

After the meeting was adjourned, we all went to dinner for a delicious meal at the Acropolis restaurant.

Submitted by,
Rebecca Duke
Secretary/Treasurer

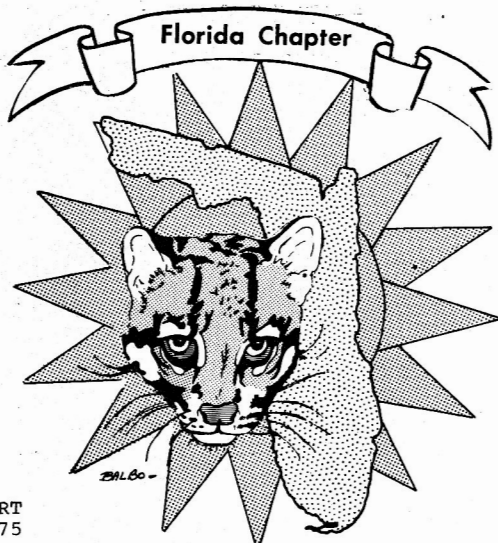
Attending were: our hosts, Carl & Jean Hamil with cougar Sheri, bobcat Sassi and ocelot Serena; Roger, Faye and Kay Harmon with jaguar Boca Grande, John and Rebecca Duke with Margay Tresi, Walter & Lois Marshall, Elmer and Cathy Morgan, Danny DeMonbrun and our newest member Elaine Andrews. And a special welcome to our guests, Mike Willis and Sue Krsak who we hope to see again soon as members.

OUR NEXT MEETING will be held the 1st weekend in October in Canton, Texas. This is the site of the "1st Monday Sale" so we'll be raising money for the 1976 Convention by participating in this gigantic rummage sale. All members are asked to save and bring their re-saleables to help in this fund raising event. We'll be staying at the Flame Motel in Athens, Texas located on Hwy 175 and Larkin St. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. For further info contact Rebecca Duke, P. O. Box 144, Carrollton, Tx. 75006 or call (214) 241-6440.

MARGAY MENAGERIE CONTINUED

long awaited period while the margay comes out of sedation; the dilated pupils, the bobbing head the staggering gait, inability to jump or coordinate, etc. is really a trial of patience and endurance.

My interest now lies in finding the long range permanence of this operation. If anyone has had any experience with this operation, please write me at P.O.Box 133, Neptune Beach, FLA. 32233.



MEETING REPORT March 11, 1975

If this report is a bit incomplete, it's because Sadie was there & taking notes; however, she wasn't feeling well in the weeks afterwards and didn't get to write it up, so I'm the one and it's by memory.

Anyway, we met at the home of Art & Carole Van Vlack who live just outside of Orlando. We had about 25 members & guests present and 6 guest felines plus our hosts 5 exotics (I think). Those members present were: B.J. Lester, Kim Baetjer, Linda Long with ocelot Priestess, Don Piechocki, Dan Canty, Bill Engler, Chuck & Susie Kindt with golden cat, Hershel & jaguar-undi Copy, Bob & Sandy Hartkopf, Betty Seyler with ocelot Joe, Charles & Sadie Douglas, Art Freeman, Ken & Jean Hatfield with ocelots Robyn and Mindy and of course our hosts, Art & Carole.

It was a beautiful day and we all gathered in the back yard. Art Brought out his bobolot and jaguar to meet the group; the two ocelots watched from their outside cage. Chuck & Susie's Copy had lost a bit of weight and was looking fit - it must have worked as he's a pappa again. Mindy & Robyn (5 & 3 months) were no exception to the rule of ocelots being home-bodies. They had a ball in the house while it was quiet enough. Priestess Long however, was just as calm and well behaved as I wish mine were. She was a little lady.

To get on with the afternoon, folks started arriving about 12:30 or so and gossiped and visited with the cats for awhile. Ken called a business meeting and announced that the membership had unanimously voted for the \$50 pledge to the Florida Legal Fund. That day 7 members made either full or partial payment of their pledge for a total of \$242. One member even gave more than his share. We went over the situation a bit more and then had a gentleman from an organization called Pet Pride speak to us. As I said, I wasn't preparing a report and so didn't get all the names down.

After the business meeting, Sadie handled the raffle of two beautiful ceramic lions made and donated by Laura Cox, and a showerhead donated by Cubbedge Phillips. We then got back to serious things - eating and talking about our cats.

Submitted by
Jean Hatfield.

WE NEED MONEY TO HELP YOU

SEND IT TO THE LEGAL FUND:
1991 SW 136th Ave.
Davie, Fla. 33325

MEETING REPORT May 12th, 1975

The May gathering was held on Mother's Day at our home in Ft. Lauderdale, or more properly, Davie as we have been recently annexed.

Anyway, folks started gathering at 12 noon and by one or so, we had 41 members & guests. Attending were: Henry & Ursula Seiden, Chuck & Susie Kindt, Jo & Mo Wintenburg, Cindy Gittlemen & Frank Galasso with ocelot Shun, Bob & Sandy Hartkopf, Larry Redelin, Mary Aiken with cougar Christopher, Dianne Whetsel, Bob & Anne Davis, Jim Craft, Bill Engler Charles Douglas, Mr & Mrs Phillips, Barbara Bond, Dan Harvell, Mrs. Bevis, Don Piechocki, Linda Long, Kim Baetjer, Glen Clark and Hosts Ken & Jean Hatfield.

We also had two gentlemen from TV station WTVJ to film the receiving of an award by WTVJ from the Florida Chapter, in recognition of their interest in the exotic feline owner and in their fairness of presentation and coverage of recent Florida legislative hearings. We also had a Miami Herald reporter, because he was covering the news item of WTVJ receiving the award! Well it all turned out fine! The newspaper article was quite short but accurate and the TV coverage was very good. The presentation went off nicely and they also filmed a lot of Ken playing with various animals and the interview went rather well for the club and its members.

Now, on to the business and elections. I've given much thought to the writing of this and have decided that even though this report is supposed to serve as the minutes of the meetings, that the Newsletter is no place to go into "family squabbles" shall we say? Suffice it to say that the group present, after much discussion voted 1. to let the election & ballots already cast stand, and 2. the Chapter to send Ken to Tallahassee to the Game Commission meeting. I guess one hassle in 9½ years isn't too bad a record. Especially considering the fact that we are all exotic feline owners and, shall we say, rather independent people! It was also voted to leave the \$50 donation by each membership for the Florida Legal Fund as there is no way to tell what the future might bring; if a problem arises, the fund will be there. As now, with a \$100 permit fee requirement that unfortunately goes along with some pretty fair regulations. We had 8 members make either full or partial donations that day. Next meeting I'll have a list of those who have come through as promised.

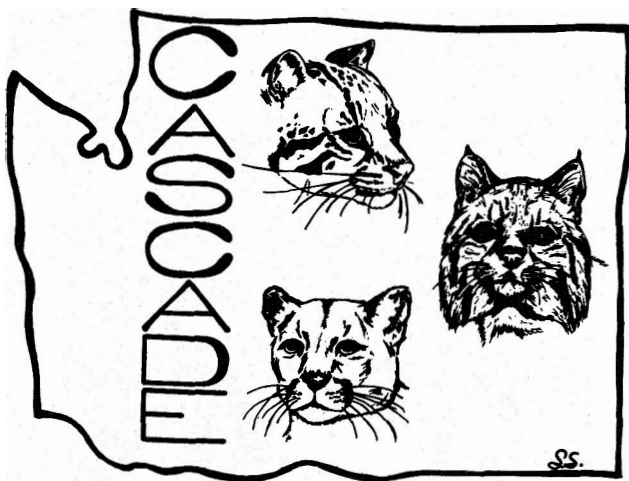
The rain cooperated too; it waited until the end of the day to pour sheets & torrents. My what a blow, looked like a hurricane. Come to think of it, that was a rather fitting ending after all, what?

MEETING REPORT July 13, 1975

Our July meeting was held at the Florida Power & Light Company park in Jupiter, Florida and was hosted by Chuck & Susie Kindt. They had prepared a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all prior to the business meeting.

Although the day was hot and muggy, and the mosquitos out in force, we had a good crowd, human and feline. Among those attending were: new members Don & Kathy Juhl, Michael Brateman with jaguarundi, Sheba; Bob & Sue Humphrey with geoffrey cat, Tonya & Fred Johns and daughter with ocelot, Maya. Our old crew was well represented by our President Ken Hatfield and wife Secretary/Treasurer, Jean; our hosts the Kindts assisted by family members plus golden cat Hershel and jaguarundi, Copy; Sadie Douglas with children & guests, Bill Engler, bob & Carole Roth with cougar, Ryah; Nettie Tuzcu with geoffroy cat, Maymum; Mary DePew, Jim & Lynn Craft with margay, Clyde; Kim & Janie Baetjer, Don Piechoki, Linda Long, Barry & Aloha McNeil, Dan Harvell with guests & jaguar, Clyde; Andrea Johnson and me.

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MEETING REPORT July 19, 1975

The July meeting of the Cascade Branch was held on the evening of the 19th at Liz Ghent's new home in Seattle, Washington. Everyone there adored Liz's young male Golden Cat who was born at her place this year. He behaved himself most admirably! Seeing him made us all want golden cats now. Other cats in attendance were Liz's Loki cougar and W.B. and Flower golden cats.

When the meeting got under way Terry announced that the deadline for voting on the national LIOC constitutional changes had been extended until August 1st. Everyone was urged to get their votes in.

We discussed ways of earning money which included Tupperware parties & a cat show. John Paramore related the success that the Exotic Feline Breeders Association of our area had recently with a similar cat show. Since we're all in this (owning & raising exotics) together, we decided that E.F.B.A. wouldn't mind if we followed suit.

The main business of the evening related to a proposed ordinance for the Seattle area which originally sought to ban the ownership of all exotics. Through the hard work and many unselfishly donated hours by a handful of our members (who I would like to add don't even live in the county affected) things are looking better & a liveable ordinance may be upcoming. The cats of King county would like to thank all of those who worked so hard for them.

Until the ordinance situation is finalized we suspended most other business. We adjourned to dessert & talk as always. Those attending were: Jan Goldsmith, Earl & Jean Cochell, John & Linda Paramore, Kent Raymond, Natasha Labinsky, Ron Prevost, Liz Ghent, Terry & Shelly Starns, Milt & Marcie Wilde, and Henry & Judy Sauer.

Yours in Conservation,
Shelley Starns

MEETING REPORT June 1, 1975

The good weather held out through the weekend and we all had a nice trip to Canada for our meeting.

We only had two cats present since the U.S. members couldn't take theirs across the border, but this gave us a chance to see our seldom seen Canadian Cat friends. Teager margay who belongs to Richard & Evelyn Dyck was there along with host ocelot, Babba, who lives with John & Carol Ellis. Babba about qualifies for the honorary title of "small leopard" as he is the biggest ocelot I've seen. He stands very tall and long and is well....just big and beautiful.

Terry reported that the official address for the branch is now P.O.Box 9433, Tacoma, Wa. 98409.

Our new branch bulletin board was on display. It will contain minutes of past meetings, treasurers reports, available cats, meeting notices and laws pertaining to exotics, etc.

We scheduled our next meeting for mid-July. Some of the members mentioned that they hope to go to convention and of course everyone was urged to try to attend.

Since the turnout for the meeting was rather small, and we had no urgent business we kept the meeting short and told a lot of cat tales (tails?).

Richard Dyck had some wise comments on declawing. After the difficulty they have recently had with some regrown claws on Teager (who was declawed prior to moving in with them) he suggested that it would be a good idea if we get a cat, who has been declawed, to take it to our vet for examination. Teager showed no signs of any problem with his feet, but when landing from a jump, ruptured a toe that had numerous regrowths. Teager is as good as new now, but it could have been more serious.

Our Hostess, Carol, fixed a wonderful lunch and we had a nice afternoon talking and watching their domestic who was about to have kittens and had been in labor off and on for two days.

Our host, John, was quite obviously missing and missed by everyone as he's been in the hospital for the past few weeks. Get well quick John, from all of us.

Attending were: Henry & Judy Sauer, Terry & Shelley Starns, John & Linda Paramore, Doug & Bobbi Fletcher, Richard & Evelyn Dyck, Natasha Labinsky, Ron Prevost, Carol Ellis and guest neighbors, Lois & Jerry.

Hope to see many of you at convention,
Your friend in felines

Shelley Starns, Secretary

► FLORIDA MEETING CONTINUED

Following much visiting and cat talk we had a lengthy business meeting during which the treasurer reported we had approximately \$95 in the treasury with \$687 in the Florida Legal Fund; 15 members had paid in full and 10 members had made partial payment. It was announced that a full treasurer's report covering the previous two years would be sent out in the next mailing to all the membership.

Ken advised that the changes in the Florida Chapter By-laws were adopted and a motion was made and carried that they should be printed and distributed to all members in a later mailing. Then he asked us to write our Senators and oppose the new zoo bill which apparently will impose stringent restrictions on anyone owning two or more endangered species.

We then discussed the best means to fight the state permit fee of \$100 and it was decided that we would go to court and try to get it reduced. At the present time anyone owning the permitted exotics has to pay \$100 per year for a state permit in addition to meeting specific requirements regarding housing and care. A motion was made and carried to retain LIOC's national attorney, Stanley Seligman for the Florida chapter. A special mailing will advise members of the decision and also request the \$50 which was pledged by the membership for the Florida Legal Fund. This mailing will include distribution of the new By-laws.

Ken urged all Florida members to make a good turnout at the convention and the convention chairman, Sadie Douglas told us that there would be booths with items for sale. All unsold items will be auctioned off at the close of the convention. The proceeds of the sale will go to the National Legal Fund.

Our September meeting will be held at Ft. Pierce and hosted by Bob & Carole Roth.

Florida's Feline Friend,
Anne Davis

LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



MEETING REPORT May 11, 1975

The much awaited Sunday morning came and a group of the California Chapter of LIOC made their way up the path to Leona Lodge to meet with Inspector Don Stork of the California Fish and Game Department and Warden Max Krueger as well as Captain Wally Callanof of the same office.

These gentlemen came to answer our questions and bring us copies of Senate Bill 1766, The Behr Bill, dealing with live wild animals and rules and regulations as well as guidelines for keeping our animals and a supply of permit applications.

Yes, you must now have a permit for housing your pet. This went into law the first of this year. Those of you wishing to remain within the law are advised to write your desire to obtain copies of the above mentioned papers including the permit application to the Calif - ornia Chapter at 454 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, Ca. 94102 We are preparing packets for all those we have on our membership roles.

Those of us unfamiliar with the permit and the bill hastily read these documents and put together questions to put to our guests. All were answered in detail by Inspector Stork. The most glaring problems seemed to be that of not allowing transportation of our animals even within the state. We questioned this on the grounds that this was sometimes absolutely necessary such as in incidents when a pet might be visiting the Vet. It was stated although there was no provision for this that such an incident would be overlooked, especially in the case of the owner having a permit. It was pointed out that we had our pets at the meeting illegally and they could be removed right then and there but that it was not what the Fish & Game chose to do. Actually, there was no place selected in which to house our pets should they be removed and that was another sore point. If the bill is to protect animals than how could it be that no provision has been made for the animals' betterment should the present owners be found to be unable or unwilling to have what the State maintains is the proper facilities. It is hard to sign a statement that would allow the Fish & Game Department to dispose of the animal in anyway they see fit. Particularly since there is no place designated. To many of us this seemed like a death sentence to our animals. Our fears, however, seemed groundless when confronting these gentlemen, who explained that the rules would be lenient with old owners of exotic pets providing they complied with the permit and maintained their animals in a reasonable fashion. The permit covers the animals you now have and their progeny for two years when it must be renewed. Permits for importation came up and this too could be worked out if it could be done with complete safety for the animals and good cause shown why it should be done. Also, new owners would have to have permits before being able to obtain an exotic as well as using the guidelines to construct facilities to house that animal. According to Inspector Stork, this bill had powerful backing and passed even though the Pet industry maintained a lobby which kept it from happening sooner.

Upon questioning, it was acknowledged that more stringent laws and regulations could be forthcoming and we were advised to get all interested groups together who had the same interests at heart. Our group will be meeting with groups in Southern California so that we can amalgamate our interests and energies. We will

also be connected with such groups as the California Hawking Club who have done a lot of work with legislation. We have requested that a member of our group be appointed to be on the committee hearings of the Fish & Game Dept. When any pertinent matters will be dealt with. We were advised that the laws can be changed several times a year and that we will have to keep informed.



L to R, Chuck Mykytyn, Chris Dalri, Pres., Lora Vigne, Sec. with ocelot Isis, Mrs. Donalds Stork, Inspector Stork, Captain Wally Callan, Fish & Game Dept.

Fees for those thinking of flying to Convention were discussed. No airlines servicing Florida from California allow our pets in the cabin. Using National's "no frills" service the round trip fare would be \$305.98. If you are planning to stay at least 7 days and no more than 30 you can go round trip for \$284.47.

When the discussion drew to a close we all partook of a tasty potluck and chatted informally enjoying the three ocelots, margay, and cougar who attended. When we left we all felt more secure in the knowledge that the future of our animals were in the hands of officials with a heart. It also seemed that it might be beneficial to have controls since there have been instances of mistreatment of animals and it would seem that if the funds for permits were spent in making sure that all animals were well taken care of, fed and watered daily, and housed properly, it would be well worth it. Still, we must guard ourselves and maintain the right to have the pets of our choice and continue to add, rather than detract from the dwindling population of these beautiful animals.

Our next meeting will be July 13th. It will be a picnic and bar-b-que right in San Francisco at Baker Beach. This is a lovely woodsy spot with a view of the ocean. Call Secretary for information. Please attend as it will take input from all interested parties to maintain our rights to keep the pet of our choice.

Chuck Mykytyn was appointed Sgt of Arms.

Sincerely,
Lora Vigne, Secretary

MEETING REPORT July 13, 1975

Our picnic at Baker Beach started out bright and sunny but San Francisco being what it is, ended in a slightly fog-shrouded atmosphere. In spite of our notice advising against bringing our pets, a few people overlooked this and we ended up with four ocelots in attendance. The Park Ranger seemed delighted with their presence and enjoyed his visit with them and then continued on his program of rounding up stray dogs which were freely running around without leashes. Some of us brought things to roast and soon there was a crackling fire and the odors of roast chicken wafting through the air. The discussion this day was on the progress of the permits as some of us had been inspected after having applied for the now required state permit. Since the meeting several of us have received our permits with no problems and we are breathing easier.

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Chris Dalri, our President, had recently been in touch with inspector Don Stork of the Fish & Game Department, and had been notified that some of the restrictions had been lightened since our visit with them on May 11th. We now have the ability to travel short distances with our cats within several hundred miles of our homes. Special permission must be obtained for long journeys. People from out of state may move to California now with an exotic with permission and no doubt application for permit from the Fish & Game Dept. Generally the regulations have become less stringent so that those inspecting can find little fault except in extreme cases. It would seem for a time at least our fears have been an overreaction of some of the horror stories we have heard. Indeed some injustices have been done, but in our State at least, we are dealing with some people who are trying to avoid doing anything inconsiderate and unfeeling.

There are a number of problems still facing our members; the inconsistency or the laws is that many people are not legal in the city in which they reside due to regulations against keeping wild pets and are reluctant to send in their permits to the State. This should be clarified. Our group has sent permit forms to all of our members plus those we know who are members of National LIOC who may not have had the full information. We have urged everyone to send in their permits as we feel this is the best route, and indeed the only legal one. Therefore, we have done our duty to the State to disseminate the information they gave us to distribute. If some people wish to hide in the wood-work we can only wish them luck should their animal get loose or should a neighbor complain, etc. Anything of this nature would result in the confiscation of their pets.

We are still negotiating for a seat on the Committee of the Fish & Game Dept. As they promised us at their meeting with us. In trying to get the support of the other groups in California, we were only half successful. One group answered our letter of support to the effect that they did not see how one representative could work. Needless to say only one seat was offered. They have delayed the situation by applying for that seat themselves. This may delay the final realization of this possibility, which would give us a direct voice in the matter.

Another group advocating filling out the permits with certain undesirable sections crossed off (which would only make the permits invalid and might cause officials to become agitated). There may be a number of ways to approach the dilemma of how we can maintain the freedom to own the animal of our choice, but as a minority group you would think that those with the same interests could get together and act as one at least during this period in the history of exotic ownership.

Our next meeting will be in mid-September. We want to make this the most successful meeting to date and would like to have a 100% turnout. PLEASE plan to attend and lend some support to the work we have been doing on your behalf. For info at to the details contact me, your Secretary (415) 552-3748. Invitations will be sent to those on the mailing list - see you there.

Respectfully submitted
Lora Vigne



Clem, Gayle & Pat Schaecher with Skeeter, & Sheba ocelots and Nikki & Candy margays (Tiki margay was left home since she is expecting). Richard & Teresa Johnson who left Fellini ocelot home; Linda Waide, Linda Hauser, Steve Johnson with a pretty friend and Gil Myer.

Submitted by:
Gayle Schawcher



MEETING REPORT May 30, 1975

The May meeting was held in the home of Linda Morse. It was a beautiful day for a meeting and Teddy Bear, the Morse cougar, was outside by his wading pool sunbathing.

The business meeting started a little late due to all the visiting and because we had 17 cats present, a real housefull.

Ginger Bordwell reported on the death of Bill Hodge, a truly sad thing. The branch sent June two dozen roses and many members attended the services to say our last good-byes.

Since the Branch nominated Ginger to run for National Term Director, we decided it would be nice to send out fliers letting people know a little something about Ginger & her devotion to felines.

Kay Franish, our Public Relations Chairman, reported on the Educational Lectures some of the members have been doing the last couple of months. Kay with Tommie, cougar and Linda Morse with Tara, bobcat did a lecture at the Centennial High School. Gayle and Pat Schaecher with Skeeter ocelot did a lecture at the Sandy Grade School. Kay and Linda with Tommie & Tara also gave a lecture at a private grade school. The most thrilling for all was the lecture that was given by Kay, Linda and Pat with Tommie, Tara and Skeeter to the Boys' Club of America. We have received many Thank Yous from the children. They really enjoy the cats. We have many more events coming up for the months to follow since we do have a year 'round school in many parts of Oregon.

Linda Morse reported on the coming fund raising projects for the year. Looks like we are going to have a full & busy year.

Ginger reported that all the letters we sent the Governor of New Jersey didn't help the Stevensons. We all asked that the ocelots be returned to them, or at least they be given a chance to make the proper arrangements to keep them. We were told no!

A little time was spent on the Branch By-laws. We still have a ways to go. Marv Happel introduced their new ocelot, Tanna and Jim Franish introduced little Christy cougar.

After the meeting was adjourned, we spent the afternoon chatting and picture taking. We had a beautiful luncheon - everything from cold cuts, salads and baked beans to desert.

Members and cats present were: Jim & Kay Franish with Tommie & Christy cougars; Linda Morse & Larry Palmer with Teddy Bear cougar, Tara, Susie and Robert, Bobcats; Ginger Bordwell with Jake & Katie bobcats and Jeke Geoffroys Cat; Marvin & Jackie Mappel with Tana, Sammie, and Chico ocelots; Dave & Sue Alderson with Rajha ocelot;



OPINION PLEASE

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a ballot for voting on our National Officers. These ballots are in the form of postcards so all that is required of you is your opinion and an 8 cent stamp.

As decreed by our constitution this is a preferential ballot. ie - there are six contenders for Term Director, so you'll list your preferences 1 thru 6 one being your favorite.

Several offices were uncontested - that of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Our President & Vice President, Ken Hatfield and Roger Harmon will serve for another two year term beginning January, 1976. Shelley Starns has become our new Sec/Treas, running unopposed. Until things can be shifted from Memphis to Shelley, please send all membership inquiries to your editor.

Of course our Life Directors remain the same. Our new Term Directors will be listed in the Nov/Dec issue of the Newsletter.

PLEASE VOTE! IF YOU SHOULD LOOSE YOUR BALLOT, YOU CAN VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR TERM DIRECTOR AND MAIL THEM TO KEN HATFIELD.

Bill Boyle, Cascade
Ginger Bordwell, Pacific Northwest
Charles Douglas, Florida
Ethel Hauser
John Paramore, Cascade
Shirley Treanor, SouthWestern

MAIL YOURS NOW!



OBITUARY

It is with sorrow that we report the death of John Brill from a massive coronary on August 13th. Gene (LIOC's Secretary for many years) and John were vacationing in California when tragedy struck. Many will remember John from the Amagansett meetings as well as our first three conventions and the mini-convention in Florida all the way back to their involvement in LIOC in 1960. Would that there was something we could offer to Gene and daughter Jeanne to lessen the emptiness they now face - we all face at John's loss.

**Booster
Time?**

Necrology

Kabuki, Jaguarundi has left us writes Wanda Mull. "One Sunday we went outside to feed her and she didn't look right; she acted like she had the flu or something. She had just had a booster, so we ruled out enteritis. We took her to the vet on Monday and he gave her a bunch of tests & shots, which didn't seem to help. We took her back on Tuesday and she was failing by the minute. By Wednesday, she started having convulsions and we knew the end was near. We tried all in our power to save her to no avail. The autopsy gave us no answers either. The best guess the vet could come up with was leptospirosis. This disease has an incubation period of 10-15 days in which there are no signs of illness, then it can kill within 2-10 days, which it did. It is rare in felines, most common in canines. Her first symptoms were diarrhea, vomiting, not eating, drinking a lot of water and then throwing it up again, yellow urine, and then no urine at all. It really floored us all and is still a loss we'll feel for a long time."

Kabuki was born in July of 1967. In May of 1969 she presented the Mulls with a kitten and in doing so was LIOC's first jaguarundi to produce. Kabuki and her new son were featured on the cover of Volume 13, #5. We will miss the grand lady who was a pleasure to all who knew her.

SLIDES NEEDED

We have undertaken an educational program to remove the misconceptions the general public and officials have of the felines we keep. We are desperate for color slides of cats with people in affectionate, relaxed, friendly and playful poses - no caged or snarling cats please! If you have anything that you think may be useful, please send it. It is imperative that we receive a large variety of different people & cats for our presentations, even if you have only one slide, have it duplicated and send it to us. We will be glad to reimburse you immediately for any expense.

You will find that your schools, libraries, T.V. Stations and clubs will welcome a similar program in your area.

Send your slides to: Bob & Anne Davis
980 East 27th St.
Hialeah, Fl. 33013



Readers Write

Dear Shirley,

I know that many of us are concerned when our cats need to be tranquilized for one reason or another. I think that quite a few of us (at least I was) are concerned that something adverse is guaranteed to happen when we put them under. From talking to other exotic owners there seems to be some confusion between tranquilizing and anesthetizing.

If your vet is experienced with the treatment of exotics and the animal is in general good health, no problem should arise. When our yearly "shot time" rolls around we set up appointments to take on a cat in per day. Our vet uses 5 mg per pound body weight of Ketamine Hydrochloride injected directly into the muscle. It takes about 15-20 minutes for full effect and the "safe range" for working with the cat is approximately 45 minutes. The period of sedation following is approximately 3-5 hours. The cat is awake, but not in complete control of his muscles. It is necessary to keep him confined until he recovers fully so that he will not hurt himself. When using Ketamine there is a slight respiratory depression, so close watch & care is important. For complete anesthesia 10-15 mg. per pound body weight is used.

During the "safe range" each cat is given a thorough examination including ears, mouth, etc. Their weight is recorded, claws clipped, they are powdered for fleas, a stool and urine sample is taken (we have the stool checked every 3 months) and their distemper & rabies shots given. Our vet uses a "killed virus" distemper is used and Nordon Enduracell Modified Live Rabies vaccination is what he uses.

If the cat is not easily handled or handleable at all, the tranquilizer is given through the wire of their travel cages. When the vet is finished with a cat, it is put back in the cage and taken home for close observation until the effects of the tranquilizer have worn off.

We have had no difficulty to date with this procedure and I would imagine that many exotic owners use similar techniques.

Sincerely,
Shelley Starns

ON LEGISLATION

Dear Shirley,

I am sure you have been receiving suggestions from other members on how responsible pet owners should approach this ever tightening legal problem. Here are a few of mine:

1. Offer the government a compromise proposal.
 - Agree to help close out illegal pet dealers, importers and those dealing in by-products
 - Allow only the purchase of domestic born exotic pets
 - Allow the jungle born kits, already in their owners possession to remain so.
 - Require all owners to register their pets for a reasonable fee.
 - Require pet owners to send in short, bi-monthly form or health report certified by a vet to a Government agency.
 - Perhaps a luxury tax of some amount would be conceivable.
 - Require would-be-pet-owners to study exotic pet care of animals they are interested in and require some proof that this had been completed.
2. If the Federal Government rejects these proposals threaten to mercy kill pets. It would be better to do this than to watch a once happy, plump cat slowly die of hunger or become miserable in a cage in a zoo.

Some may not agree with all of the points above, especially the tax and killing, but how far are pet owners really willing to go?

When dealing with the government, dangling \$\$\$\$ proposals may not be such a bad idea, besides, they love to set up departments and "play office". Revenue from registration and taxes could be channeled back into the department's maintenance.

Or, offer to establish a non-governmental agency monitored by the Government to exercise the same controls suggested above.

I don't own an exotic and have put it off until this mess is cleared up. Neither would I encourage any owner to further breed their pets. It just simply wouldn't be worth the heartache of loss if all failed and they were confiscated.

Sincerely,
Diana Suerken

Dear Shirley,

I would like to introduce myself to the Newsletter Readers and to all LIOC members. I have taken over trying to reorganize Canadian LIOC from Jan Thomas.

My wife, Wendy and I are very proud owners of Pebbles, ocelot who at the moment is showing a keen interest in this typewriter and the fingers operating it! Our menagerie consists of three monkeys, three domestic cats & of course Pebbles.

As the new Canadian Branch Rep, I am attempting to contact all Canadian members. I recently mailed out a questionnaire to over 50 members with a very disappointing response - only 15 answered. I am hoping that more who "just forgot" will see this and get in touch with me. The Canada Branch can only be as effective as the members make it. Because the membership here is so scattered, we are not strong in personal contact, but we can nevertheless pull together.

I have already made my contribution to the legal fund and only hope that all members contribute. Here in Thunder Bay, I am fighting a similar battle. The local branch of the Humane Society is attempting to have a municipal law passed to prohibit the keeping of any exotic pet. I have been to numerous public and City Council meetings and have presented several briefs. I am thankful for many tips I received via the Newsletter. The sad part is that the reason for the action was one irresponsible pet shop owner. I am pleased to report that he has been refused a vendor's permit and the authorities have relaxed their "witch hunt".

I am a frequent visitor to several areas of Canada and the US and would like to hear from you in the following cities so that I might visit and swap tales etc.: Duluth, Minn., Superior, Wisc., Toronto, Ont. Edmonton, Alberta and Calgary, Alberta.

I read with great interest your Editorial in the last Newsletter. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all members got together in this trying time to help all of us overcome the threats to our existence? I appeal to everyone to support the LIOC Legal Fund, the Club and it's membership and to support those in immediate need.

Sincerely,
Terry Foreman
RR #12, Dawson Road
Thunder Bay, Ontario
Canada P7B 5E2



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Through the efforts of B.J. Lester, we have been sending out News Releases on many phases of LIOC's work to interested parties everywhere. I thought you might be interested in the responses we received to these releases....if you have newsworthy items, please send them to Ken Hatfield for consideration.

Dear Mr. Hatfield,

Thank you for sending me the Newsletter of your ocelot club.

I think I am a little unconventional as far as zoo directors are concerned in thinking that such animals should be kept as pets. A lot of people seem to be trying to take away your right to do so, and the only way to truly conserve the animal is to stop destroying its habitat.

I hope that there are enough of you and that you will get sufficiently organized to maintain these cats in perpetuity in spite of the asinine laws which are being passed in the present hysterical climate.

Please keep me on your mailing list.

Yours Sincerely,
W.P. Crowcroft
Director, Brookfield Zoo
Chicago Zoological Park

Dear Ms. Treanor:

There is no way to tell you how we feel - but we are sick! While we were in Lubbock, the man who feeds Baby through a very small "feeding door" somehow let him get out. Of course all he could do was to call the police for a tranquilizer gun., and it killed Baby. We feel like we have ruined the life of a beautiful animal - which we he was very unhappy the last year of his life. He truly loved my husband, but he needed a wife and probably much more that we were able to give him. At this very moment I am for the new law forbidding exotics as pets. God did not make them for this purpose. I will have a stiff wrist and fingers from Baby attacking me, but I do not blame Baby for this. He was a wild animal even though he had been tamed. The first two years of his life were beautiful, he travelled with us, went swimming with us, lived in the house with us even showered with my husband.

I do not know how they are going to protect these beautiful cats in the wild, but maybe they can do something about people wanting "those darling little kittens" for pets and then something happening to them like our Baby - or turning on a child who doesn't know how to handle them. If I had not known how to handle baby, I do beleive he might havekilled me.

Please print this in the Newsletter where it might save a cat's life.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. L. McMullan

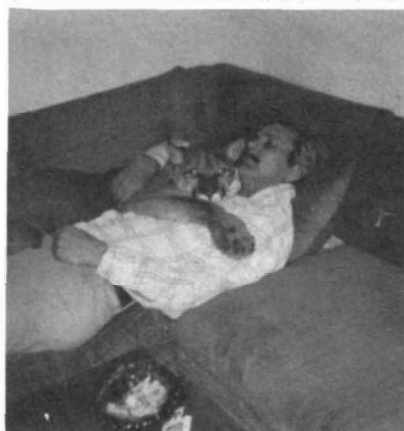
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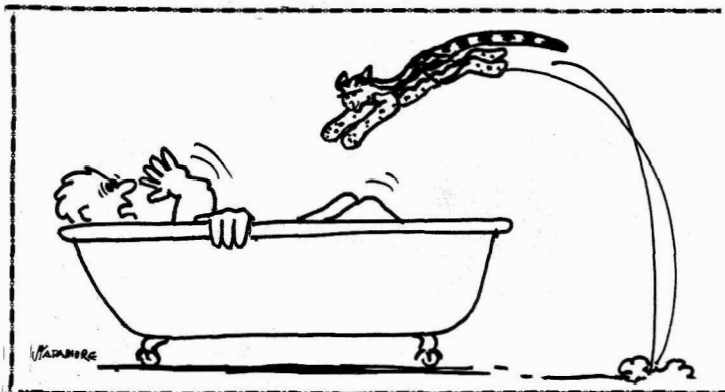
Black leopard cub with leopard cat playmates were bred and raised by Victor Huddleston, Florissant, Missouri.



FRESCA with
JEANNE SELLERS
catching up on
recent happenings.



SPIKE at 14 months
with WADE WARREN
"cat napping".



A Margay that hails from Ontario
Loves to catch people all bario;
So when I'm in the bath,
His affectionate wrath
Disperses the curses in stereo.



HUNTING IN LOUISIANA?

In a news release issued by the Louisiana Wild life & Fisheries' Commission the Commission states under the heading "Outlaw Quadrupeds" - " The holders of legal hunting license may take (kill) foxes, bobcats, coyotes, and armadillos year round during legal daylight hours and may run (chase only) them at night with dogs."

Under the heading "Endangered Species" it is noted that wolf, Florida panther (cougar), brown pelican, Southern Brown Eagle, and several other birds are illegal. It further notes that "The American Alligator is not considered an endangered species in Louisiana but is on the Federal List and may not be taken".

SONORA DESERT MUSEUM DOING WELL

In their Annual Report, the Sonora Desert Museum reports the birth of eight bobcats, one margay and several foxes as well as a black bear last year. The main event was the birth of a jaguar. The report added the sad note that El Tigre, their twenty year old jaguar was euthanized due to deteriorating physical health brought on by old age. Charles Hanson, Curator of Birds & Mammals, reports that progress is being made in their Margay and Ocelot breeding project with many cats being kept off display to facilitate breeding. At present they have four pairs of ocelots and six and a half pairs of margays. We wish them luck!

CATS IN ART

The Frame House Gallery's noted artist, Charles Frace' has created two more paintings of our favorite subject. Shown below are his latest offerings of a snow leopard and a tiger cub. The first is being offered in a limited 1,500 signed & numbered at \$75 issue price and the tiger numbering 3,500 signed prints goes for \$35 issue price.



CHEETAHS MAKING PROGRESS

Cheetahs seem to be doing well these days with lots of births and increasingly large litters being reported. Among them Wildlife Safari reports another litter of six, five cubs were born to a pair owned by Frank & Amanda (Blake) Gilbert of Phoenix, Arizona; the Cincinnati Zoo chipped in with a litter of five; and we mustn't forget the efforts of member Lance Giller and the Crandon Park Zoo in the production of 6 more cubs.

VOLUME II AVIALABLE AT REDUCED COST

The World's Cats, Volume II, Edited by Randall Eaton is now available for \$7.50 (was \$12.50). Make check payable to Feline Research Group, c/l R.L. Eaton, Dept of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, Wa. 98105

WILD HORSE & BURRO ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The U.S. District Court of New Mexico has permanently enjoined the federal government from enforcing or executing the Wild Free-Roaming Horses & Burros Act.

The court said that the authority of Congress to regulate wild animals must come from a power specifically granted to it in the Constitution. Such power has not been granted, the Court stated. The doctrine of the common law, the Court continued, dating back to the Romal Law, has been the wild animals are owned by the state in its sovereign capacity, in trust for the benefit of the people.

With Federal agencies apparently enjoined from managing wild horses & burros, the animals are back where they were in 1971 before the Act was passed. Conservationists warned then that congress would make a mistake by passing excessively restrictive legislation and would tie manager's hands in dealing with the wild burros & horses. Congress, however, yeilded to emotional demands from preservationists with an overly restrictive law which prohibited proper management. The Court's decision is a predictable result. The preservationists won but the horses & burros lost.

The Federal defendents have requested a stay of the injunction pending appeal to the US Supreme Court. That court is required to hear the case.



THE BIRTHS

The Hatfields, in addition to the usual bunch of ocelots and cougars, have reported in with two sets of twins - both geoffroys, or should I say, all four.

Victor Huddleston has scored a LIOC first with the birth of FOUR black chaus (Felis Chaus). Vic has promised us pictures of the kittens soon and we look forward to seeing them. Hopefully Vic can place them with members who will continue to breed them. We hope so too.

The Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Center Hill, Fla, was presented with clouded leopard cubs. Another achievmnt for Robert Baudy.

**EXTINCT IS
FOREVER!**
Don't spay or neuter

Did You Know?

the origin of the word "OCELOT" according to the book, "Pedigree - the Origins of Words from Nature" by Potter & Sargent, the great naturalist and evolutionist Buffon, clipped the Mexican name meaning "field jaguar", tlalocelotl, and gave us the word ocelot in 1774.

Further we are told "tiger" like the name of the river Tigris, is possibly to be traced back to the Zend tighri, an arrow, swift attacker; but the Sanskrit vyaghra, "keen sniffer" (grha, to smell) shows that some early men could observe the ways of a wild creature more dispassionately than others who were content with "swift attacker" for the name of an animal whose invariable habit is shared by his small cousin the domestic cat and other types of Felidae.

Also, the Indian "spotted one" is the Cheetah, which with chintz is derived from Sanskrit chitra "bright, variegated".

The lynx (greek, Lugx, via Latin) takes its name from the intense gaze and shining light of its yellow eyes. Light, (root leu-, to shine) is the base of the word.

STAFF CHANGE

Because of difficulties in Memphis, the Board of Directors has appointed Shelly Starns Membership Secretary effective immediately. Please be patient while Shelly receives and sorts through the membership problems. For a quick correction, contact the editor of any changes of address, etc. while thin gs are being transferred from Memphis to Tacoma.

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To all the Loving Lynxes
To all the Terrific Tigers
To all the Pretty Pampas Cats
To all the Marvelous Margays
To all the Obedient Ocelots
To all the Sweet Servals
To all the Merry Mountain Lions
To all the Lusty Lions
To all the Luscious Leopards
That stomp,

prance,
leap,
jump,
Swim,
& sleep
in the calm, safe stillness of Miss
Lester's mind.

Today's insane world may take them
from us.
But they'll live always in the forests
jungles, fields, meadows, mountains,
streams of our minds.

By Chris Sheppard
Jacksonville, Florida

WITH A SIGH OF RELIEF

We heard a knock on the back door. We both looked at each other and then looked out the window - there was a police car in our driveway. My heart went right for my toes. Wally was momentarily paralyzed.

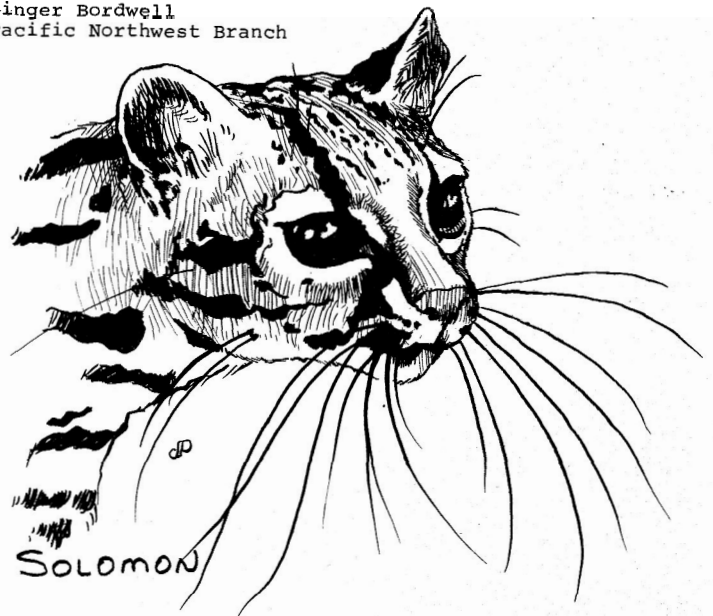
You see, we both knew Jake (bobcat) was right outside the door on his cable. Had the policeman come about Jake? I felt sick. We were now the owners of three exotic cats and the thought of someone taking them from us terrified us both.

There was another knock, Wally went to the door with me at his heels. He opened the door and there stood a very determined looking policeman - we just knew we'd had it!

The policeman stared at us, he must have thought we were hardened criminals, because we both looked absolutely terrified and were staring right back at him. All of a sudden he began to explain. It took a while to sink in, but with a sigh of relief we listened to the huge man tell us that Wally would have to come with him because our rooster was stealing all the bird seed out of a bird feeder four blocks away, at the new retirement complex. We both looked at each other, and knew how happy the other was. With a grin, Wally went and returned our theiving rooster to his pen and I quickly went and kissed Jake.

We love our cats as much as our little girl and living in fear is not right. This is America and we must stand up for what we believe in. Our right to keep our animals is an unquestionable right and each of us must make ourselves heard.

Ginger Bordwell
Pacific Northwest Branch



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