

# NEWSLETTER

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TWIN LOTTIES PRESENTED AT CONVENTION. It was the best possible conclusion to our annual Convention. Dr. Roger Harmon received the 1974 Lottie and Shirley, and Dan Treanor were presented with the 1975 version.



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*Shirley*

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# CONVENTION '75

Orlando, Florida - the home of Disney World, Sea World and Circus World had the pleasure of hosting the 4th Annual Convention of the Long Island Ocelot Club. The setting was perfect, despite the liquid sunshine, for members' talking and bragging about their cats.

As with all conventions, there is an official starting date and there is the night before as everyone begins to arrive and yells of recognition fill the lobby. The next morning the screams were issued mostly by surprised maids who unknowingly opened doors to confront our favorite felines....so signs were provided to warn of their presence. We were honored with the presence of folks from as far away as Hawaii, Oregon, Connecticut and Ohio - these are the reasons we look forward so to convention each year - the wonderful people who make time to attend.

The official beginning was thoughtfully placed at 3 PM on Friday, August 1st. Ken Hatfield greeted everyone and introduced Roger Harmon who, after a few brief remarks got the film festival underway. The films were a mixture of professional and amateur - Bill Burrud Productions provided a film on ocelots from their Animal World television series, the Treanors brought a film of the mating and subsequent birth featuring their margays, Dr. Ray McPeck brought films of his lion's antics and a slide presentation of various cats was presented. (There may have been more, but your reporter was called out for a photo session with a local reporter.)

The evening session was began with Bill Engler speaking on hybrids, this was the first time many members had an opportunity to see the real thing face to face. Then guest speaker Jack Hanna from the Central Florida Zoo Zoological Society spoke briefly. Jack encouraged LIOC members in their work and suggested that we work closely with area zoos inspite of the fact that many zoo directors disapprove of us. He believes that we

can win recognition in these quarters and stated that many of the younger directors are in sympathy with our goals. Jack then introduced a gentleman from Wisconsin Brand Carnivore Meats (sorry we didn't get his name). This is a new prepared diet which has found favor with many of our members. Although in its early stages, this product is promising and once the distribution problems are solved should prove a welcome addition. If you wish information write: Wisconsin Brand, 614 Atlantic National Bank Building, Sanford, Fla. 32774.

Day #2 began with convention breakfast and the general membership meeting. Here members asked the Board of Directors questions regarding national policy, legislation and current activities. Several motions were made that the Board consider various topics at the Executive meeting, among these was an assesment of the members for the legal fund. This meeting was adjourned and the Board of Directors along with Branch Representatives closeted themselves for the Executive Meeting. A report of the executive meeting is in a separate report in this issue.

Saturday evening was banquet night. It began with a dedication to three members who are no longer with us. Their absences were a sad note to an otherwise gala event. Roger Harmon spoke briefly of each, Peg Freeman a founding member with a sparkling personality; D'Arcy Bancroft, a Man of the law, and a very special talent for decicive thinking; Bill Hodge, who provided so very much valuable information regarding our cats and who was totally committed to them. As Roger spoke of each a candle was lit in their Memory.

A sumptuous buffet was served and cat talk prevailed at the dinner tables. Catherine Cisin was named "Queen" of the convention and presented with a small token of appreciation. Robert Baudy was the principle speaker of the evening and his talk centered around the fact that Congress is trying to pass a bill federalizing the zoos while contending that anyone with more than one

animal is a zoo! He called upon a concentrated effort to stop these laws.

And finally, the long awaited moment, the presentation of the Lotty, but only after Florida honored those who helped make the convention possible. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Ann Garithers, Carol VanVick, Dan & Shirley Treanor, Jocelyn Cox, Laura Cox, Jane Baetjer, Chuck Kindt, Bill Engler, Roger Harmon, Peggy Lutz, Henry Seiden, Mike Smith, B.J. Lester, and Bob Davis.

After a goodly bit of hedging around, Ken Hatfield pulled that little bronzed statue from a box and presented it to Dr. Roger Harmon. Then, much to everyone's surprise, another was produced and presented to Shirley And Dan Treanor. It was explained then that Roger's was for last year since none had been awarded. Needless to say there were a few tears. Roger was a founding member of the Southwest Branch as well as serving as LIOC's national Vice President...he hosted the first LIOC National Convention and is always there when a member needs him. Dan is presently the President of Southwest and the chief assistant and envelope lickster to our Editor, Shirley Treanor.

When things and emotions had simmered down a little, the gavel was handed to Chuck Kindt who acted as auctioneer to raffle off several things, both large and small which members had donated on behalf of the legal fund. Chuck also provided an ecological way to dispose of all those skins of chicken necks - CHICKEN FAT SOAP! There is no way to describe the auction. Chuck joked, jabbed and jostled out wallolets loose for a good cause - almost \$300 was raised for the legal fund to fight for our rights to own our cats.

Sunday was beautiful and perfect for our jaunt to The Rare Feline Breeding Compound of Robert Baudy. Here we wandered among the moss draped oaks and were treated to the sight of many of the rarer species of feline, snow leopards, clouded leopards, cheetahs, servals, black jaguars and leopards as well as the lions and tigers Robert used to work in his circus act. Other animals were also in evidence, ostriches, hyenas, monkeys who roamed free and some hoofed stock including camels. was the perfect ending to our convention.

Our officers would like to thank Florida for a wonderful time and those who attended for their support. It is through gatherings such as these that we grow closer and through exchanges over meals and after meetings that we learn more about our cats. LIOC has never been a formal organization in that we count on each member to contribute a little toward understanding our cats; without them we can do little.

Our '76 Convention will be held in Texas. If you have any suggestions as to when it should be held, please write me. Although summer vacation has been the tradition, perhaps later or earlier in the year would be more convenient and we do want a large turnout. So folks, start thinking and planning on Texas next year.



## EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Meeting of the Long Island Ocelot Club was held at 3 pm. Members of the Board present were: Ken Hatfield, President; Roger Harmon, Vice President; Term Directors Shirley Treanor and Charles Douglas and Life Directors Catherine Cisin and William Engler.

Ken Called the meeting to order and welcomed the Branch Representatives. Although Branch Reps are not allowed to vote, he encouraged them to join the discussions and to bring up any matters that they felt needed the Board's attention. Branch Reps attending were: Gayle Schaecher, Pacific Northwest; Dan Treanor Southwest; Don Piechocki, Florida; Bob Smith, ACEC; Corrine Goodman, Midwest; Arthur Human, Greater New York; Jeanne Sellers, Exotic Cats of No. Cal; and Ray McPeck, Mid-Atlantic.

First order of business was a request for branch status from members in the Portland, Oregon area. This subject had caused great conflict among members in that area and it was with a great deal of relief that Ken announced that the request had been withdrawn. The Board decided to accept the request for withdrawal and congratulate the members concerned on their adult attitude. It was moved and seconded that we offer our assistance in any way possible to mend bridges and urge all members in that area to make all efforts at reconciliation.

From there we moved to the prepared agenda which had been provided the Board prior to Convention.

1. LIOC SANCTUARY
  - a. Establish Criteria
  - b. Amend ByLaws to provide for same.

It was felt that this could be accomplished and was needed to assure members that in the event they could not continue to provide for their animals that there was a place for them where they would be guaranteed adequate facilities. It was discussed at great length whether once a cat was placed at a sanctuary whether it was then up to the sanctuary owner to move it as he saw fit or whether it should be allowed to be moved at will or resold. The Board decided that although such agreements were best left up to the sanctuary owner and the owner of the cat, it recommended such agreements be made in writing, and in the case of the owner's death, where a cat is sent to a sanctuary, it could not be resold or placed elsewhere other than another sanctuary.

The Board voted to accept the criteria and amend our bylaws accordingly. (see the amended by-laws in this issue)

2. LIOC FELINE REGISTRATION
  - a. Approve registration procedures & forms
  - b. Amend Bylaws to provide for LIOC Registration
  - c. Appoint Registrar

Since the board had decided last year that such a system was needed, it was voted to accept the procedure and forms presented and to amend the Bylaws accordingly.

At that time, there were two contenders for both the jobs of Registrar and Membership Secretary; Rebecca Duke and Shelley Starns. It was decided to ask Rebecca if she would act as Registrar and Shelley as Membership Secretary until after the election. However, Rebecca Decided to withdraw as a nominee for Secretary/Treasurer, so it worked out that Shelly would run unopposed anyway so she will be our Membership Secretary as well as Sec/Treas and Rebecca will be the Registrar.

3. APPOINT NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

This was pretty well taken care of by the previous discussion. Shelley Starns will act in this capacity as well as that of Sec/Treas. ➡



4. APPOINT NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR 1976-1977

The Board reappointed Shirley Treanor found no fault with the present content of the Newsletter, again giving the Editor free rein. (Thanks folks).

5. SHOULD LIOC ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HOUSING, CAGING, HANDLING, ETC.

The Board felt strongly that LIOC should not become a regulatory agency, that the Federal Government is doing a fine job in that department and voted unanimously NO.

6. ESTABLISH POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF LIOC BRANCHES.

It was decided that some guidelines for the acceptance of future branch applications was needed. The Board decided that this would be a lengthy procedure and asked each Board member and each Branch Rep to draft their suggestions for such guidelines and send them to the Editor, who will compile them and send them to each Board member for final discussion.

- a. Is the Board expected to establish Branch policy and operating procedures?

Again the board decided that it was not a regulatory Board and that each Branch should be responsible for their own operation.

- b. Should the Board become a regulatory Board?

Unanimously - NO

- c. Is the Executive Board also expected to act as an ethics committee.

Although such action is needed at times; the Board feels that the expulsion procedure in our ByLaws would permit those closer to the problem to remedy it if sufficient numbers of our members felt that strongly about it. Therefore, the Board voted that it will not act as an ethics committee.

- d. How should branches be separated geographically ?

This will undoubtedly be taken care of in the Branch guidelines and was tabled for the moment.

- e. Does LIOC National accept responsibility for member or branch action.

Presently, our Bylaws state that all Branches must operate in accordance with all rules and regulations governing the National organization. It was decided that this was sufficient and that the National Organization would take no responsibility for local affairs.

7. DEFINE MEMBER & MEMBERSHIP AS USED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.

After brief discussion, it was decided that a husband and wife, each with voting privileges, or a single person constituted a membership. Children over the age of majority in the household did not have voting privileges unless they had a separate membership nor did minor children.

In forming new branches, it was decided to alter the wording of bylaw IV-6 to read 6 memberships rather than 6 members.

8. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE BANKS SEND THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS TO A CLUB OFFICER WHO IS NOT IN CHARGE OF THE ACCOUNT.

Since we now have numerous club accounts it was decided that this would be a good check and balance procedure.

9. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION THAT BANK ACCOUNTS HAVE MORE THAN ONE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AUTHORIZED.

It was decided that all LIOC accounts other than the main account would authorize, in addition to the local officer's signature, the signature of the Secretary/Treasurer. The Main account would also authorize the signature of the President and the Legal Fund would authorize the signature of the Vice President,

10. BYLAW III-4, CHANGE THE TIME OF NOTICE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING FROM 3 DAYS TO 2 WEEKS.

Passed unanimously.

11. BYLAW IV-6, REQUIRE ALL PERSONS APPLYING FOR BRANCH STATUS TO BE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL LIOC, AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR OBTAINING BRANCH APPROVAL.

Passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDER INCORPORATING THE CLUB.

Ken informed us that it would cost approximately \$400 to incorporate as a non-profit organization in the state of Florida. However this has nothing to do with Federal non-profit status. In the light of conflicting advise, the board asked that Ken look further into the matter and appraise them of the situation at a later date.

13. SHOULD WE CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CLUB.

It has been argued that LIOC does not depict our world wide membership, nor the various felines represented by the club. It has been suggested that such a name change would be beneficial in establishing more credibility with the zoological circles.

The Board felt that a change in the Logo would be sufficient to depict our international membership (see logo on page 2 - "Amagansett, N.Y." has been omitted and "International" placed in it's stead) It was unanimous that we do not change our name and let our actions in the past and the future speak for us instead. Our goals and creed are printed on page 2 of every issue and the Board felt this should be enough without trying to appeal to those outside the club.

14. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

The Board felt the \$45 subscription price for the FEDERAL REGISTER was well spent and voted to approve it again.

15. DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION ON THE LEGAL FUND.

Ken informed us that our lawyer needed to go ahead with research on the endangered species act. This is an hourly fee and although we do not have enough presently to go ahead with the entire fight, he wanted to know where we wanted to go.

The Board authorized Ken to let the lawyer proceed as funds dictated and as his judgement dictated.

16. IT IS AGAIN SUGGESTED TO ASSESS OUR MEMBERS \$10 each for the LEGAL FUND.

Again the board decided not to assess our members at this time, but to continue the appeal for funds via the Newsletter. It will take at least \$5,000 for the initial court action and possibly twice that much for further appeals. If every member would donate \$10 it would enable us to proceed with the initial action. All that is holding us back at this time is money.

17. APPROPRIATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ELECTION BALLOTS IF A POST CARD TYPE BALLOT IS USED.

The Board felt a larger response would be received if members were provided with a postcard ballot so the expense (approximately:\$20.) was approved.

YOUR EDITOR'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE MEETING.

It seemed that everyone attending was in favor of an assessment - why then did it not pass? Your Board members do not want to tell you what to do; They consistently rejected proposals which would put them in the position of governing your actions where your cats were concerned. It is a shame that it has been almost 2 years now since the legal fund was conceived and yet we haven't come close to our goal. Are our cats so unimportant that \$10 is too much to give to help insure their existence in the American home? I realize times are tight.....but are they really that tight? Please use the envelope in this newsletter we need to get off our wallets and get on to better things.

# BALLAD OF ARI

.....CONTINUED

Ginny Story

I received notice the Middle of May that my requested public hearing to obtain my permit would be held the 29th of the month. Having previously been informed that, due to a 5 month backlog, I would have at least that long to prepare my defense, I realised the sudden necessity for haste. In the two week interim my children, friends and I were able to secure nearly 200 signatures on a Petition of People who had seen the cats & their location and requested that I be granted the permit to keep them here. We could have procured many more had time permitted, but since some also wrote directly to the Commission, every ounce of support was a tremendous asset. In addition, I composed a 12 minute opening speech endeavoring to anticipate every objection the opposition might propose - foreseeing Mr. Stone's wild accusations and irrelevant reasons for disapproval by the other dissenters, none of which could be substantiated.

As the date approached my nervousness increased. But I took solace with the cats - at least they were all here at home until the final decision and I was strengthened by the encouragement of complete strangers. The morning of the 29th we arrived at the City Hall in Central L.A. before the appointed hour of 9:30, about 16 supporters and about 10 members of the enemy camp. The latter sat stiffly in a row at the back of the auditorium, unfriendly and unsmiling. We were forced to sit thru four other hearings before mine, but this enabled us to gain a little insight into the personalities and leanings of the five constituents of the Planning Commission. Everything was recorded on tape and in retrospect I felt that our side made a very skilled and valid presentation, each person stating their own individual facts about exotics in general and mine in particular. In contrast, the adversaries sounded inept, unprepared, petty, malicious and downright stupid.

It was evident that none of them had ever bothered to see and see the dangerous felines they were protesting. After two hours of testimony and contradiction, I was informed that I would be notified by letter within two weeks advising me of their verdict. It was an agonizing six weeks before I heard that I had WON!!! They approved the application for my permit to keep the cats. However, there was a stipulation: I would be required to construct a perimeter fence around the outside runs approximately six feet high. Since Cavey can jump 12 feet up this is quite comical - but it also confirms the ignorance that has prevailed throughout this entire ten month ordeal. And it is to continue because the antagonists had one more option, they could appeal a final time to the L.A. Board of Supervisors, and since they were not graceful losers they did. This necessitated a deposit of \$355 which they "borrowed" from the La Habra Heights Improvement Association, an organization dedicated to the preservation of our rural community. However this caused a great deal of controversy when the report leaked out. Several of the members are my friends and advocates and they did not agree that their yearly dues of \$12 should be used to fight the cats, particularly since they were not consulted about this in the 1st place. And so the frustration has been prolonged - and the uncertainty and anxiety must endure for many more weeks or perhaps months, not knowing whether I must uproot the cats & move again. But I WILL keep fighting and something of worth must evolve from this.

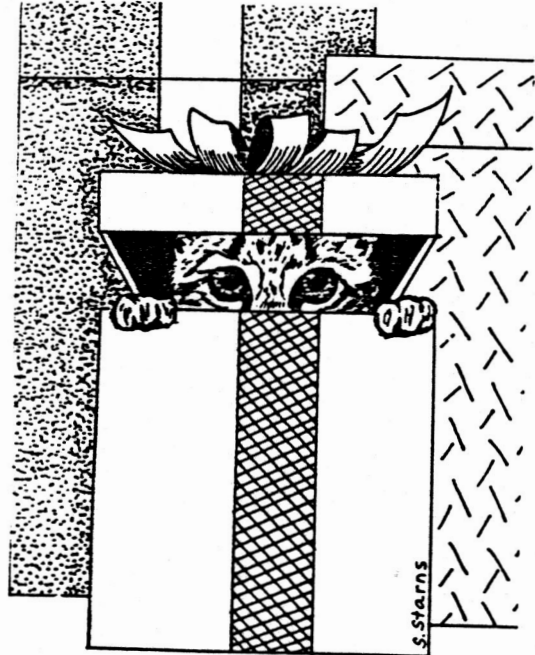
In the meantime, since the publicity in the papers (all of it favorable so far) I've been contacted by at least 8 separate cat owners previously unknown to me, who have been informed by various authorities that they must dispose of their animals within 12 hours or else. These people asked me to either board their cats or help find suitable lodgings for them. It is a terrible situation and the animals at this point are being sacrificed and some killed. Several other bad incidents have occurred lately....cases of abuse to animals that blacken our name. I'm sure we all know of similar incidents.

So many individuals should not obtain exotics, but can we ban all exotics because of a few bad owners - we all know of domestics that are equally mistreated but no one moves to ban them. It's a problem that has

# NO CARDS PLEASE

Every year, I receive dozens of Christmas cards from my many friends in L.I.O.C. I'm sure the other officers & directors do too. Those I've talked to share my feeling that although we love to hear from you all at Christmas, we'd prefer the money spent on these greetings go to a worthy cause...and what worthier cause than the Legal Fund.

Enclosed in this issue is an envelope addressed to LIOC. Instead of those cute pictures of Santa, please substitute one of George Washington, Abe Lincoln or other patriot of your choice (this is also in keeping with our Bicentennial?) Please be generous folks....it's the season to share and your gift will insure a brighter future for us all.



## Gift Subscriptions for Christmas

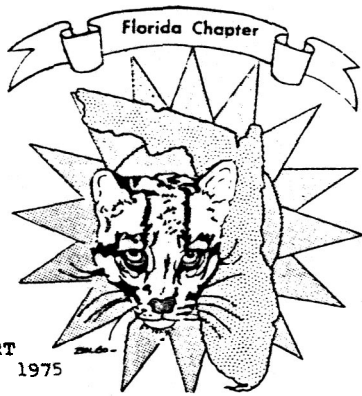
Christmas is almost upon us and in order to help you with your shopping we're offering a gift subscription to the Newsletter for \$7.50. We are combining this offer with our new membership drive - therefore this offer is available only to NEW members.

Please make sure you mark your application as NEW MEMBER and send them to is a great way to introduce someone to LIOC and help the sagging budget.

Memberships are available for your government representatives at a cost of \$5.00. Please include an alternate representative's name when ordering such a membership as we're sure to have duplications and would like to cover as many of those in Washington as we can.

Applications go to:

SHELLEY STARN'S  
P. O. BOX 99542  
TACOMA, WA. 98499



MEETING REPORT  
September 14, 1975

Members Bob & Carol Roth hosted the September meeting at their home in Ft. Pierce. Undaunted by some of Florida's famous "liquid sunshine", 18 members with guests and cats attended. We were glad to welcome new members Raymond & Pam Proffitt. Among the regulars were Don Piechocki, our Vice President who presided over the meeting in the absence of our President, Ken Hatfield who was home owing to Jean's recent surgery, Chuck & Susie Kindt, Bob & Sandy Hartkopf, Kim & Janie Baetjer, Jim & Lyn Craft with margay Clyde, and guest Lydia Mancini, Dan & Jackie Harvell with "human" children, Bob & Sue Humphre, Bob & Anne Davis and B.J. Lester who brought a darling bush baby that everyone rushed to see.

In between showers everyone amused themselves by visiting the animals in Bob & Carol's zoo. They have a small zoo with a nice collection of very well kept animals.

After a lunch of cold cuts & potato salad we settled down to a business meeting. Don brought us up to date on the state permit situation; applications and checks in payment of the permit fee are being held by the State game and wildlife commission until the state finishes making its determinations on categories and guidelines for issuance of the permits to possess wildlife as personal pets. In the meantime, they are sending out letters to serve as permits.

Members were urged to pay their \$50 legal pledge and Don informed us that it isn't necessary to pay the entire amount at once. It can be paid in installments. News from the legal front was scanty due to Ken's inability to get in touch with our lawyer. We should have more news at the next meeting.

As many of us were unable to attend the convention, we were very anxious for news from that quarter and those members who had attended were only too glad to fill us in. It was good to know what a success the auction was, showing a profit of \$207.00.

Don Then told us a little about forming LIOC sanctuaries. Briefly, what this means is that if one wishes to set himself up as an LIOC sanctuary it will have to be set up under the LIOC Bylaws.

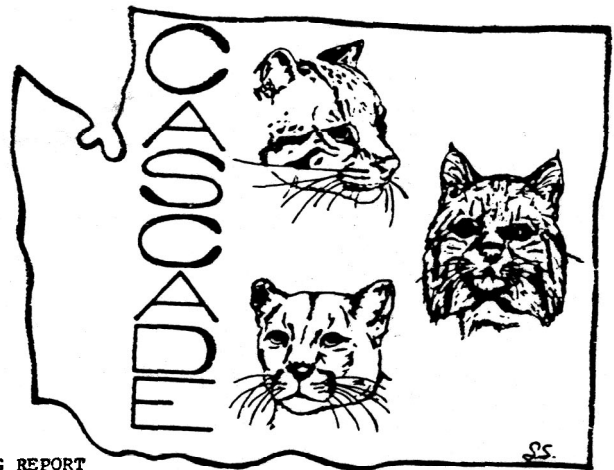
He also discussed the LIOC Registration. Fees will be \$3 per cat for registration and \$2 for transfer of registration. Rebecca Dukes is in charge of the registration. This will be a big help in identifying felines as domestic born and provide invaluable assistance to breeders who can follow bloodlines and prevent harmful inbreeding.

Bob & Carol, our hosts, announced that the \$10.50 received from lunch would be turned over to Don to be applied as partial payment of their legal pledge.

A discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of voting on all issues by mail so that members who are unable to attend meetings would have an equal chance to participate. To allow the membership to vote on this issue a mailing would be necessary and in the absence of a treasurer's report, Bob & Ann offered to fund the mailing and send out the ballots. A motion was made and seconded, however it was defeated 12 to 6.

The November meeting will be a beach party and bar-b-que at Mary Akins in Ft. Lauderdale.

Florida's Feline Friend,  
Anne Davis



MEETING REPORT  
September 28, 1975

The September meeting of the Cascade Branch was held in Tacoma at Bill Boyle's. Bill's ocelots, Hank & Hazel were there along with Rufus & Delilah bobcats belonging to new members Bob & Kitty Ziegler. Rufas and Delilah are exceptionally beautiful and affectionate. They hope to breed them someday. Terry & I brought our female serval, Dea and her sister Mandy and people parents Pat & Len Parker made the trip from Oregon for our meeting. We introduced other guests Frances & John North and Chuck Brown and New members Sandi Skidmore & the Zieglers.

The meeting got underway with a discussion of an ordinance affecting the ownership of exotics in King County. The actual ordinance didn't make it to the meeting, but a newspaper article was read which stated that a license fee of \$50.00 for the 1st year and \$30.00 for each year thereafter was in effect. Owners are subject to following housing standards and submitting to inspections. It appears to be quite liveable - thanks only to the hard work of some of our members.

We discussed an educational show with our cats again. Since we may have found a good location, Bill Boyle agreed to check into the possibility of necessary permits involved.

A change of address for the branch was announced as being P.O.Box 99542, Tacoma, Wa. 98499.

A copy of Pacific Search magazine was circulated. It is an exceptional magazine all about the Pacific Northwest its animals & plants. It features frequent articles on bobcats, cougars, etc.

Pictures of the recent convention in Florida were passed around and it was announced that Shelley Starns had been appointed L.I.O.C. Membership Secretary.

New cats to members include 2 pair of Canadian Lynx to Marge & Dale Pedersen, two female bobcat kits and a kinkajou to Terry & I, and a jaguarundi to the Paramores and a bobcat kitten to the Ellisses.

The meeting was scheduled for the Seattle area next month to be confirmed by meeting notice.

Our raffle consisted of a tiger puzzle, tiger notebook and cougar gamebook; winners were Pat Parker, Sandi Skidmore and Bill Boyle.

Our legal donation pot hauled \$10.75 - every little bit helps.

Those members attending were: Ed Smith, Bob & Kitty Ziegler, Bill Boyle, Carol Ellis, Richard & Evelyn Dyck, Sandi Skidmore, Henry & Judy Sauer, Steve Johnson, Natasha Labinsky, Ron Prevost and Terry & Shelley Starns.

In Feline Fondness,  
Shelley Starns, Secretary  
BULLETIN.....BULLETIN

Late word (little details) comes to us that now in the state of Washington, you will need a permit for bobcats and that only those already having permits for cougars will be allowed to keep them. No more cougars will be allowed or will be allowed to be sold.....hopefully we'll have full details at a later date.

# LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



## MEETING REPORT September 28, 1975

Our meeting was held at the Niles community center in Fremont. It started off with the local Newspaper taking photos to appear in an article concerning exotic cats. There were several mountain lions, large & small, three ocelots and a leopard cat in attendance. The spot was idyllic with foilliage, green grass and a lake and perfect weather. Bar-b-que chicken was cooking the whole time and we finally feasted upon it.

Our meeting was especially concerning the suggestion of affiliation by the committee for fair captive wild animal legislation. We felt we should indeed meet with them in a place convenient to North & South. The suggestion of Cambria Pines was made as this is about halfway. This group had been approached by us to lend support to the seat we hoped to obtain on the State Committee concerning wild animal legislation. They had answered that they could not see how we could represent them as they had different problems, etc. We felt that being closest to Sacramento, the state capitol, we could best handle legislative problems. In any case we are willing, in light of not having any representation at all, to try to get together with all groups who have similar interests as ours. We hope that the beginning of the year will find us all united and all factions and folks who have various exotic creastures they wish to share their destinies with.

Other topics of conversation were cats versus taxes. Can your cat costs be deducted if you are breeding your animals and selling their progeny? If you use your animal in your business for advertising purposes? The answers seem to be very uncertain. It would seem the use of the animal for publicity would be best accepted by the IRS as a profit on breeding a few times could be hoardly considered when weighed against food bills, etc. Therefore, no real profit could be made. I recently had difficulty with the city of San Francisco as the health dept. officials decendend upon me saying that I had too many cats. I was only allowed to harbor four cats on my premises. It took a hearing with lawyers to convince them that I had several properties which ajoined each other and I should be allowed to have the allotted amount on each property. However since I kept all the cats on one property, I was forced to move one immediately to another property. They advised that if I took out a kennel license, I could not be bothered should a neighbor wish to complain. But, the catch is that they insist on plumbing in the cages and the price is prohibitive unless it were really a commercial venture. Therefore I checked with the IRS and found the above to be true regarding possible write offs. I could not write off the plumbing bill or anything else unless I planned to make an eventual profit. During this whole fiasco with the city I had several kittens as well and decided to sell one to cut down the amount of animals I had. The remaining kitten was the tamest most loving ocelot. I was devastated when she suddenly become ill and after lots of vet treatment and a terrible week where her temperature was below normal I lost her to viral pneuemonia. It seems hard tobelieve.

I understand there is a good vaccine for this now and urge everyone to have their animals vaccinated. It should they get the illness it would not be so severe.

There were several people in attendance who belong to another organization in Northwestern Cal. dedicated to exotic animals and we spoke of getting together to elect

representatives who might meet with those selected as spokesman from the L.A. area groups. For further consultation regarding the ability to be able to maintain our animals by speaking as an organized group. This topic continued for some time but I had to leave early so my report must end here, with the final feeling that we will surely have trouple if we do not consolidate, first on the local level, then on the state level and finally nationwide.

Our next meeting will be a spaghetti dinner on the eve of November 22. It will be at the home of Chuck Myktytn. Everyone is invited to attend with those whose initials of their last name bringing the following - A-G bread or desert, H-N - salads, O-Z wine or beverages. This is our last meeting of the year and it will be a no cat meeting. We hope it will be a good meeting with all of you who are members but are rarely seen being in attendance. The topic of this meeting will be how to gain more impetus in the new year, new projects and fund raising suggestions. In addition, we'll have a selection of animal gifts on display for Christmas giving. Proceeds will fatten the club treasury.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lora Vigne



## MEETING REPORT

Our last two meetings were well attended and the main business consisted of discussions of the new laws, both Fish & Game and local, most of which nobody understands and therefore cannot obey or respect. There are no easy solumtions concerning our future courses of action beyond the fact that we must stick together and protect the cats. It saddens me that so many LIOC groups have divided into separate clubs and emnity against individual members has festered and multiplied. We all maintain identical goals; preservation of our cats and we must never lose sight of our direction.

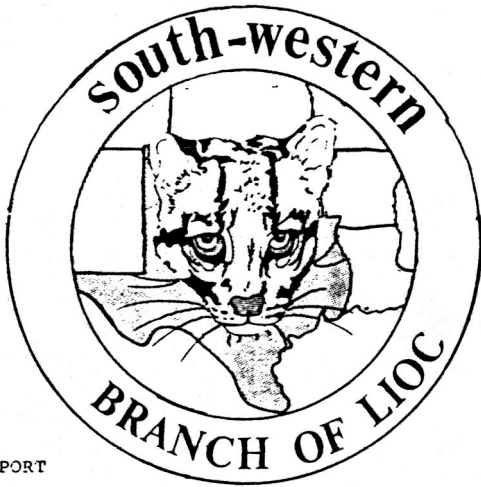
At Jack & Jean Breslin's in Valinda, we all enjoyed the spacious grounds, delicious potluck and large airy cages occupied by their ocelots who successfully mate and produce to or three litters a year. The visiting cats included a regal Golden Cat brought by a new member, two cougars, the Shambaugh's adorable little Sunshine & Yancey, playful & nearly grown. Also present were 3 baby leopard cats and of course Quito, sneaking into everyone's wine & beer. I hesitate to name most of the members & guests because so many of us are still illegal and living in daily fear of detection and there may be spies among us.

The last meeting occured at the farr off ranch of Bob Morgan in Chatsworth, where he's leasing an isolated house surrounded by 350 unoccupied acres. Therefore, nobody bothers him & his cougar, ocelots friendly pig and various other wildlife & domestic types. The attendance was small that day with even fewer visting felines: Bob Smith's super sweet baby golden, Jane from San Diego with her large, handsome ocelot and of course Quito. It was HOT that day but nevertheless it's good to get together if only to commiserate

Submitted by  
Ginny Story

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#### MEETING REPORT

Our October meeting was held in the midst of confusion at the world's largest flea market - Canton's World Famous First Monday Trade Days.

Beginning Saturday morning we all worked hard to sell the items we had gathered for sale and by Sunday night had raised \$300 for the 1976 Convention.

Members brought animals to help draw a crowd including a 6 week old cougar kitten, a three year old cougar and a South American kinkajou.

We took a short break Saturday evening for the business meeting. Danny Treanor called the meeting to order and the first order of business was a report on the Florida convention and suggestions for next years. After some discussion we decided to have Convention 76 in Houston as it offers many attractions to all concerned along with an extensive zoo. Hopefully the dates will be August 6th 7th, & 8th, depending on later arrangements. The subject of election of Branch officers was brought up and it was decided those we had were doing such a good job they could keep right on doing it.

Members of the Southwest branch were reminded that it is time for their local dues so if you haven't already done so please send them in.

Those attending were: Roger, Faye & Kay Harmon, Danny Treanor, Jean Hamil, Jerry Neal with guest Jan Williford, Elaine Pekety, Elmer Morgan and Rebecca Duke.

Our next meeting will be in Houston in January with details to be announced shortly.

Submitted by  
Rebecca Duke, Secretary

## LIOC ByLaws

Below are the ByLaws of the Long Island Ocelot Club as amended at the Executive meeting held this past August.

### ARTICLE I - Registered Office - Location

1. The location and post office address of the Registered office of the Society shall be: 1991 SW 136th Avenue, Davie, Florida 33325

### ARTICLE II - Officers

1. The officers of the Long Island Ocelot Club namely, president, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, shall perform the usual and necessary duties of their respective offices, and as set forth in the Constitution shall perform any other duties as directed by the Executive Board.

2. Vacancies: Vacancies in any office arising from any cause may be filled by the Executive Board at any regular or special meeting conducted either by mail, telephone or by any other means.

### ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The business affairs and management of the Society will be managed by the Executive Board as constituted pursuant to the Constitution.

2. VACANCIES - Except as otherwise provided by law, vacancies in the Executive Board whether caused by death or resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, even though less than a quorum is present if notice has been given to all the remaining Directors that such a vacancy would be filled at the meeting. A Director thus elected to fill any vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor and until a successor is elected and qualified.

3. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Executive board may be held at any place, at any time whenever called by the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer or any two or more Directors.

4. Notice of Meetings Special meetings of the Executive Board may be required. Notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Executive Board shall be given by the Secretary/Treasurer by mail, radio, telegram or by personal communications over the telephone at least two (2) weeks prior to the day on which the meeting is to be held. Actual formal meetings need not be held and the business of the Executive board may be conducted by mail or telephone and quorums and majority votes may be determined by such methods.

### ARTICLE IV - Additional ByLaws

1. Branches duly authorized to operate as an appendage to the National Society, to wit: the Long Island Ocelot club will be required to hold meetings at least twice a year.

2. Each authorized branch must submit reports of all its meetings for publication in the Society's Newsletter.

3. Each authorized Branch must file its own rules and regulations with a copy of its charter if incorporated with the Long Island Ocelot Club.

4. Each Branch must file its own dues rate with the Long Island Ocelot Club, even if it has no formal rules. If it collects no dues, it will declare that no dues are charged members.

5. Any Authorized branch shall operate in compliance with the National Society and shall operate by its By-Laws and any rules & regulations.

6. All members of a group applying for branch status must be active members in good standing of the National society.

7. Any officer of any Branch shall be required to be a member of the National organization of the Long Island Ocelot Club.

8. Upon written request of five (5) members of the Long Island Ocelot Club, that for stated cause any member shall be expelled, the Board of Directors shall consider the matter, and if it deems best, shall advise the member that his resignation will be accepted. The member shall however, have the right to demand and receive a copy of the charge against him, and shall have reasonable time to present a written defense. The Board of Directors may, by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members of the Executive Board, expel the member, in which case he shall be notified at once and his name deleted from the membership list.

9. Should the Long Island Ocelot Club, for any reason, find it necessary to cease operations, those funds in the treasury at that time, will be distributed equally among the active members of the society at that date.

10. Membership: A membership consist of either man and wife or a single person. Both persons of a married couple having full voting rights. Minor children or children residing with their member parents who have reached the age of majority do not have voting privileges in the Society.

### ARTICLE V - Amendments

1. The By-Laws of the Long Island Ocelot Club may be amended or changed from time to time by the Executive Board at a meeting either special or general.

### ARTICLE VI - Registration

1. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Registrar to serve for two years. ➡

2. The fees for registration of exotic felines shall be as follows: Litter registration - \$2.00, Individual registration - \$3.00, Transfer of ownership - \$2.00.

3. The funds generated by the Registration of cats will be used to cover the expenses of registration. The Executive board will review the financial account of the Registrar yearly and channel any excess funds to the Legal Fund or elsewhere as needed.

**ARTICLE VII - SANCTUARIES**

1. Any LIOC member in good standing may have their facility approved as a Long Island Ocelot Club Sanctuary by complying with the following:
  - a. A facility must have all licenses and/or permits as required by their respective city, county or state. A copy of these must be filed with the Sanctuary Application.
  - b. A license must be obtained from the United States Department of The Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act of 1970.
  - c. The Sanctuary must be approved for each class of feline they are capable of housing.
  - e. The Feline classes shall be as follows:

- Class I average adult weight up to 24 pounds
- Class II average adult weight 25 to 45 pounds
- Class III average adult weight 46 to 85 pounds
- Class IV average adult weight 86 to 185 pounds
- Class V average adult weight over 186 pounds.

2. Sanctuary approval or disapproval shall be made by the Executive Board. The Board shall have the power to waive any of the requirements and or specifications for just cause.

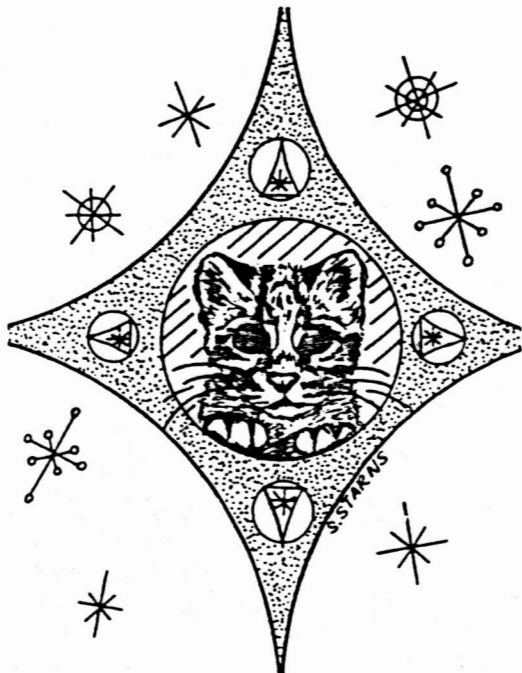
3. A Sanctuary owner must agree to abide by all restrictions imposed by the Long Island Ocelot Club both present and future.

4. A sanctuary owner may not relocate a placed cat (except to another L.I.O.C. Sanctuary) without the owner's or the owner's agent's consent unless a signed agreement between owner and Sanctuary operator has been executed. All such agreements are strictly between the cat's owner and the Sanctuary owner and the Long Island Ocelot Club does not enter into such agreements.

5. The Sanctuary owner has the right to refuse any animal he feels he can not accomodate at any time and still retain his sanctuary standing.

6. The Executive Board may at any time revoke Sanctuary status or amend the requirements as needed.

7. No fees will be charged those placing animals in a L.I.O.C. Sanctuary unless through mutual, written agreement between Sanctuary operator and owner.



# ADDITIONS TO ENDANGERED LIST

The Department of the Interior announced on September 26, 1975 that certain animals were being considered for inclusion to the Endangered Species list. It's reasoning is as follows:

"Relative to a request of May 22, 1975 by the Fund for Animals, Inc., the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service hereby proposes to list as Endangered Species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, those species which appear on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and which do not appear already on the U.S. Lists of Endangered Wildlife. The Fund contends that signature and ratification of the Convention acknowledged the Endangered status of these species and that they therefore should appear on the lists of Endangered Wildlife promulgated pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973."

Those felines added to the list are:

Common Name	Scientific Name	Range where Endangered
Jaguarundi	<i>Felis yagouaroundi panamensis</i>	All
Jaguarundi	<i>Felis yagouaroundi cacomitli</i>	All
Jaguarundi	<i>Felis yagouaroundi fossata</i>	All
Jaguarundi	<i>Felis yagouaroundi tolteca</i>	All
Flat Headed Cat	<i>Felis planiceps</i>	All
Black-Footed Cat	<i>Felis nigripes</i>	All
Costa Rican Puma	<i>Felis concolor costaricensis</i>	All
Temminck's cat	<i>Felis Temmincki</i>	All
Marbled Cat	<i>Felis marmorata</i>	All
Andean Cat	<i>Felis jacobita</i>	All
Bobcat	<i>Felis (lynx)rufus escuinapae</i>	Central Amer.
Clouded Leopard	<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>	All
Leopard Cat	<i>Felis bengalensis bengalensis</i>	All

## Legal Fund Update

It's still progressing slowly - much too slowly. But there are some folks who take such things to heart. In addition to those below (many of whom have made more than one contribution) there is one very special person we want to thank. This person doesn't own an exotic...but he cares very much and has made just about every convention...all the way from Hawaii - Mike Smith. Mike has contributed over \$200.00 all by himself this past year and headed the list of contributors last year as well. It overwhelms me that he has done so much. Thank you very much Mike.

- Elmer Morgan
- James Mills
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- Jo Gore
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- Gary & Michele Seawal
- Darlene Mednick

American Exotic Feline Club  
Oregon Educational Group  
SouthWestern Branch in memory of Bill Hodge

### ➡ BALLAD OF ARI...Continued

no answer, but I implore all who breed these animals with a sense of accomplishment to be very careful who they are sold to - it does unreparable harm when they fall into the wrong hands and later make the headlines. By selling to incompetents, they endanger us all and we must watch this area very carefully.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Over the years & thru many of those weird, irresistible green things, humans are prone to bring indoors this time of the year which of course are meant for climbing, I've formulated a list of do's & don'ts for the Treanor household. We've had our share of cats in trees but never (knock on wood) a tree on a cat. Here are some of our hints.

Tie tree securely to the wall (ours is secured to a "wall anchor" which holds a heavy picture the rest of the year).

Use non-breakable ornaments - the "satin" ones are nice. And there are lots more becoming available every year. I personally can't resist the glass ones 100% but these go on the top of the tree and towards the middle with only the non-breakables dangling within easy paw reach.

Small empty boxes wrapped as gifts make lovely ornaments and are a way to use those little scraps of paper.

We find that homemade "snow" makes the tree less attractive somehow to the cats (it's absolutely breathtaking to humans). It's nontoxic and helps hold the ornaments and needles in place. Here's how to do it.

(don't forget liberal newspapers under the tree to catch the drips) Snow goes on 1st before anything else and must dry for a couple of hours if you don't like a mess. Mix Ivory Snow soap powder half & half with boiling water and beat with an electric mixer until very stiff - you really can't over beat the stuff. Then just spoon on in liberal doses - or if you're adventurous, and your hair, walls and other things close to the tree need washing anyway, just throw it on.....it's just soap folks... won't hurt a thing.

Remember those holiday plants, mistletoe and poinsettias are dangerous to the feline folks....don't let them eat them. So much associated with the season can spell catastrophe to our pets....keep them in mind when decorating and may your holiday season be a joyous one.



Hope your Holiday Season  
Just Hits the Spot!

## A Word of Explanation

I had hoped that by this time the Newsletter would be back on schedule and we'd have some semblance of order within LIOC again. Unfortunately, although order has been restored, we still aren't on schedule with the Newsletter. For awhile, our problem centered in Memphis. This has been remedied and Shelley Starns has taken over the duties of membership secretary and Secretary/Treasurer in general. It will take a little while for her to get things straightened out so we ask your patience and help.

Since convention, your Editor has been besieged with bad luck. Since my office is utilized also as a nursery & infirmary, it has been difficult for me to get to the chores of the Newsletter. Without going into gory detail, suffice it to say that we have lost a margay kitten, been thru a hurricane scare, weathered the birth of twin spotted cat kits only to loose them after a two week ordeal and then have our favorite margay undergo surgery from which he is still recovering.

And now the Holidays are fast approaching. We've asked our girls to kindly wait until after the first of the year to present us with anymore kits, so hopefully we'll have some semblance of order in the Treanor household again. Although we won't end the year on schedule as far as the Newsletter goes, we hope it won't be far off. In the mean time, I beg your indulgence and understanding.

If you have had any problems with membership, please write Shelley, and I'll apply myself to getting things back in order in Mobile.

This issue will be a short one, only 12 pages. In place of those extra pages you will find a registration form (additional forms are available from your Branch Rep or the Editor). Besides showing that we are making an effort to keep track of our own, the registration system generates money for the legal fund.....every penny earned over operating expenses goes to the fight. It helps us with the scientific community when we can trace a cats ancestry and helps prove ownership and domestic births, it's well worth the effort.

In all probability, this will be the last issue before the Holidays...it's highly unlikely that in the Holiday madness, I'll organize myself sufficiently to get out another issue....so please accept my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and the most prosperous of New Years.

*Shelley*

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