



NEWSLETTER

CONTENTS:

The Odd Couple.....	Page 3
Emergency & First Aid Procedures-Part 3.....	Page 4
Klutzy Kenya ,	Page 5
A Note From Canada	Page 5
A Lion of a Different Color.....	Page 6
Additional Nominations	Page 6
Convention 1977.....	Page 8
Spell it - K-O-D K-O-D	Page 10
Branch Reports begin	Page 10
Rocky.....	Page 14

LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB
1454 Fleetwood Drive E.
Mobile, Alabama 36605

Volume 21 - Number 3
May/June 1977

LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB



JASMINE, was rescued from the pound so her true age is unknown. She's been living with Ginny Story for the last five years.
Photo by Victoria Thomas



LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB
NEWSLETTER

Published bi-monthly by Long Island Ocelot Club, 1454 Fleetwood Drive East, Mobile, Alabama 36605. The Long Island Ocelot Club is a non-profit, non-commercial club, international in membership, devoted to the welfare of ocelots and all other exotic felines. Reproduction of the material in this Newsletter may not be made without written permission of the authors and/or the copyright owner L.I.O.C.

LIOC Officers

Ken Hatfield, President, 1991 S.W. 136th Avenue, Davie, Florida 33325 (305) 472-7276
Roger Harmon, Vice President, 405-C East Pinecrest, Marshall, Texas 75670 (214) 938-6113
Shelley Starns, Secretary/Treasurer, P.O.Box 99542, Tacoma, Washington 98499

LIFE DIRECTORS

Catherine Cisin, Founder, Amagansett, New York, 11930 (516) 267-3852
Ken Hatfield, (see above)
Mike Balbo, 21-01 46th Street, Long Island City, New York 11105

TERM DIRECTORS

William Boyle, 611 North Carr Street, Tacoma Washington 98045
Charles Douglas, Rt 5, Box 130A, Orlando, Florida 32807
Ethel Hauser, 14622 N.E. 99th St., Vancouver, Washington 98662 (206) 892-9994
Shirley Treanor, Editor, 1454 Fleetwood Drive East, Mobile, Alabama 36605 (205) 478-8962

Submitting Material for Publication

Material for publication in the Long Island Ocelot Club Newsletter should be submitted by the 10th of the month preceding Newsletter publication, i.e. by the 10th of the even numbered months. Local groups are advised that, if convenient, the holding of meetings during the odd numbered months will ensure the earliest publication time of their meeting reports due to the above deadline.

Branch Representatives

A.C.E.C. - Bob Smith President, P.O. Box 26G, Los Angeles, CA. 90026 Ginny Story, Secretary, 8125 Golden Star, Riverside, Ca.92506
CANADA - Terry Foreman, Coordinatore, R.R.# 12, Dawson Rd, Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada P7B 5E3
CANADA WEST - Doug Fletcher, Coordinator, 11431 73rd Ave., Delta, B.C.
CASCADE - Terry Starns, Coordinator, Shelley Starns Secretary, P.O. Box 99542, Tacoma, WA 98499
LIOC of CALIFORNIA - Lora Vigne, 22 Isis St., San Francisco, Ca. 94102 (415) 552-3748
FLORIDA - Kim Baetjer, President, Rt 1, Box 40, Fellsmere, Fla. 32948 (305) 571-0618
 Jean Hatfield, Secretary, 1991 SW 136th St, Davie, Fla. 33325 (305) 472-7276
GREATER NEW YORK - Arthur Human, 32 Lockwood Avenue, Norwalk, Conn. 06851 (203) 866-0484
PACIFIC NORTHWEST - Gayle Schaecher, 10715 S.E. Orient Dr., Boring, Ore. 97009 (503) 633-4673
SOUTHWESTERN - Danny Treanor, President, 1454 Fleetwood Dr. E., Mobile, Al. 36605 (205) 478-8962
 Rebecca Morgan, Secretary, P.O.Box 144, Carrollton, Texas 75006 (214) 241-6440
EXOTIC CATS/GEORGIA - Cat Klass, President, 4704 Brownsville Rd, Powder Springs, Ga. 30073 (404) 942-2809 Maureen Allen, Secretary, 7 Park Lane, Atlanta, GA. 30309 (404) 875-6500
OREGON EDUCATIONAL EXOTIC FELINE CLUB - Ethel Hauser, Coordinator, 14622 N.E. 99th St, Vancouver, WA. 98662 (206) 892-9994 Barbara Wilton, Coordinator, 7800 S.E. Luther Rd, Portland, Ore. 97206

PLEASE SHARE

Happy times

Sad Times

Helpful hints

Questions

photos

POETRY ART

or just your

random

thoughts

MOVING?

To avoid missing any Newsletters if you should move, send your change of address as soon as you know the details to our Membership Secretary:

Shelley Starns
 P.O.Box 99542
 Tacoma, WA 98499

Please send all applications and membership renewals directly to Shelley for fast service.

Send all Newsletter and related material to the Editor. Thanks!

THE ODD COUPLE

By Judy Cannon

Our odd couple consists of two neutered, male cats. There is Peski, a 14 year old Siamese and Rascal a 6 year old bobcat. I have always been fascinated by the whole exotic cat family. So choosing a bobcat seemed the right size choice for our home and Siamese.

Rascal was 10 weeks old when he was flown to us from Texas. He was a mighty little fur ball that was very prickly and constantly on the move. This was a very difficult period for us as Rascal was very frightened of every little sound and not in the least willing to accept comfort from us. We had many sleepless nights when he would call out in his sleep as if he were having a nightmare. Along with this he would often decide to be nocturnal and start a very loud squacking noise that was a perfect imitation of an adult blue jay.



I can remember the first time he saw Peski - it was love at first sight. Rascal made this crazy sound, a kind of inhaled Uhhhhhhh (bobcat folks will know what I mean) It is a greeting we are quite used to now, it means "Hello, I like you" Poor Peski hissed and was very upset having a new cat in his territory. Rascal charged up to Peski and immediately started playing with that long black tail that was swishing on the floor. Well, to make a long story short, thank to Peski's basically good nature and Rascal's undying love and persistence they are now like brothers.

Rascal now weighs 40 pounds to Peski's 14 and can be a little rough when playful. In fact, Rascal once made a charge from the rear and accidentally broke Peski's tail - it took three tries before we could get a splint that would stay on! For this reason I have never left them alone together if I have to leave the house for long. Except for separating them while we are away, they both have full run of the house. Rascal is trained to a tether which allows him to roam most of our fenced back yard when weather permits.

The only frustrating part of caring for Rascal is that he'll never be completely house-broken. He uses a large sand box in the basement but upstairs he'll mark certain spots especially something like a pair of shoes or a magazine left accidentally on the floor - this does help us keep a neat house. Thank goodness if cleaned up immediately his urine does not leave an odore.

Cat cuisine around here is as follows: Rascal will only eat raw meat dining often on chicken necks as well as Turkey, beef kidney, liver, smelts chicken and game hen. Peski will have any of the above along with cooked meat he begs from the table. A must for Rascal in the winter is grass, something I grow in the basement so he and my houseplants make into Spring. Sprinkled on Rascal's food is a bit of vitamin supplement called Pervinal.

Rascal is definitely a one woman cat, just tolerating my husband. He is friendly to women and children but dislikes all men. He'll hide until all strange men leave the house. He is very curious about neighborhood cats, but they can't figure him out and won't get close. I have seen he and Peski jointly trying to corner a passing intruder, what teamwork! As for dogs, he has no fear, walks right up on the poor, unsuspecting hound and clubs him on the side of the head. Generally he doesn't get much of an opportunity for this game, as Peski keeps a very good watch on the yard, scaring off most intruders with his war call and fur fluffing trick. Rascal is most impressed by these shows.

Both of our fellows are Diurnal with the exception of very hot summer nights. They sleep together at night washing each other profusely before falling asleep. Aside from the many little irritations they cause for one another, especially the heckling Peski endures at times, they both seem to admire and display much affection for each other that seems to be unique between these species.



Hot Weather Tips

Unlike dogs, cats have fewer cooling mechanisms available to them. They can't let their tongues loll out panting, although they do resort to a pant in extreme circumstances. And by our restrictions, and for some their own inhibitions that cooling dunk in the pool is also forbidden. Water (room temperature) should be available round the clock as should shade to get out of the sun in outdoor pens. Don't be tempted to leave windows open unless they are reinforced with an appropriate wiring other than the screen - hardware cloth is usefull for this purpose.

No matter how short a trip you anticipate into the grocery store, don't be tempted to leave kitty in the car. The temperature in a parked car can quickly shoot to 90 if its only 78 outside and 120 if its in the 90's outside. Since a cats temperature is around 101 that brings it into the danger range and damage to the nervous system may result in death.

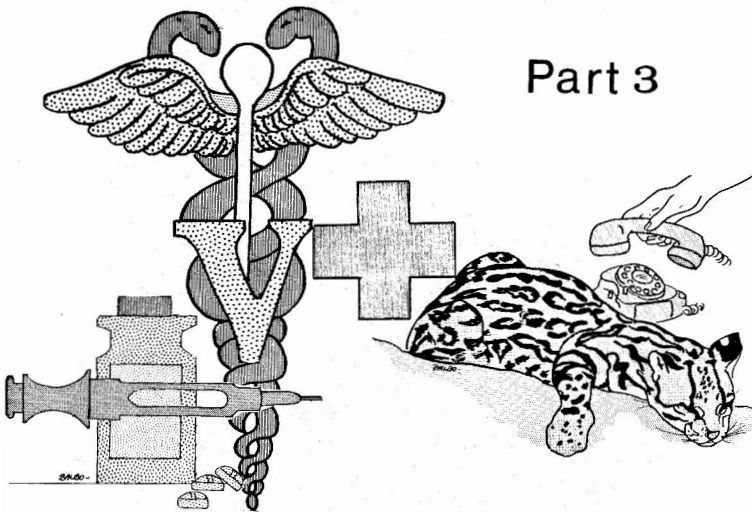
If you feel your cat may be suffering from heat prostration (say if the airconditioner quits and you arrive home to a very hot house) place the cat as soon as possible in a tub of water that is between 60 & 70 degrees. The cat will probably be cyanotic and prostrate so you're in little danger of encountering resistance. If that isn't possible, cover the cat with wet towels. Check the cat's temperature and keep this treatment up until the temperature is down to 101.6

With a little commonsense we should all enjoy the summer and its accompanyng good weather.



On my way to SAN FRANCISCO!
See you there!!

EMERGENCY & FIRST AID PROCEDURES



Part 3

SYMPTOMS AND FIRST AID FOR SPECIFIC ILLNESSES

We have listed a description of symptoms, first aid and comments for a variety of specific illnesses which may threaten your animal. In dealing with injuries, note the source of injury as well as its nature because the source of harm affects both treatment and possible related injuries. For example, a fracture resulting from a bad fall may be associated with internal injuries while a fracture resulting from no apparent cause may indicate rickets or osteomalacia.

Be extremely careful to distinguish between shock and sunstroke. Shock is due to failure of the circulatory system and results from injury or illness. Sunstroke is due to a collapse of the animal's cooling system resulting from prolonged exposure to extreme heat. Since the first aid for shock is the reverse of that for sunstroke, failure to distinguish between these two conditions will probably result in the death of your animal.

SHOCK - Symptoms: Weakness, temperature drop, cold extremities, lethargy or coma, hard breathing or respiratory failure. General symptoms 1, 2, 5 (as listed on page 4 of the March Newsletter, Part II of this series) Progressive color loss, nictating membrane closure, and lethargy as condition becomes more serious.

First Aid and Remarks: Put the animal's head lower than his body trunk. Keep the animal warm but not hot and quiet. Massage extremities toward heart. Pass ammonia solution under nose to stimulate breathing. If conscious, warm water may be given. Shock is a serious condition; do not expect the cat to recover from it by himself. Expect shock in any case of illness, injury or operation; watch for the symptoms for several days after treatment.

SUNSTROKE - Symptoms: Excessive panting, collapse, very high temperature (up to 108 degrees F)

First Aid and Remarks: Wrap animal in cold, water soaked cloth. Cool animal, sponge with cool water, place icepack on head, fan body. Get to veterinarian as soon as possible. Note difference between sunstroke and shock. Animal may go into shock following recovery from sunstroke.

BURNS - Symptoms: Skin charred, red, inflamed, or blistered. Severe pain. Biting and pawing at affected area.

First Aid & Remarks: Apply cold, wet packs of strong tea, weak washing soda or ice water (no ice) to affected area. Do not apply grease or ointment. See your veterinarian and watch carefully for shock.

BROKEN RIBS - Symptoms: Wheezing or whistling breath; bubbly pink froth on nose; tenderness in the rib area. Depression or rib break can sometimes be felt. May have General Symptom #5 (previously described).

First Aid and Remarks: Move animal as little as possible; get him to a veterinarian at once. Use a board as a stretcher. Should check for this whenever an animal has sustained a physical shaking-up or fall or other injury.

INTERNAL BLEEDING & INJURY - Symptoms: Loss of color in the gums and ears. General symptom 5 and general shock symptoms.

First Aid & Remarks: NO FIRST AID - the situation is critical because you don't know how bad the internal damage is. Get your veterinarian for emergency treatment. Minutes may be critical. Watch for this whenever the cat has been injured or after operations.

CUTS - Symptoms: Direct observation. Repeated licking of area by cat.

First Aid & Remarks: Depends on type of wound. Laceration or incision: stop bleeding by direct pressure with gauze pad. Abrasion: pick out foreign material (cat will help by licking), encourage moderate serum or blood flow. Puncture: "milk" to encourage bleeding; note the location carefully. Wound can be marked with lipstick or mercurochrome if difficult to find. In all cases, note source of wound. Go to veterinarian for shots & suturing. Be careful to look for internal injury symptoms. In case of lacerations, incisions and abrasions, a non-poisonous, non-stinging antiseptic (3% hydrogen peroxide solution is good) may be applied to the area.

FRACTURES - Symptoms: Pain in using affected part. Limp or "favoring" if leg. Partial or total paralysis, if spine. Pain in eating, lack of appetite, displacement of jaw line, if jaw or mouth area. Partial or total unconsciousness, dazed behaviour, unequal pupil size and unfocused stare skull depression if skull.

First Aid & Remarks: Keep animal warm, control bleeding if compound fracture. Handle animal gently moving affected part as little as possible. If a spinal fracture is suspected, keep cat as quiet as possible and use a board as a stretcher. Check for internal injuries, note source of fracture and see your veterinarian at once. If no source is apparent, ask your veterinarian to check for bone deficiency.

PARALYSIS - Symptoms: Cat drags affected part or is totally unable to move.

See your veterinarian at once. Use a board for a stretcher in moving the cat; keep him warm. Ask your veterinarian to check for bone disease as well as for injury.

INTESTINAL BLOCKAGE - Symptoms: Earliest: vomiting, stool sparse, frequent, often with blood or large amount of mucus; cat has hunched walk; remnants of object eaten may be nearby. Later: dehydration, loss of appetite, lethargy. Associated general symptoms 1, 2, 4, 6. (Refer to Part 2 of this series).

Treatment & Remarks: Feed meal of soft food such as milk, cereal and bread. Do not use strong laxatives. A children's suppository may be used in the early stages. Induce vomiting with grass or other greens. Watch stool and vomitus carefully; at or before first signs of dehydration, see your veterinarian. Watch carefully for signs of internal bleeding.

Continued on page 16

KLUTZY KENYA

On March 22nd the true form (that of being klutzy) of a serval manifested itself. Our four year old male, Kenya, fell of a rain-soaked log in his cage and broke two bones in his right forepaw.

Our veterinarian, not knowing the extent of injury to his foot, advised us to watch him for a day or two and when he still wasn't putting any weight on it the following day, we took him in. He was tranquilized first with Rompun, then given a second injection of Ketaset. Our vet has used this combination successfully when treating all our cats and all his other clients for several years. Giving injections to an injured "rubber ball" is not all that easy and we thank the person who invented the squeeze cage. There are usually a few tense moments, but all in all it goes quickly and without undo strain on the cat. Injections are given intramuscularly in the hip. A bit of added excitement occurred on the first injection this time because of Kenya's rather fluffy fur. The needle popped off the syringe and was suddenly "lost". Not until he was "down" did we discover the needle in the tip of his tail!

His foot was x-rayed from the top and side and revealed the two broken bones, side by side, in two of his toes. It was decided that to insure proper healing a steel pin should be inserted in each of the broken bones. The operation was successful and the pins will be part of Kenya forever now.

A splint was applied and thoroughly wrapped with tape. To aid in the healing he had to be confined for a period of two weeks in a dry, smaller wire cage attached to his normal den box. When he was initially released into his temporary confinement he reacted rather violently to the splint; acting as if he had not noticed it before. It resembled a tantrum of sorts with alot of hissing and biting, but within 15 minutes he seemed to accept it.

The splint was to stay on for 10-15 days at which point we were to bring him in and have it removed. This would mean putting him down again. Kenya obliged us by removing the splint himself on the fourteenth day. Although two steel sutures remained in the top of his foot, it was decided that these could stay in until such time as he had to be brought in again for something else and put down. The steel sutures don't irritate him and he's become quite accustomed to them.



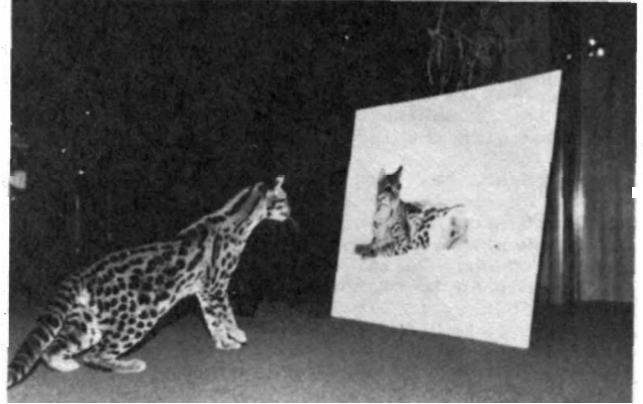
We kept him confined for an additional twelve days on the thirteenth day we turned him loose in a now "naked" cage with Dea, his girlfriend and future wife (we hope). We removed all logs, rocks and anything else that might cause him to hurt himself. All that remains are his small trees, bushes and the two den boxes.

After a month he is progressing nicely, but he does favor that foot a bit and does tread lightly. Our vet advised us that this is normal for the next month or so but that he will be as good as new soon.

Shelley Starns
Cougar Mountain Breeding Compound

A Note from Canada

There's not much happening with the members in Canada I am trying to locate a mate for our female margay Sheba. Margays are few and far between in this neck of the woods. After almost two years of searching, we are about to give up the idea and perhaps consider artificial insemination. I understand that this has never been done successfully with exotics. I would appreciate any information that any members may have. It is a shame that we cannot breed our beautiful pet. I'm enclosing a photo of Sheba "sneaking up on" a painting of our ocelot, Pebbles which my wife is doing.



There seems to be a general apathy among the Canadian members. Some time ago I wrote to each registered LIOC member in Canada asking them to fill out a short questionnaire so that I could get a feel for what these people expected from the Canadian Branch and from LIOC in general. The response was very disappointing. When a number of members did not renew, I wrote to each of them in an attempt to find out why. I didn't get one answer. I hope that this attitude isn't prevalent throughout the organization. The club needs the support of the membership particularly in these times of government intervention.

I have made two donations to the Legal Fund to date and will be donating more. I hope that we can all get behind our officers and give them the support that is necessary if we are to survive.

I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who can offer advice on breeding our margay.

Terry Foreman
R.R. #12 Dawson Rd.
Thunder Bay, Ontario
Canada P7B 5E3

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME...

The Florida Supreme Court will soon be confronted with a question many scientist have been pondering without success.

It all started when LIOC member Peter Cummings was cited by the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish commission for having an ocelot without a permit. However the law in question gives the latin name "Leopardus paradalis"...some experts given the term "Leopardus" would describe a large cat... certainly larger than the "Felis paradalis" which has become the more recognized latin name.

A lower court had thrown the case out stating that a person must know what he is being charged with, if the state says you must have a permit to keep Leopardus - it means just that - not Felis....

The state Attorney's office has appealed the lower court's ruling to the Circuit Court but Cumming's lawyer have asked the state Supreme Court for its opinion - leopardus or felis?

Additional Nominations

In addition to those listed in the last edition of the Newsletter, Pat Quillen has been nominated for the position of Term Director, and Danny Treanor and Ethel Hauser have been nominated for the position of Vice President.

Ethel's biography with LIOC was printed in the last issue as she is currently serving as a Term Director and is automatically nominated for that position again. * indicates others in this category.

Pat Quillen has been a member of LIOC since 1970. During this time she has been most instrumental in overcoming the "bad press" of the Leopard Cat. Pat is one of the outstanding producers of this species and a number of folks have their leopard cats due to Pat. Pat is also noted for her willingness to help with the babies of any species and her uncanny abilities with the little ones.

Danny Treanor has been a member since 1968 and has served for the last three years as President of the SouthWest Branch. Danny, of course, hosted the 1976 Convention in Houston. Indirectly, being married to your Editor, he assists on the national level; helping to organize the Newsletter mailings; keeping Shirley in line and contributing via his articles "From Under the Editor's Desk".

In addition to Pat, the following have been nominated for Term Directors: Ethel Hauser*, Roger Harmon, Len Parker, Jean Townes, Shirley Treanor* Bill Boyle* and Charles Douglas*.

Of course Danny Treanor, Ethel Hauser & Bob Smith have now been nominated for Vice President.

Nominated for Life Director are Roger Harmon and Shelley Starns.

Unopposed for the offices they now hold are Ken Hatfield for President and Shelley Starns for Secretary/Treasurer.

All elected officers except Life Director are for a two year term. Voting is done by preferential ballots, which are mailed out with the September Newsletter.

It is extremely important to remember that your club is only as good as its officers and directors. The best way to make an intelligent choice is to meet these folks in person and discuss the issues that are important to you...what better way than at convention?

WELCOME!

We're super happy to announce that LIOC has not one but TWO new branches - Exotic Cats/Georgia and The Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club.

As its name implies, Exotic Cats/Georgia centers in the State of Georgia. Its officers are: Cat Klass, President; Kenny Jones, Vice President; Maureen Allen, Secretary; Becky Connelly, Treasurer and Directors Steve Brock and Ray Butts...with over twenty members they're off to a good start and we even have a meeting report from them in this issue.

The Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club has been around for some time. Their main aim is education and we reported on their "Speak Out" programs in a previous issue. Their Coordinators are Ethel Hauser and Barbara Wilton.

If either of these groups are close enough for you to be in touch, their addresses are of course shown on page 2.

We wish these two groups the best of everything and welcome them warmly into the LIOC family!

A Lion of a Different Color

Naturalist Chris McBride has discovered three truly white lion cubs in South Africa's Timbavati Nature Reserve. These cubs are not albinos, which have no pigmentation, but have brown noses and normal yellow eyes. They are believed to be the first truly white lions known to exist; first sighted in 1975. Many almost white cubs are born, but they eventually do gain normal coloration.

McBride tracked the pride for over two years to be absolutely sure of the cubs' permanent white color. Last May a third white cub was born to another lioness in the pride. Scientists are speculating that this is not simply an isolated phenomenon, but possibly the beginning of a new strain...or should we say a return to a previous one. It is believed the male of the pride carries the recessive white gene and that probably it has emerged because of intermating with either a daughter or grand-daughter. McBride, who has written a book soon to be published on his experiences - "The White Lions of Timbavati" Paddington Press Ltd. offers the theory that perhaps lions originally existed in areas covered by snow and ice, since most animals have coloration to enable them to hunt successfully.



Barbo-

The cubs unusual color will soon threaten their survival as a normal colored lion can't be spotted from 5 yards at night which is their normal hunting time. But the white cubs are visible at 50 yards at night. When the oldest male cub reaches young adulthood he will be turned out of the pride to hunt on his own...a feat that may be impossible. There also exists the possibility that the young female will be rejected by the other lionesses in the pride as she reaches adulthood.

There is some discussion of sending the male to a zoo for his protection, leaving the female in the wild in hopes she will be accepted. Scientists are keeping an eye on the pride to see if the father of these cubs will produce any more white offspring...eventually if accepted by the pride the female is expected to mate with her father and it is likely more white cubs would result.

**EXTINCT IS
FOREVER!**

Don't spay or neuter

ZOOS WHO

With vacation time upon us, hopefully many of you will be driving to join us in San Francisco for the Convention. Along the way you may find time to stop at one of our country's many zoos. Here is a list of some of America's most notable zoos. They are not in any particular order and unless otherwise stated there is a small admission fee.

THE BRONX ZOO, NEW YORK - admission free Tuesday thru Thursday.

A 252 acre preserve with more than 3,000 animals many in free-roaming habitat. You can visit the African bush or travel the South American pampas and then on to the Antarctic where polar bears splash amid "icebergs". And then on to the World of Darkness where bushbabies play in trees and kit foxes prowl the desert floor. Wild Asia is planned to open this year is a 40 acre slice of the East where the Trans Himalayan Express will provide a bird's eye view of tigers, rhinos Asian deer and antelopes.

PHILADELPHIA ZOO, PENNSYLVANIA,

America's first zoo (1874) boasts the new 5 acre African plains roamed by zebra, antelopes, giraffes and ostriches. A multi habitat reptile house has a tropical river exhibit complete with electronic thunderstorm.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL ZOO' - Admission Free

Of course there's the famous Chinese pandas Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling, but the National Zoo also boasts the largest herd of two humped camels and up on the new Lion-Tiger Hill the majestic white tigers.

COLUMBIA ZOOLOGICAL PARK, SOUTH CAROLINA

This is our newest zoo, opened in 1974 along the banks of the boulder strewn Saluda River. Only 50 acres of this 150 acre park is presently under exhibit (there's a 20 year master plan). Already tho' is the Eco-system Bird house with 80 exhibits displaying 600 birds of 150 species, subdivided into geographic zones, including twice daily downpours with wind, thunder and lightning. Also don't miss the Kalahari Desert Lions, the only group in the US.

CINCINNATI ZOO, Ohio.

The \$750,000 Insectarium the zoo is building will be one of its highlights - that's right - bugs! This zoo sports more than 2,000 inhabitants with fresh and salt water aquariums and are quite proud of the White Bengal tigers born there a couple of years ago - only 40 others are known to exist!



DETROIT ZOO, MICHIGAN

The Detroit Zoo was the first to uncage animals, displaying them in habitat surroundings. The zoo has 70 species of mammals, 150 birds, and 175 of reptiles plus over 150 species of fish.

BROOKFIELD ZOO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The highlight of this collection is the Tropic World of primates, a domed habitat one and a half football fields in length were monkeys and great apes can be seen as they are in the wild.

Among the other dozens of displays of this 204 acre, 2000 animal zoo is the Seven Seas Panorama and the prizewinning new Saharan Predator Exhibit that puts you in the middle of the desert at twilight among sand cats, caracals and fennec foxes. Also they have the "back to nature" Behavioural Exhibit where they are teaching cougars born at the zoo to make their own kills.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO, WISCONSIN - Admission Free between 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Relocated in 1963 to 182 acres it was rebuilt from the ground up and sports 7,000 animals of 846 species. There's a remarkable 65,000 gallon replica of Lake Wisconsin stocked with 2,500 local varieties of fish.

ST LOUIS ZOO, MISSOURI Admission Free

Of particular interest is the world's largest outdoor aviary and the zoo's newest exhibit is the \$1.6 million dollar Big Cat Country.

SAN ANTONIO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, TEXAS

Although small as zoos go, only 29 acres. it is surely one of the most beautiful. Built in and around an abandoned quarry it is home for 3500 animals and many "firsts" including the first flamingo hatching (they're hoping for whooping cranes soon) and the first baby white rhino born in captivity. Also notable is Congo Falls a natural habitat for the large apes.



SONORA DESERT MUSEUM, TUCSON, ARIZONA

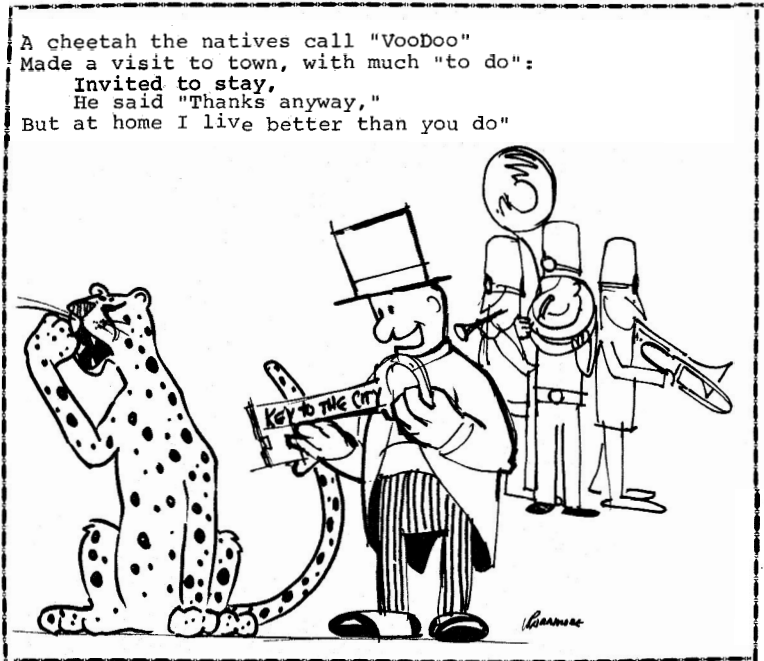
This is definitely not just a zoo, or a museum or a botanical garden but all of them and more. It specializes in things found in the Sonora Desert, displaying them in their natural habitat. To be seen are margays, ocelots, jaguars, bobcat jaguarundi, puma and much much more. The beaver and otters can be viewed from above or below water and the display of local flora is spectacular. For every animal on display, you can be sure there are others in seclusion to insure propagation.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Here some 2,000 animals are grouped by continent on 113 acres. In addition there is a walk through aviary and a collection of over 400 exotic plants.

SAN DIEGO ZOO/WILD ANIMAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

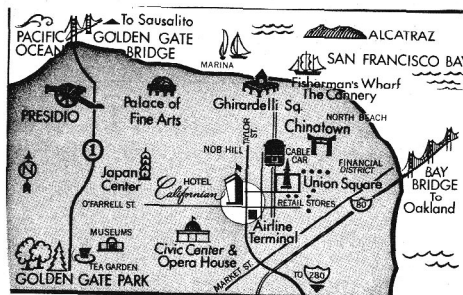
One of the US's most famous this combination is a must if you are in the area. The Zoo is well laid out with many natural settings. The Wild Animal Park is totally natural and must be traveled by tram...over 1800 acres.



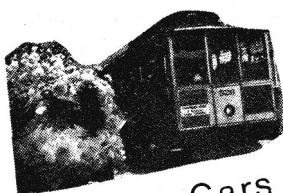
LIOC's 6TH ANNUAL



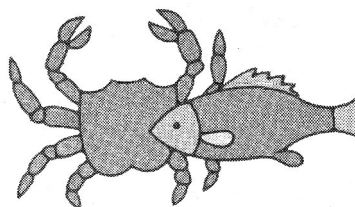
New Friends



Information



Trolley Cars



Fisherman's Wharf

TRAVEL

By air you will arrive at San Francisco International Airport...call from the airport 583-9600 for a free limousine to the International Inn. By car, well be at the intersection of Bay Shore Freeway at Airport Blvd. in South San Francisco, adjacent to the airport.

ACCOMODATIONS

Of course our cats are welcome (with the necessary California State permits) at the International Inn (Travelodge) 326 S. Airport Blvd. Do mention when you make reservations - they are necessary- that you are with LIOC. Rates are \$18 for a single and \$24 for a double. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

AUCTION

As in the past an auction will be held as a fund-raising function for the Legal Fund. If you wish to contribute some item for the auction but aren't able to join us it can be sent to Jackie at the Registration address.

REGISTRATION

Registration cost for convention 1977 is \$25.00 per person. This covers all Convention functions including the banquet Saturday night. Send this to: Jackie Bittner
454 Geary St.
San Francisco, Cal. 95814

Include your arrival/departure dates so they can double check your hotel reservations and whether your are coming with cats.

PERMITS

Those travelling with their cats must have a permit from California Fish & Game...send the no. & kind of cats coming along with date of entry & departure age weight & sex to: WILDLIFE PROTECTION, ATTN: Capt. Zoebel, 2151 Berkely Way, Berkley CA 94704 the cost is \$10...regardless of the number of cats.

Now if your cats come from South America, you will also need a Permit from the Health Department. You may write them giving the same information along with the Fact that they will be quarantined at the International Inn - cost \$5 per cat ..this goes to: California Health Department
Veterinary Section
2151 Berkeley Way
Berkely, Ca. 98704

Odd as it seems, you do not need either permit if you are coming with your cougar.

MISCELLANEOUS

The mean temperature in San Francisco this time of the year is 60 degrees so dress accordingly. San Francisco is a delight and it is suggested that perhaps you delay your departure until you've had a chance to do some sightseeing. Monday, being Labor Day, most shops will be closed but that does not include most resarants and tourist attractions.

SEE YOU IN SAN FRANCISCO

CONVENTION



Fun!



Old Friends



Golden Gate Bridge

Auction



AGENDA

FRIDAY, September 2nd, 1977

The morning will start off with the General Membership Meeting...this is the time when the General Membership - that's you can bring up what's on your mind...can suggest things to the Board of Directors, etc. It is the time that LIOC Members can voice their opinions and suggestions on how LIOC should be run and in what direction we should go.....this is where you have your say - be there!

The afternoon will be turned over to speakers.... the precise schedule has not yet been established but the speakers for this convention are listed below:

Dr. Fowler, of the Davis School of Veterinary medicine a specialist in exotic medicine.

Bill Meeker, Director of the Sacramento Zoo and President of the American Association of Zoological Park and Aquariums.

Dr. Steere, well known for his work in animal acupuncture

Mike Robinson, works with the Big Cats at Marriot's Great America, and will explain his procedures in dealing with his friendly felines.

SATURDAY, September 3rd, 1977

Saturday will be devoted to a trip to Marine World/Africa USA...its all here folks!! Among the features are: Killer Whale/Porpoise shows*Raft Safari*Dolphin petting pools*Elephant & Camel rides*Ecology theater* and much more.

Saturday evening is as always the highlight of any Convention with the 1977 Lottie Presentation, the Auction and the Banquet with after Dinner speaker Peter Gross who is in charge of the Land Mammals at Marine World/Africa USA...he will have films demonstrating their training techniques and to answer any questions you may have.

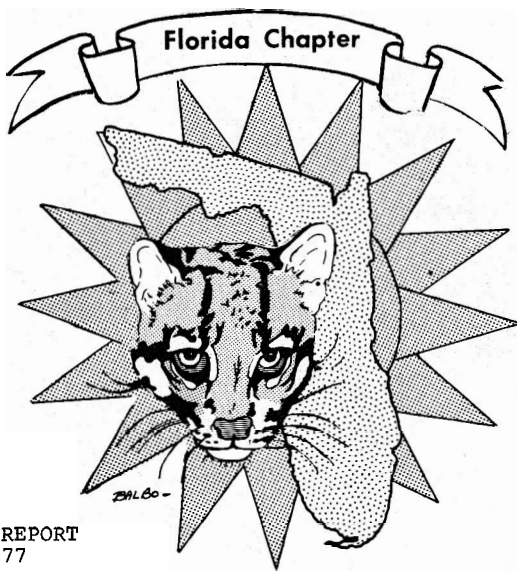
SUNDAY, September 4th, 1977

The morning will be occupied with another meeting and then a Seminar on exotic breeding..bring any questions you may have.

Sunday afternoon will continue the Speakers mentioned earlier.

And then we've scheduled a Tour of San Francisco after Dark. Of course, if that whets your appetite perhaps you'd better plan to stay over Monday. Being Labor Day most shops will be closed, but all tourist attractions should be open including the zoo, the Ferry of San Francisco Bay and many of the areas famous restaurants.

SEPTEMBER 2, 3, 4, 1977



MEETING REPORT
July, 1977

The members of the Florida Chapter met at Florida Power & Light Park, Sunday July 10, 1977.

The President, Ken Hatfield called the meeting to order at 3 PM. The membership was brought up to date on the Engler cats, the court case in Jacksonville, and how many summer babies were available.

Jean Hatfield read a letter from Janie Baetjer thanking the club for her nomination as corresponding secretary and regretting that she could not attend today.

President Hatfield then read the nomination slate and added an explanation of three corresponding secretaries - so one will always be present and each meeting report promptly written. Chuck Kindt moved that three corresponding secretaries be elected. The motion was seconded and carried.

Cubbedge Phillips moved that the nomination of new officers be accepted as one slate. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The new officers are: Kim Baetjer-President, Ken Hatfield Vice President, Jean Hatfield-Secretary/Treasurer, Janie Baetjer, Jan Cumming, & Mary Nell Phillips - Corresponding Secretaries.

A delegate to convention was not found within the attending membership so Ken HATfield will be doing double duty - representing Florida Chapter and presiding as National President.

The members attending included: Dennis Holland, Sandy and Bob Rolando with Shasta cougar, Jim & Lynn Craft, Chuck Kindt and Susie Kindt, Dan Harvell and children with Little Red the cougar, Cubbedge & Mary Nell Phillips, their daughter Missy with Tige the ocelot, Jean & Ken Hatfield with Caesar the cheetah, Cliff & Dorothy Lawrence, and visiting wildlife artist Diana Reynolds. The hosts for the day were Peggy & Roy Griner, joined by their son & daughter and daughter's fiance with Paco II the ocelot.

A delicious lunch was served before the meeting and much visiting, animal loving was accomplished throughout much of the afternoon.

Submitted by:
Mary Nell Phillips
Corresponding Secretary

is indeed quite rare in captivity and according to Robert Baudy is the only specimen in the U.S. And unless this boy gets a mate they someday might become extinct in central Florida.

One more thought - how did this cousin to the Geoffroy get such a name as "kodkod" If anyone is aware of the answer, please write me at Box 133, Neptune Beach, Fla. 32233.

Spell it - K-O-D K-O-D

By B.J. Lester

What is a Kodkod? No, it isn't a fish from Massachusetts, and it isn't even in my dictionary even though margay and ocelot are defined by the scholars as genus: Felis. The cat books don't give much info on this species either but according to Grosset's Wild Cats guide, the kodkod lives in the foothills of the Andes in Chile. Apparently the species is quite rare in zoological collections not to mention private collections in the U.S.A.

When the LIOC Newsletter editor asked for some information on this animal in a captive situation, I was happy to comply and share my limited experience with the one male specimen on exhibit at the Savage Kingdom division of Robert Baudy's Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Center Hill, Florida. As its caretaker for eight months, a unique rapport of a sort developed between me and this shy but fiesty little creature of grey spotted pelage. In size the kodkod is about that of an average margay - 12 lbs - but larger than a leopard cat. It has very tiny ocelli (white spots) on the back of its black ears, its eyes are a bright yellow, it has solid small black spots on its body and narrow, black rings encircle its tail which is almost the length of its body.

This cat is housed alone in an exhibit cage which has a retreat or dark wooden den for security, with a small opening leading into the larger, airy, sawdust filled exhibit area. At the back of the exhibit area is a low partition about 3 inches high behind which set the cat's water and food dishes. However, this kodkod is so scared of the daytime that it chooses to hide behind the partition, knocking over his water dish and getting sawdust in the food. When I first took over his maintenance and became his chambermaid, I was perplexed as to how to solve this dilemma but the cat soon did it for me...the dilemma being just how to feed him without getting sawdust all over the food. He became so conditioned to feedtime that he waits ready and willing behind the small feeder door and reaches out his clawed paw to grab his dinner. In fact, I had to use a stick or other long instrument to deliver the food so my finger wouldn't be mistaken for a chicken neck or chunk of beef.

Now the kod kod quicklyscampers back upstairs to his den where he shears away at his meal. One of the problems also encountered was how to get the cat to leave the den to go on exhibit. At first I was told by the previous keeper (who was a bear trainer of all things) to get a large instrument or rake and frighten the cat out of the den by banging on the door and yelling at him. Well, I frowned on this method and tried my own alternative. Using TLC I gently put a small stick into the den and very quietly sort of eased him out, talking all the time and rattling the den lock. After a week or so of this all that is needed now is for the key to be put into the lock and out goes the kodkod without any fuss at all. However, one exception exists...Savage Kingdom is only open to the public three days a week and the little cat seems to know that it's time to display his beautiful self on those days. But at other times he almost refuses to let his siesta be disturbed and he especially dislikes leaving his den on cold and rainy days, although the exhibit area is covered and has windbreaks on three sides.

Another situation had occurred with this cat in that once he was put on exhibit and his den door was closed, he would push open the sliding door and go back inside his den. This was solved by putting a small gate latch on the sliding door. Now the kod kod doesn't even try to get back into the den as he knows its futile until closing time rolls around. He does, however, still maintain his fiesty temperament toward me and comes out of his den spitting and defecating at the same time. He isn't at all receptive to my charms such as fresh green grass or Dr. Doolester's special critterchatter. There is no difficulty cleaning his exhibit area as he doesn't even try to attack but rather retreats and hides.

Some visitors upon seeing this rare cat comment that it looked like the domestic tabby, but then their uneducated eyes did not notice the longer canine teeth, the ocelli, and other markings of the exotic cat. Well, Felis guigna



LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

MEETING REPORT
January, 1977

Well we finally met after a six month lapse, at my new home in Riverside. The turn-out was good, about 40 members from areas consisting of L.A., San Diego and the desert. Among those attending were: Lois Constantine, a great photographer; her guest Sandra Choisler, Ralph and A.J. Nordman, Vivian Shambaugh; Linda & George Perkins; Virginia and Moria English; Jill & Ray Malyszka, Jerry & Ricky Crews, Jim & Judi Yoshida, Ray & Delloris Wakeland, J. Forgey, M. Gipfurd, G. Otto, Brad Brafford, Jack & Sam Hagan, Chuck & Bette McIntyer, and sadly, several who must remain anonymous as we can never be too careful. A few extra cats attended also, notably Chuck's beautiful 8 month old male ocelot and two fantastic oncilla's who must remain nameless.

Following the delicious potluck, out speaker was Dr. Bill Centerwall who also presented a great assortment of color slides consisting of cats he encountered on his research safari to South America last summer, some we'd seen before and others whose identity we were unfamiliar with, but each fascinating in their own way. There remains only 5 cats out of the 53 or so species whose blood and genes Dr. Centerwall has not analyzed, among them the flat-headed cat. This aids him in his research on retarded children and their heritage. We were all enthralled with his presentation.

I felt the meeting was a success after so long, and of course we all missed Bob & Lil Smith who had to remain home with some sick cats. It's becoming increasingly difficult to find places to meet anymore. Our main topic of conversation consisted of the myriad of problems we all still face in keeping our cats with us. In fact, my near idyllic life out here in my new home has been marred once more by the fact that I must now apply for a "Menagerie Permit" a fact heretofore not mentioned to me until AFTER I bought this house and moved in with the cats, even though I had checked thoroughly beforehand. Nobody seems to be acquainted with the California laws anymore, not even the "higher-ups" such as Fish & Game, Animal Control, the Planning Commission, or whoever is supposed to know. Perhaps its because the laws seem to change from month to month. But, I'll fight again, and if I lose again, I'll move, it all has a too familiar ring to it.

See you all at convention
Ginny Story

MEETING REPORT
June 5, 1977

Caesar's Palace was the place for our Meeting in June. It is the home of Rick & Sandy Robinson & kids who reside with their pet, a full grown male African lion of truly regal magnificence...named Caesar. The scene became a feline fairyland as all of the animals arrived and took their place beside the pool. While Caesar looked on from his lofty domain there assembled before him an array of beasts as varied of species as to be the most well represented selection our group has ever witnessed. Before the tawney eyes of the great lion was a tiger of fantastic beauty and enormous proportions (though not yet full grown), a large spotted leopard and an adorable black leopard cub, a baby puma and a full grown one, a margay and a baby ocelot and strangest of the group a chimpanzee in diapers who clung around the neck of any human who cared to hold him. The children needless to say were enthralled. Soon the pool became filled with beasts who wished to cool off and it was amazing to see the tiger and the leopard congenially swimming together under the protective tutorage of the Egans to whom they belong. A lot of frivolity took place during our gathering but very little business got done. Our secretary never showed up having had last minute car trouble and it was just too hard to concentrate on matters like conventions with all of those marvelous animals running around.

We will have another intimate, no cat meeting for discussions of this sort. Our next general meeting will be July 17 at the Egan's. Everyone is anxious to see their menagerie as it is reputed to be ever expanding and a rare treat. Exotics Unlimited folks will be invited to be in attendance as well, so that they may be clued in to the coming convention as many will be interested in attending. We are looking forward to this pre convention meeting.

Felinely
Lora Vigne



Latest Word on Bill's Family

Members have contributed \$700 toward the purchase of Bill Engler's feline family. At this time there has been no action taken. The heirs want only the money from Bill's estate. The Douglasses' and the Hatfields are attempting to keep the feline family together and prevent them from being sold at auction. It is hoped that between the money collected in contributions and the cost incurred in "boarding" the animals for the Estate this can be accomplished. It's a worth cause and if you can spare a couple of dollars please send them to: Ken Hatfield, 1991 S.W. 136th Ave., Davie, Fla. 33325.

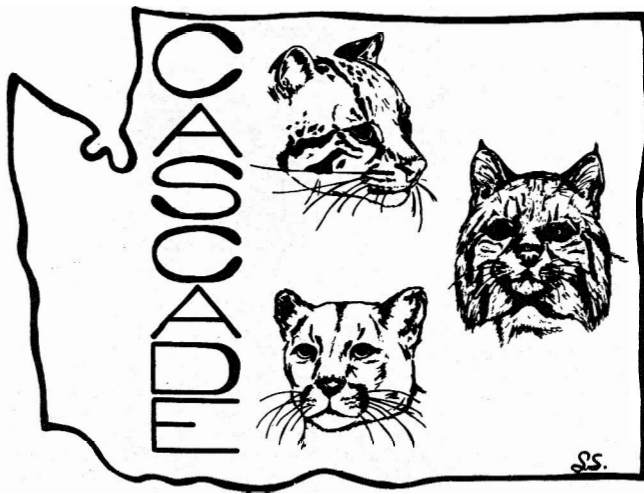


ALOHA

Mike Smith, a Hawaiian member writes to thank the SW club for the plaque it presented him last year at convention for his contributions to the Legal Fund.

He continues, "Would someone please write an article on the clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) and the Geoffroy Cat as pets. Also, how about some photos to go along with it?"

Hope to see you all in san Francisco.
Mike Smith.



MEETING REPORT
April, 1977

Our April meeting proved that spring had sprung - although it seemed more like summer. We had a beautiful 70 degree day in Tacoma. Our meeting was held at Pt. Defiance Park, which proved a little difficult because of all the people there enjoying the weather.

Our guests were Mr. & Mrs. Keith Frederick. Mr. Frederick is the Special Agent representing the U.S.D.I. He handles all permits, ingractions of the Endangered Species Act, etc. and spoke to us on the current situation in regard to out felines - many of which are endangered.

For the first time in months, even years, we were encouraged with regard to the laws we are faced with. He told us of captive species laws that are about to com out and assured us that he will make every effort to work with us. He urged me to extend an invitation to all endangered species owners to contact him (through me if desired) on any questions shipments, whatever of endangered species. I urge all of you to take him up on this. I'll be glad to relay any questions you may have, without giving names, etc. if desired. His name is: Keith Frederick, Special Agent, USDI Fish & Wildlife Service, 1601 2nd Ave. Building, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 442-5543

In regard to endangered species, we learned that in January of this year the bobcat was proposed for listing by the Defenders of Wildlife. Nothing definite has happened yet and it has not appeared in the Fedearl Register for public comment.

Last year we attended the domestic cat shows with an information booth on LIOC. Members expressed little interest in doing it again we we decided to let it ride for the time bieng.

A copy of CATS Magazine was displayed showing LIOC's ad. It was announced that a similar ad will appear in the well-read magazine PACIFIC SEARCH sponsored by the Branch.

May's meeting was shceduled for Liz Ghent's in Seattle. Since our meeting was held in a city park, we had no felines in attendance, but those members and their guests attending were: Liz Ghent, with guests Pearl & Bea, Ginger Bordwell, Cele Bagley, Judy Sauer, Ed Smith & his brother, Terry & I.

Special guest was Rocky Barrick, a well-known artist of North American Wildlife. Rocky has been visiting our feline family getting some ideas for future works. He has done some beautiful rederings of exotics - the most remarkable (in my oppinion) being a bobcat. If you'd be interested in his prints, please contact me.

Felinely yours,
Shelley Starns,
Secretary, CASCADE Branch

MEETING REPORT
May, 1977

Our May meeting was held in Seattle at Liz Ghent's. We were all saddened to learn that Liz had recently lost her male Golden Cat, Willie B. Willie left behind Flower, a beautiful son, Chi Chi and of course Loki, the cougar.

The only other feline in attendance was Zoey, our female jaguarundi. There were lots of photos of everyone else's cats though.

We welcomed new members John & Julie St. John and photos of their Caesar bobcat. He's a beautiful boy and they have many happy years in store for them.

We had a number of guests, among them: Wayne Cleveland (who is interested in ocelots), Martha Anderson Jackie McIntyre, and Jan Raglund (all docents from the Seattle zoo), and our nephew Mark (who has been well initiated into exotics.)

The major discussion of the meeting stemmed from the question "What is the purpose of our group?", asked by one of the zoo docents who was writing an article for their monthly newsletter. The answers are many fold and ones we've all heard before, so I'll spare Newsletter readers! We do find it more and more important all the time to get the "word" out about LIOC and its goals.

It was announced that our June 5th meeting would be at our place in the Form of the "first Annual Cat Tail Picnic"

Before breaking into small groups for discussion, Ed Smith showed a film featuring Auroara the lion from 2 weeks of age to his now 2½ year, 400 lb. size. It's amazing how something that small can get that big in only two years.

Members attending were: Chip DiJulio (who we haven't seen in some time!) Ed Smith, Liz Ghent, Henry & Judy Sauer, Richard & Evelyn Dyck, John & July St. John, and Terry & I.

Amidst Purrs & Growls,
Shelley Starns, Secretary

MEETING REPORT
June 5, 1977

After a week of downpours, which helped our draught situation tremendously, Sunday dawned without a cloud in the sky for our first annual "Cat Tail" Picnic which was held at the Cougar Mountain Breeding Compound. It quickly reached 70- degrees and by 1 pm there were over 50 people enjoying the day. Those attending represented Washington, Oregon and Canada and LIOC; the Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club and the Exotic Feline Breeders Association.

The only guest feline was Tanqueray, a male serval belonging to Don & Connie Schole. An unexpected guest, who whared feeding times with our 5 baby bobcats was an orphaned red squirrel who was being mothered by Ethel Hauser. These two four legged guests weren't without company though as our family of 25 exotics carefully tolerated their intrusion on such a lovely day. Our newest family member, Christopher cougar, took everything in stride, which we thought was remarkable as he had only arrived the previous day.

Of course, on a day like this, we discussed no business but thoroughly enjoyed the weather and the company. Our next meeting was scheduled for sometime in July in Tacoma at the Sauer's.

Amidst Purrs & Growls
Shelley Starnes



EXOTIC CATS / GEORGIA

MEETING REPORT
June, 1977

Exotic Cats/Georgia held its June Meeting at Atlanta's Grant Park Zoo, at which Club President Kat Klass and Director Ray Butts arranged a tour of feline facilities with the zoo's curator of mammals, Ron Jackson. In addition to Kat & Ray, attending members included Merv & Steve Brock, Becky Connelly, Janilyn McCoy, Jane Frostrom, Lee and Rick Brandenburg & Maureen Allen.

Ron Jackson proved to be a knowledgeable and interesting guide, showing members the zoo's four cheetahs, five each leopards & lions, three each jaguars and pumas and a single ocelot, accepted by the zoo following confiscation by game officials.

The animals were in good health and condition although confined in concrete and bar box type cages popular 20 years ago. Each cat has access to both an inside and outside cage; the lions also have a moated "natural" enclosure outdoors. The zoo's goal is implementation of its multi-million dollar "master plan" - providing natural habitats for all animals - which has been approved by the city, but lacks funds.

Ron attributed the cats' good health largely to their Nebraska Brand horsemeat/vitamin diet with "Pet Tabs" vitamin mineral supplement and Ovaban contraceptive.

Following the tour, the club discussed the possibility of fund-raising as a project to help the zoo toward its goal.

In addition, the club sent a contribution in memory of Bill Engler to the Douglasses, who are caring for Bill's cats.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Janilyn McCoy volunteered to act as Historian of Exotic Cats/Georgia, assembling club-related photos in an album and preparing information sheets on our members' cats.

July's meeting will take place at the home of EC/G Vice President Kenny Jones, at which his handsome young Western cougar will no doubt preside, and in August the club has been invited to visit Red Palmer, famed inventor of the tranquilizing gun at his complex just outside Atlanta.

Submitted by:
Maureen Allen, Secretary
Exotic Cats/Georgia



MEETING REPORT
June 11, 1977

The first meeting of the Southwest Branch this year was held in Dallas, Texas at the home of Elmer & Rebecca Morgan.

Our hostess, Pepper bobcat with the help of her domestic roommate Pepper and Shadow entertained everyone.

We spent an enjoyable afternoon getting to know our new members and enjoying the usual cat tales that everyone loves so much.

In the absence of our President, Danny Treanor, who was detained in Mobile because of a new kitten, the meeting was called to order by our Secretary, Rebecca Morgan.

The only pressing matter of business was the election of officers for the year. But since so many of our regular members couldn't make this meeting, we decided to hold elections by mail.

With plans to meet next in Autstin, the meeting was adjourned.

In attendance were hosts Elmer & Rebecca Morgan with Pepper bobcat, Skipper & Shadow domestics, Jack Joy John Liles, Steven Meryo, John & Elfriede Vickery with Guest Marlene Walker, Shirley Williams and son Forrest, Gary, Beverly & Cindy Burger and John Duke with fiance Gale.

We missed the many regular members that couldn't be with us and hope to see them at the next meeting.

Submitted by:
Rebecca Morgan
Secretary/Treasurer

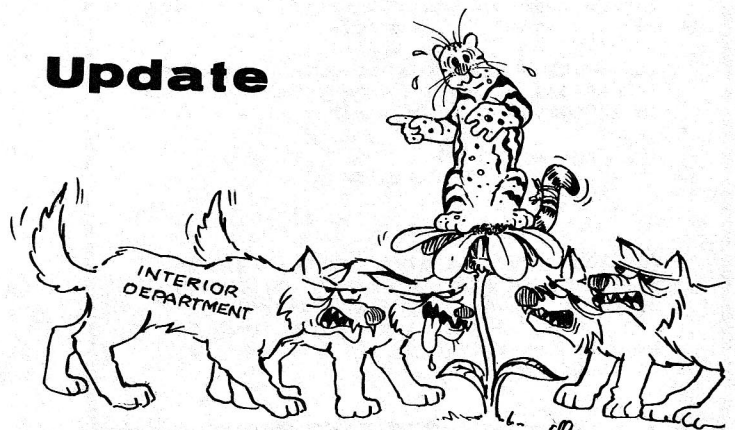
Legal Fund

Since the donation generated by the Auction at Convention last year there has been little activity in the Legal Fund. However, the following folks haven't forgotten and have sent in a contribution.

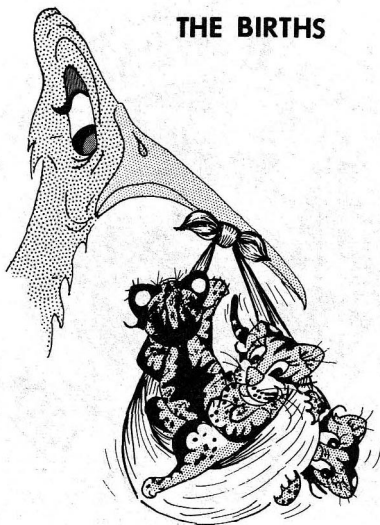
Pacific Northwest Branch
Mike Smith (his 12th)
Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club (2)
Doug Eller
Jacques Picard
Ethel Hauser (2)
Gary Butler
Herb & Barbara Wilton
And..Oregon Educational Club made a donation in Bill Englers name.as a memorial.

We can and should do better...if we don't generate the money we cannot afford to fight. There is sure to be a discussion of the matter at Convention - why not be there and ad your 2¢ worth.

Update



THE BIRTHS



The month of May was a bountiful one for ocelot kits in the state of Florida. The Hatfields report in with 5 new babies of that species, the Kindts one kit and another kit at the Seidens.

Jean Towns writes from California that there are cougar babies, as well as jungle cats (*Felis Chaus*) among the newcomers there.

And a call from Connecticut...John Perry reports his domestic born male geoffroy cat sired his first kit at one year of age...mother and new kit doing well.

And the Martinats wrote saying the morning of May 27th momma cougar, Terra presented them with three babies. Papa Rajah seems more upset by the experience than does mama who is taking it all in her stride.

Bobcat & Lynx Next

On Wednesday, July 13th, 1977 the FEDERAL REGISTER carried notice that the U.S.D.I. has been requested by the Defenders of Wildlife to place the bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) and the lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) on the Endangered Species list. The U.S.D.I. agrees that such consideration is needed and has asked for comments.

Information regarding the status of the bobcat and Lynx should be submitted within 120 days (from 7/13/77) to:

Director (FWS/OES)
Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S.D.I.
Washington, D.C. 20240

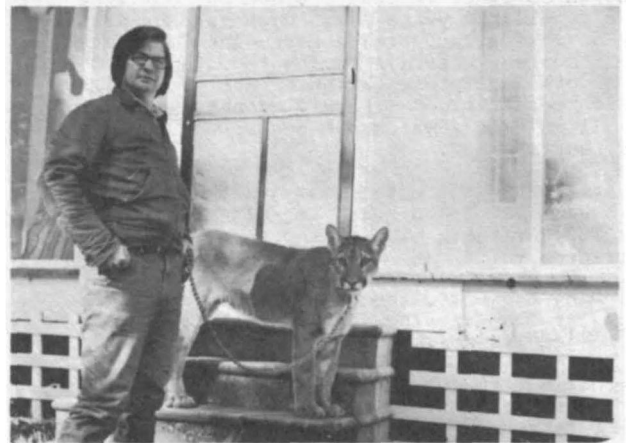
The Department is also petitioning the Governors of all states and the governments of Canada and Mexico for their opinions, seeking any factual information on these species and their status in their areas.

Rocky

We received Rocky from Wisconsin when he was 5½ weeks old. Rocky arrived via Delta airlines and when we uncrated him in the livingroom he was a very scared little cat. Fortunately, he soon adapted to his new surroundings and followed us everywhere.

Because we live in a 12x60 mobile home, raising a cougar was more than hectic at times. He definitely did some permanent damage to the furniture, floors and walls but it was caused only by his over-abundant energy. Compared to the love and fun we've had with him however, it doesn't amount to much.

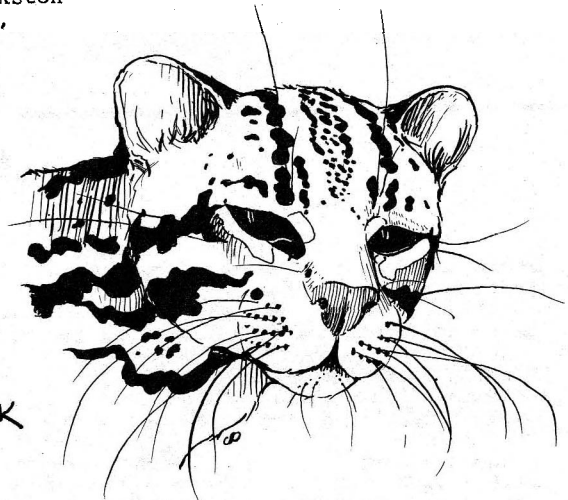
We shared our mobile home with Rocky until he was about 6½ months old and a pretty good size boy. In April we moved him to an outside pen. It is 8x20x8 with a large wooden box for a den and running water. Rocky eats between 5-10 pounds of meat daily. We are lucky in that we are able to obtain most of his meals from local dairy and chicken farmers thereby keeping cost down a little.



Since we no longer have a way to weigh him we have to estimate his weight at around 100 pounds. Although he loves to run and play with me, I just can't handle him and he must wait for Ronnie to take him for his daily romps. After his walk he returns to be loved and petted purring and talking to us.

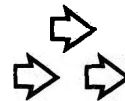
One day we hope to have an ocelot - something a bit smaller that I can handle. In the meanwhile, Rocky will more than keep us occupied. We wouldn't trade him for all the domestic pets we've known.

Cynthia Bankston
Ponchatoula,



HANK

OOPS!!!



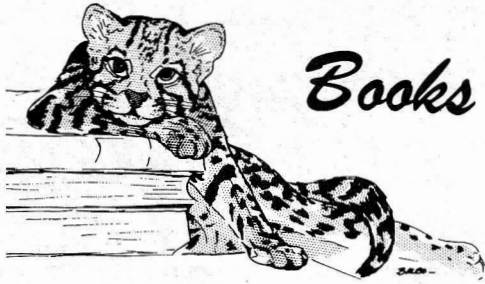
It was overlooked in the last issue, but B. J. Lester did such a great job with the Exoticat Crossword Puzzle that we want her to receive full credit for her efforts - Thanks B. J.!!

Well Worth While

One of our vitally important "duties" as exotic owners is that of keeping comprehensive daily notes on our furry friends and companions. With the ever-increasing need for knowledge on exotics, these notes (in the form of a diary) may well prove invaluable as a reference to some of the studies presently being initiated.

Sometimes its hard to know where to start with these notes and observations though. A truly good 13 page booklet entitled "STUDYING WILD MAMMALS IN CAPTIVITY" is now available to LIOC members. For a copy send \$1.00 to:

LIOC
Shelley Starns
P. O. Box 99542
Tacoma, WA. 98499



The Lady & her Tiger

By Pat Derby with Peter S. Beagle
E.P. Dutton & Co., \$8.95, also in paperback

** This book is definately drawing mixed reviews among LIOC members. One member wrote briefly to say she enjoyed it and then again there is the following:

This book, while throughout preaching the "evils" of private ownership of exotics, depicts perfectly a good hearted person who also has little business owning exotics! The underlying current saying, "I can have them because I know how and understand them, but you can't" is always present and makes for depressing and distressing reading.

One example of the "knowledge of exotics" sticks in your mind .. an incident involving the transfer of a lion. The trip included a lion, obviously, and a transfer trailer that was known to be inadequate. While going down a busy California freeway at 70 miles an hour, passerbys were honking and pointing back to the trailer. Knowing the condition of the trailer the transporters (in this case Pat Derby and a non English speaking helper who knew little or nothing about exotics) were afraid to look back for some time and when they finally did, discovered an untame, full grown, male lion three quarters of which was hanging out of a window over pavement speeding by!

Granted there are some people who should not have exotics but this book does a poor job of discouraging it or showing how the Derbys did much better. Devoted owners take heart!

Reviewed by Shelley Starns.

So, the best we can advise our readers about this book is to read it for yourself. Many know the Derbys from Pat's frequent appearances on the Tonight program where she invariably displayed loving animals along with the them "I can but you shouldn't".

REGISTRATION IS IMPORTANT!

Thank You!

I want to thank each and every one of you who have taken the time, in response to my pleas, and written an article, or forwarded information to the Newsletter.

I also want to answer several letters I have received to the affect of "didn't you get my article, why wasn't it in the last issue, was there something wrong with it, or just asking for acknowledgment.

As much as I'd like to acknowledge each contribution and probably should, I just cant. Priorities come into play and each moment spent at the typewriter in correspondance cuts down on the time spent in readying the Newsletter for publication. There are only so many hours in the day and I divide mine between working outside the home, my eleven cats and occasional kittens demanding a bottle, housework and keeping up with hubby Danny. Perhaps a printed acknowledgement is in order although personally I'd rather have no answer than a form letter - what do you feel on the subject?

Your contributions are needed and wanted and appreciated - without them the Newsletter is nothing. It seems for awhile there is a flood of material and then we beg, scream and pull out our head for lack of it.....it seems to be a cycle...maybe in any instance. But you are important! We fill the pages trying to balance stories on different species, those articles with & without pictures (photos over a certain number cost more!) fun versus fact,...in otherwords from all the material on hand we try to present a variety in each issue.

Please understand and don't become discouraged, keep those cards & letters coming. One column of the newsletter is a 5' line of a full legal page. The newsletter is sent to the printer as a 14'x 17' page which is reduced to the 8x11 size you receive.....it takes a lot of material to keep it going - especially in a 16' page form. I went so long without material it hurts to use it for fear that a couple of issues from now there won't be anymore.

So folks if in the balancing of fun/fact, with or without photos, dated and undated material you do not get printed immediately don't get discouraged. We need every word and especially could use some fresh artwork and cartoons, or for that matter anything else you would relate to someone that you found interesting...even an article from another source. We're only to glad to have hand written article - we have to retype everything and can correct spelling - don't let those excuses stop you. The Newsletter that goes out is only as good as what comes in.

Thanks again folks, but don't stop now...we need plenty of material on hand if we're to get this thing back on schedule, we will you know, but only with your help.

Art Happenings

Defenders of Wildlife are offering two posters you might be interested in. The first is that of a handsome bobcat (bearing the legend "Save the Bobcat") the second a poster showing the North American cats - jaguarundi, lynx, ocelot, jaguar and cougar. Price \$3.00 each from Defenders, 1244 19th St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20036.



Framehouse Gallery is offering the Canada Lynx by Charles Frace' in limited edition - 3000 signed copies for \$50.00 image size is 22"x18" its available from Frame House Gallery, Louisville, Ky. or any store carrying their line.

First Aid & Remarks: Clean the matted material with warm 2% saline solution (use non-iodized salt) Murine can also be used. Do not attempt to treat further, see your veterinarian.

RESPIRATORY DISEASES - Symptoms: General symptoms 1,2,3 and possibly 4 and 6. Keep your cat warm and dry. Get to your veterinarian as soon as possible.

PANLEUKOPENIA (Enteritis) - Symptoms: Fever of 103.5 degrees F to 104.5 degrees F. Balance affected. May drink but vomits afterward, refuses food; lethargic. Sits up in preference to lying down; often sits over water dish. Associated general symptoms 1,2,3,4 and 5.

No first aid. See your veterinarian at once; you have a chance. Insist that he test for enteritis as several other diseases are very similar.

"FITS" or CONVULSIONS - Symptoms: Cat runs wildly, "swims" on floor, uncontrollable jerking or movement of feet and body, foaming at mouth, glassy eyes.

Place animal in dark, quiet room or cage; keep warm and quiet. Handle as little as possible and only with heavy gloves and jacket. Place icepack on cat's head, if possible and take cat to veterinarian immediately. Avoid being bitten by cat and wash thoroughly after handling. Check the possibility of poisoning.

EYE INFECTION OR INJURY - Symptoms: Tearing, discharge, white of eye red, inflammation. Cat paws at eyes.

EAR INFECTION OR INJURY - Symptoms: Loss of balance; redness in ear; cat pawing at ears, shaking head, etc. Related General Symptom 7.

First Aid & Remarks: Clean ears with warm olive or mineral oil, on a cotton swab. Repeat twice daily if condition persists after 3 days see your Vet.

TOOTH ABCESS - Symptoms: Swelling and redness of gum near affected teeth. Subsequent swelling of side of face. Sharp pain and tenderness in affected area. Area very sensitive to touch.

First Aid & Remarks: Cold packs help if you can keep them on; otherwise see your veterinarian.

CHOKING (Foreign object in throat) - Symptoms: Gagging, coughing.

First Aid & Remarks: See if coughing dislodges the object, if not, see your veterinarian. If breathing stops, hold cat to your chest with hands locked under ribcage giving a sharp tug; you can try holding cat upside down and patting on its back. Failing all else try to dislodge object with your fingers.

MORE TO COME!! This is a reprint of a series of six articles run in the 1968 Newsletters. This is valuable knowledge to have on hand..READ, ABSORB AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Next issue - Poisons & Counterdoes.



QUITO, an eight year old male ocelot is another of those who share their home with Ginny Story. Photo by Victoria Thomas