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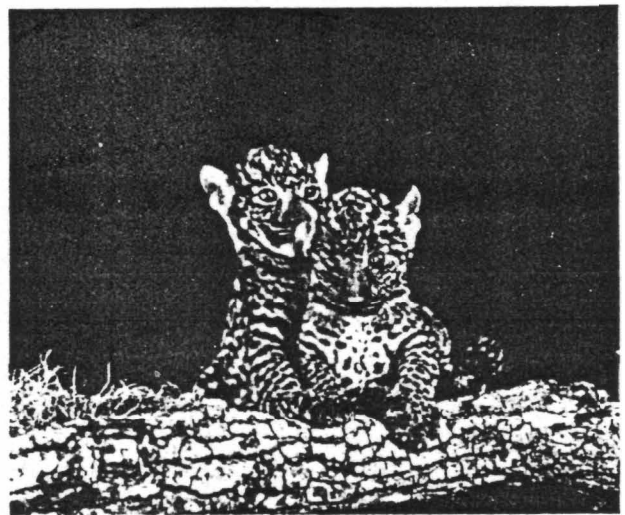
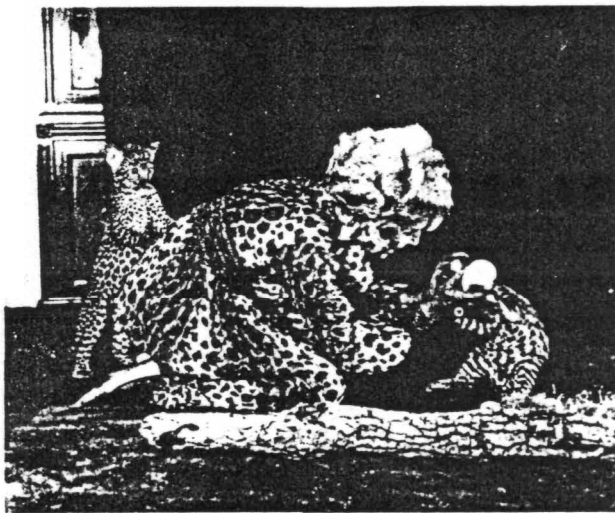
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Shown above is Gladys Lewis with some of her charges. Gladys has the eviable chore of helping to raise the kits born at Robert Baudy's compound. Above are lep-jags (upper right) Gladys with leopard, & lep/jag, black leopard & lep/jag and Gladys with lep/jag and lion cub. Also see story page 3.



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CAT LADY OF THE LAKE

by B. J. Lester

The Cat Lady of the Lake...that's what her friends endearingly call her...better known to many, many exotic cat owners as Gladys Lewis. For six years she has been raising almost all the exotic cats born at Robert Baudy's RARE FELINE BREEDING COMPOUND in Center Hill, Fla. Total count has reached 80 babies and Gladys says she remembers ALL of them .. most of whom she named. Gladys has a lovely home on Lake Panasoffkee in Florida about 12 miles from Baudy's where she has lots of spare rooms, peace and quiet plus she has the time to devote to the rare felines. As any LIOCer knows who has raised exotics, it takes more than just time..it includes patience, tender loving care, a sixth sense and tough hands to go through the whole process from birth through weaning and thereafter. Of course, much depends on the age at which the baby is removed from its mother as to the care involved.

Baudy's baby exotic cats are removed anywhere from one day of age up to three weeks. And, some are left with the mothers for raising if she is a good one. His reasons for "pulling" the kits are varied.. some mothers have no milk, some are hostile to the young, some ignore their offspring, and some have more progeny than mammary glands, etc. But the top reasons for taking the babies away is that many rare, endangered species (such as the snow leopard and clouded leopard) and Baudy doesn't gamble on losing them. So he pulls them. And, that's where Gladys takes over.



She picks up the babies from the Compound nursery and totes them home via her Cadillac in a clean cardboard box. The babies feel secure in such a "den" where they usually stay for a few weeks, bedded down with a heating pad and soft towels. They are disturbed only at feeding time, every three hours or so when Gladys talks to them is very affectionate and gently handling each and every one. She piddles them after each bottle and attends to their every need. Then she leaves them alone until the next feeding.

As the babies reach four to six weeks of age, they are allowed to romp and play among themselves after their bottle. Just imagine, a room full of Siberian lynx, Clouded leopards, ocelots, servals, Chinese leopards and black jaguars. Yes, its true! And during the 1976 baby boom, Gladys had a potpourri of pussycats such as lep-jags, pumas, African leopards, Siberian Tigers and black leopards.

Whenever anyone phones to chat and asks what she's doing, Gladys almost invariably replies "making formula and feeding babies". When questioned as to why she volunteers so much time and money to raise the cats, Gladys respond that she "cares about the conservation of cats" (LIOC themesong) especially the endangered ones. She also just plain enjoys the little ones, even though it cuts

into her social life a bit, limiting shopping time away from home to three hours! But the rewards are numerous though not monetary.

After weaning at approximately six weeks of age, the babies go back to the Baudy Compound where they stay in the nursery for a few more weeks before going on exhibit or being sold. The people who eventually own these cats often write or call Gladys for a piece of advise, or just to tell her how great the cat is doing. Some of her babies become nightclub performers, some are pets and others are used in commercial enterprises and some are breeders in large zoos.

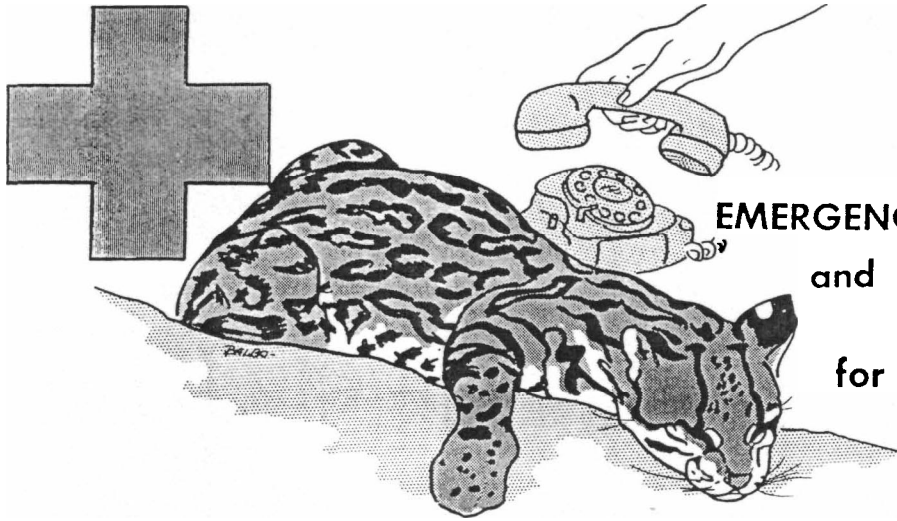
Gladys' babies are so very tame they recognize her voice even after they are two years old. Some of them even continue to take a bottle at five months of age even though they are completely on solids.

One interesting aspect of her cat raising methods is the devotion her cats extend to her, even after they leave her. Gladys raised an Indian leopard (male) with a spotted jaguar female from kittenhood in her home, when they matured, not knowing they were from different continents and not the same species, they mated and eventually produced four litters of hybrids called Lep-jags. The first one is now over two years old, Suma by name, and he is still a growing boy at 150 pounds plus. His front end seems to be jaguar, (large head, wide front legs and stocky shoulders) and his rear quarters look like the sleek leopard (long tail). His behavior, now that he is on exhibit at Savage Kindgom, towards his foster mother, named Gladys, is that of a domestic kitten...he rolls, tall rubs against the cage, and lets Gladys pet him with his claws sheathed and teeth inside his mouth. Suma doesn't like anyone else at all, though, not even the author who is his keeper.

When Gladys raised one of Baudy's female servals, she became so attached to it that she bought the cat, her name is Elana, and has had her for a number of years. This regal African spotted cat with bat-like ears has now produced offspring. Even though she has given birth, Elana still is docile, walks around Gladys' home which connects to her outdoor cage, and used to ride in the car (before Florida law restricted this). Elana is quite an elegant lady feline - Gladys Lewis is quite an elegant lady herself. And the exotic cat at Baudy's are indeed fortunate to have such a friend



We asked Gladys which species was her favorite. She found it difficult to pinpoint any one but finally told us the following: African Leopard is her favorite; puma easiest to raise; Clouded leopard and Siberian Lynx most challenging to raise and the Siberian tiger the most fun. If any LIOC member would like to chat with Gladys about exotic felines, she can be reached at (904)793 2702 and would be happy to talk to you.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES and FIRST AID for EXOTIC CATS

POISONS & COUNTERDOSES

The symptoms of poisons include intense abdominal pain, retching, crouching or hunching, hemorrhage, convulsions, hard breathing and coma. An overdose of an otherwise benign substance is often indicated by a short period of medicinal effect followed by many of the symptoms of poisoning and especially by coma in the case of tranquilizers, sleeping pills or barbituates.

Minutes count when your cat is poisoned or overdosed. Often the container which held the substance is nearby; this should be recovered since the label will contain a list of ingredients and often the exact antidote. Call the veterinarian's office and give a description of symptoms and the name of the offending substance (your local poison control center is a lifesaver also). If possible, have someone make this call while you are on the way to the hospital. Take the container with you.

Prepare the appropriate counterdose or take the materials with you in the car. Ideally, a second person travels with you and gives the cat the counterdose while also watching carefully for symptoms of heart stoppage, respiratory failure or shock. If your home is within 5 minutes travel time of the veterinarian's office, you may not wish to give the counterdose except in the case of strong acidic or basic (alkaline) poisons.

To obtain the correct counterdose for many poisons, locate the substance on the list of poisons which follows and refer to the counterdose with the number which matches that following the poison. Be careful to match poison and counterdose accurately. The counterdose amounts given are too large for a small cat, but by following the recipe you will mix the medicine in the correct concentration. An overdose is not serious since most of the ingredients are harmless and you are going to the hospital anyway. Be sure to note the item and quantity of the counterdose given.

Poisons	Counterdose #
Acids -----	16
Bichloride of Mercury -----	6
Camphor -----	1
Carbon Monoxide -----	17
Chlorine Bleach -----	8
Disinfectant	
A. With Chlorine -----	8
B. With Carbolic Acid -----	12
Food Poisoning -----	11
Furniture polish -----	15
Gasoline, Kerosene -----	15
Household Ammonia -----	10

Insect & Rat Poison	
A. with Arsenic -----	2
B. With Sodium Fluoride -----	13
C. with DDT -----	11
D. with Phosphorus -----	5
E. with Strychnine -----	14
Iodine Tincture -----	4
Lye -----	10
Oil of Wintergreen -----	9
Pine Oil -----	15
Rubbing Alcohol -----	9
Turpentine -----	15
Washing Soda -----	10

Overdoses

Barbituate -----	3
Iron Compounds -----	7
Sleeping medicines -----	3
Tranquilizers -----	3
Barbituates -----	3
Iron Compounds -----	7
Sleeping Medicines -----	3
Tranquilizers -----	3
Aspirin, headache or cold compounds -----	9

COUNTERDOSE LIST

#	Counterdose
1	Induce vomiting with emetic such as a tablespoon of mustard in half glass of water, soap and warm water, finger in throat, grass or celery, salt on back of throat, etc.
2	Give a mixture of 1 to tablespoons activated charcoal, 1 tablespoon milk of magnesia, 6 tablespoons of strong tea. Induce vomiting.
3	Give mixture as in #2 and induce vomiting as in #1. Give 2 tablespoons epsom salts in 2 glasses of water. Give large quantities of coffee or strong tea.
4	Give 2 oz. thick starch paste (cornstarch or flour and water). Then give 2 oz salt in 1 quart of warm water until vomit fluid is clear - finally, give milk.
5	Give 4 oz 3% hydrogen peroxide. Give 1 tablespoon sodium bicarbonate in quart of warm water. Induce vomiting DO NOT GIVE vegetable or other oil.
6.	For each tablet eaten give white of 2 raw eggs in milk. Give mixture as in #2. Give 1 oz of epsom salts in a pint of water

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ITSAWHAT?

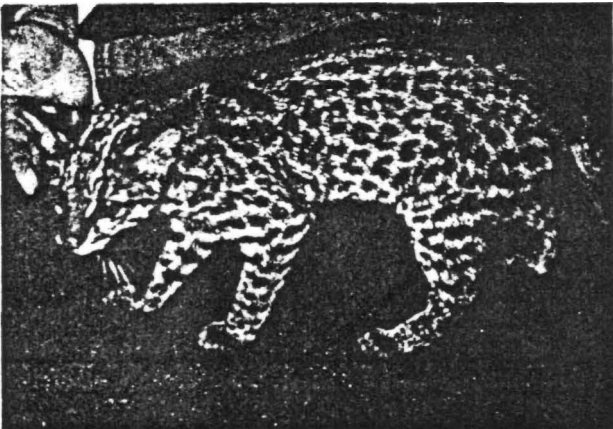
Our little Gensie is one of the many cats who feels it is essential that she be noticed. I'm sure most of you fellow exotic owners must have at one time or another been very weary of repeatedly explaining the size, nature, diet, habits and origin of your cats, in response to "How big will it get when it grows up?", or "Does it bite?" "what does it eat?", "Can you touch it?", "Where did you find it?", etc, etc.....

Since Gensie began her travel career at one day of age it seems only natural to grab a couple of her favorite toys and haul them into the carrier when she sees me packing a suitcase, of course I must first convince her that I really do not want her assistance organizing my own belongings which is no easy task. As departure time nears she bounds about, leaping to my shoulders and circling my neck purring loudly all the while with her little ears flapping with excitement.

I have no difficulty getting her into the carrier, for each time I pass near it during my routine she trots quickly in, spins round lifts all four simultaneously, wearing that silly grin she seems to have inherited from her father, Sir, ears still flapping and purring happily.

Now I ask, would you have the heart to leave her behind?

On one occasion there was no carrier in the room and poor Gensie ran about frantically squealing her frenzied disbelief and concern, so I brought a cardboard box in and placed it beside the desk where her carrier would usually stand before a trip. This satisfied her completely, she loped about, in and out of the carton just as she would have done with the carrier. In the past I have sometimes questioned her intellect, but on this occasion I excused her actions because there is quite a variety of carriers in this household, all of which she has used at one time or another. We will return to those types of carriers and her ability to make her presence known in spite of the contraption we conceal (?) her in.



Except for her initial trip, a flight, which I doubt she would remember, her travel has been by auto (or truck which she enjoys equally) so she is quite comfortable and quite well behaved while I drive. She prefers to lay across the back of the seat and rest her head on my shoulders, watching the landscape disappear into the rear of the door window beside me. Unlike her nature at home or in motel rooms, or at friends homes, she is quite calm and almost lathargic while in route. If she is travelling with other companions (human or feline) whose presence requires her confinement to a carrier for the balance of travel time, she seems not to mind at all as long as she is included. The amusement begins when we make a stop. Gensie knows a stop means new faces....like a gas station attendant who asked where we got the cougar - (Gensie's full weight has never exceeded 5 lbs) as

she stood ears flapping and eyes darting (she just woke up) grinning happily to see another face, purring her pleasure.

We all know that there are times when we just are in no mood to answer all the questions and in those cases we attempt to conceal Gensie's identity by using a variety of seemingly foolproof carriers. Our first carrier was so terrific (or so we thought) because it did not appear to be an animal carrier at all. It allowed sufficient air to her and unfortunately more than sufficient air to us from inside the carrier. You see, Gensie is one of those who when excited will "pass air". Since one of her favorite dishes is a blend of rich milk, baby food, egg yolk, and vitamins, this is quite an embarrassment as you sit or stand trying to pretend you do not notice the terrible aroma clouding from time to time around you. We decided this deadly silence was not the answer, and gave her a carrier that had a tiny mesh which allowed her to see out of, and when covered with a baby blanket, no one could see her. This satisfied her only for a short time, after which she began to emit her strange rasping cry for attention and recognition. Between cries all who were near enough could hear the ever present loud purrrrrrrrr. We graduated to the carriers with only a few openings in the nature of little round holes (about 1 inch in diameter). Much to my dismay as I sat leafing casually through a magazine, carrier in my lap, the lady sitting next to me emitted such a shriek that I nearly leaped from my chair. I glanced down to see this little paw grasping the lady's sleeve. I stared in disbelief as for the first time I saw the actual extended length of Gensie's right front leg exposed to the shoulder from this minute little hole in the end of the carrier.

No damage was done to the lady's clothing and we all had a chuckle as I moved a chair away, putting a safe distance between anything but Gensie & myself. I returned to my magazine but right away my awareness of mysurroundings was revived as I heard a couple of snickers to my right. I leaned to look at the side of the carrier (which seemed to be the source of the amusement) and saw Gensie's eyeball pressed firmly to one of the upper holes and her paw dangling affably out of a lower one, and I became aware of the vibrating purrrrrrr.

I attempted next to cover her carrier with a towel - have you ever seen a bath towel inch its way through a tiny hole? The spectators' eyes widen with amusement.

The minute she gains recognition, as she always does, the inevitable question is asked, "What is it?" to which I reply: "Oh, just a silly oncilla.", awaiting the inevitable second question: "It's a what?!" I now ask Gensie, "Okay Itsawhat, ready to go?" And with her incessant purr and a silly oncilla grin she zips into the carrier; whips around and flops on her belly facing me, funny little ears going like mad, all prepared for the next adventure.

Pat Quillen

WILTONS CAN STAY

Clacamas County (Washington) Commissioners have given Herb & Barbara Wilton permission to keep their three cougars, ocelot and lion in a two to one decision. The Wiltons reside in a "light industrial" zone and their problems began at the complaint of a neighbor.

The Commissioners stated however that this does not set a precedent and that others wishing to keep exotic cats will be judged on the individual merit of their situation.



E.S.S.A. Findings on Bobcat and Lynx



Below are excerpts from the comments by the Endangered Species Scientific Authority (ESSA) on the export in international trade of the bobcat and lynx as published in Volume 42, No. 168 of the Federal Register, Tuesday, August 20, 1977.

Before the Federal Wildlife Permit Office of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that serves as Management Authority (MA) for the Convention can issue permits for foreign export of Appendix II (generally these species not necessarily now threatened with extinction, but which may become so unless trade in them is subject to strict regulation) species taken from the wild, the ESSA must first find and advise the MA that the export will not be detrimental to the survival of the species. The ESSA has established in its interim charter the following criteria for determining whether an export (for purpose of import or introduction from the sea) will not be detrimental to the survival of the species:

1. Whether similar export, import or introduction from the sea has occurred in the past, and has not reduced the numbers or distribution of the species, nor caused signs of ecological or behavioral stress within the species of the affected ecosystem.

2. Whether life history parameter of the species and the structure and function of its ecosystem indicate that the present frequency of export, import or introduction from the sea will not appreciably reduce the numbers or distribution of the species, nor cause signs of ecological or behavioral stress within the species of the affected ecosystem.

3. Whether such export, import or introduction from the sea is expected to increase, decrease or remain constant in frequency.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is currently reviewing the status of the bobcat, lynx, river otter, and American ginseng to determine whether they should be proposed and Endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. On July 13, 1977 the Service published a notice of review for the bobcat and lynx (42 FR 35996). Finding of the ESSA on commercial international export of these species for the 1977-78 season will be based on a State-by-State assessment of the status of each species. The variation among the States in species status indicated that such an individualized approach would best give the ESSA the necessary basis for finding whether export would not be detrimental to the survival of the species. The ESSA usually reviews applications on a case-by-case basis, but the large volume of trade in these species calls for general findings.

These preliminary findings represent the best data available to ESSA, and although little harvest of these species is expected for the next few months, these preliminary findings are effective immediately to prevent last minute stockpiling of pelts. Because the ESSA cannot find in favor of international export without supporting evidence, foreign export cannot be permitted from States for which sufficient data and adequate regulatory mechanisms are lacking.

Regulation of bobcat, lynx and river otter harvest varies considerably from State to State. Hunters, trappers and dealers usually must be licensed by the State. Although methods of reporting vary from State to State, the most common means are

dealer reports of purchases or sales and surveys based on voluntary trapper reports of take. Such estimates may not accurately reflect the harvest or trends in the harvest.

Analyses of State harvests are further complicated by changes in State regulations, and trapping and hunting seasons. Currently, tagging of pelts is required in only 9 states for bobcat and 5 states for river otters, but several additional states have plans or proposals to implement such systems in the near future. Several states require tagging of fur shipments but not pelts.

The bobcat is completely protected in 12 states, the lynx by 9 states and the river otter by 23 states. Most States allowing harvest have defined hunting or trapping seasons.

No States have established seasonal limits on total legal harvest of any of these species.

PRE-NOTICE SPECIMENS

Although these preliminary ESSA findings require the MA to prohibit or restrict international commercial export of pelts and roots taken in the 1977-78 season, the ESSA expressly find that the export of any pelts and roots of the four named species will not be detrimental to the survival of the species if the pelts and roots were obtained from the wild before the date of this notice.

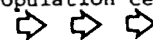
ESSA approval of these pre-notice commercial and international exports will expire November 1, 1977 giving time for the bulk of pelts and roots taken in the 1976-77 season to be exported.

FINDINGS IN GENERAL

Prior to November 1, 1977, the ESSA for its part approves commercial international export of all American Ginseng roots, bobcat, lynx and river otter pelts obtained from the wild prior to the date of this notice. In addition, the ESSA approves the commercial international export of river otters and American Ginseng taken subsequent to this notice, but only if the applicant can prove that the pelts were obtained from one of the 17 states named below in the River Otter section, or from Michigan in the case of American Ginseng, and only to the extent authorized in that section for each state.

BOBCAT

In evaluating the bobcat, the ESSA relied in part on State fur harvest and price reports summarized in Fur Catch in the United States, 1934-70, and more recently on answers to a questionnaire circulated to State agencies by the fur Resources Committee of the International Association of Fish & Game Agencies, 1970-71, until the present. Data on the number of bobcats killed and recovered per fiscal year were provided by the Federal Animal Damage Control Division (ADC) of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1958-present. Other data were obtained from the States and miscellaneous other sources. Little population census information is available.



DISCUSSION

The bobcat is a secretive animal, widely distributed across the lower 48 states and occupying many habitat types. In recent years, greatly increased fur prices, far above any measure of inflation have contributed to an increase in hunting and trapping pressure on the bobcat. In addition, it is generally acknowledged among wildlife professionals that bobcats are easily trapped. For example, Milton Caroline of Texas ADC reported "Bobcat psychology is such that, unlike coyote, an experience trapper can cut into the population without much difficulty."

Population dynamics of bobcat in seven northwestern states (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota) are apparently influenced by densities of rabbit a primary prey, which fluctuate although not in predictable cycles.

Superimposed on this fluctuating pattern is a possible overall decline in population size as reflected by ADC recovery data, from the early 1960 until the present, perhaps brought by decline in available habitat, reaction to control efforts against other predators (especially coyote) and especially increased hunting and trapping pressure, particularly from the late 1960's until the present.

The intensive trapping effort of the 1970's brought by the sudden increase in price has been imposed on populations subject to natural fluctuations in numbers and possibly involved in a general long-term decline. Although reported harvest in the 1970's has been great in the northwestern States, recent reported harvests do not always reflect the continual rising price. The inability of State harvests to keep and maintain pace with rising price suggest that bobcat may be already over-harvested in at least some States.

The status of the bobcat is more variable outside of the northwest and discussion is deferred to analysis by State. However, the patterns of the Northwestern States occur in whole or part in many other States and several of these States have initiated protective actions. Increasing harvests in California and in the southern States suggests that peak harvest may not yet have been reached, perhaps because of lower price than in the North.

The recent history of soaring price followed by rise and then, in some States, drop or destabilization of harvest, coupled with the apparent general lack of adequate State management of harvest, leaves the ESSA without grounds for approval of any commercial bobcat export for the 1977-78 season.

For the reasons discussed above and analyzed by State the ESSA is unable to find that international commercial export of bobcat pelts or products of animals taken from the wild during the 1977-78 season anywhere in the United States after the date of this notice will not be detrimental to the survival of the species. All Convention export permits presently in force or subsequently issued by the MA must conform to this finding. For bobcat pelts and products taken from the wild before the date of this notice, the ESSA finds that export prior to November 1, 1977 will not be detrimental to the survival of the species.

LYNX

It has been widely documented that populations of lynx cycle in response to changes in density of snowshoe hare, a major prey. Early post partum mortality of kittens (probably starvation related) and reduced conception rates among yearlings may contribute to the decline in the lynx population.

Based on radio tracking data which show that lynx in Alaska range further and spend more time hunting during years of low prey density, Berrie postulated that lynx are disproportionately vulnerable to trapping in "low" years. If trapping during

those years is not prohibited, he predicts that a progressive dampening in amplitude of the lynx cycle would result, because the time lag between increases of hare and lynx would lengthen. Eventually, lynx might be reduced to isolated pockets in the most remote parts of Alaska.

A similar prediction was made by C. Brand, University of Wisconsin. Brand stated orally that for lynx in Alberta, Canada, the time lag between hare and lynx expansions, which has been about one year in the past, will lengthen due to increased trapping pressure. Unless the season is completely closed during years of lows and expansion, local and regional extinctions may occur. Brand has recommended that the Alberta government close the season, now, because this year the population of hares should begin to expand.

More recently, Berrie reported that in central Alaska, lynx should be emerging from a low in 1977. Although there is apparent asynchrony in cycles between different populations of Alaska lynx the next high is not expected until 1981 or 1982. A price per pelt of up to \$350. led to an intensive trapping effort last season. This year, with the pipeline construction efforts decreasing, Berrie predicted an increase in the trapping force because of rising unemployment. In addition, Berrie reported that the capacity of individual trappers utilizing snowmobiles and new oil roads has apparently increased three times beyond the capacity of most ambitious trapper utilizing dogs.



Lynx are much less widely distributed throughout the lower 48 states and have been reported extirpated in Massachusetts, New York, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Where they do occur, lynx are generally scarce or transient, but have been subject to increased trapping pressure recently due to increased pelt prices.

For reasons discussed above and analyzed by State, the ESSA is unable to find that international export of lynx pelts or products of animals taken from the wild during the 1977-78 season anywhere in the United States after the date of this notice will not be detrimental to the survival of the species. All Convention export permits presently in force or subsequently issued by the MA must conform with this finding. For lynx pelts and products of animals taken from the wild before the date of this notice, the ESSA finds that export prior to November 1, 1977 will not be detrimental to the survival of the species.

Analysis by State

Below is a breakdown of pelts taken by state. Where the cat does not occur N/A is shown. Figures shown reflect the most current available and prices per pelt reflect the state-wide average. Some states require pelts and or pelt shipments be tagged, these are so noted. The number of pelts taken reflect both those collected by trappers and those taken by state conservation officials - since most states make no restrictions on individual sport hunters these "takes" are not included in the figures. Most figures here represent reports by fur industry representatives of the state harvest in pelts.

STATE	RESTRICTIONS	YEAR	#	PRICE	RESTRICTIONS	YEAR	#	PRICE
Alabama	None	67/68	90	1.46	N/A			
Alaska	N/A				None	76/77	2646	\$350.
Arizona	None	76/77	7272	\$67.00	N/A			
Arkansas	None	74/75	761	17.15	N/A			
California	None	75/76	2500	133.50	N/A			
Colorado	None	74/75	804	48.84	Totally Protected			
Connecticut	Totally Protected				Protected			
Delaware	N/A				N/A			
Florida	None	68/69	20	-	N/A			
Georgia	None	76/77	864	40.02	N/A			
Hawaii	N/A				N/A			
Idaho	None	75/76	485	100.21	None	74/75	15	228.51
Illinois	Protected				N/A			
Indiana	Protected				N/A			
Iowa	Protected				N/A			
Kansas	Protected				N/A			
Kentucky	Protected				N/A			
Louisiana	None	76/77	5355	50.00	N/A			
Maine	Tags							
	Required	76/77	436	-	Protected			
Maryland	N/A				N/A			
Massachusetts	None	76/77	13	78.00	Extinct			
Michigan	Tags	76/77	341	125.00	Protected			
Minnesota	Tags	74/75	175	80.00	Tags	73/74	72	-
Mississippi	None	75/76	4374	-	N/A			
Missouri	Protected				N/A			
Montana	None	75/76	1068	154.36	None	75/76	244	174.47
Nebraska	None	74/75	186	41.16	N/A			
Nevada	None	74/75	1345	58.44	N/A			
New Hampshire	2 year							
	Moratorium in effect	1977			Protected			
New Jersey	Protected				N/A			
New Mexico	None	76/77	5077	130.87	N/A			
New York	None	72/73	161	-	None			
North Carolina	None	76/77	1100	-	N/A			
North Dakota	None	75/76	75	94.10	N/A			
Ohio	None	No cats taken since	1968		N/A			
Oklahoma	None	76/77	3548	55.49	N/A			
Oregon	None	76/77	1980	100.00	Rare			
Pennsylvania	Protected				N/A			
Rhode Island	Protected				N/A			
South Carolina	None	76/77	1368	-	N/A			
South Dakota	None	76/77	4411	165.00	N/A			
Tennessee	None	74/75	607	8.80	N/A			
Texas	None	75/76	16000	-	N/A			
Utah	Protected				Protected			
Vermont	None	75/76	81	-	Protected			
Virginia	None	75/76	451	27.56	N/A			
Washington	None	76/77	1650	-	None	76/77	100	203.54
West Virginia	2 per trapper				N/A			
	tags	76/77	446	46.95				
Wisconsin	2 month season	75/76	233	49/51	Protected			
Wyoming	None	76/77	2800	-	Protected			



GOOD AS NEW AT 14

Toward the July 4th weekend, I came home from work to find Delilah had fallen trying to get to some hanging plant and had broken her front right leg. She was in shock, which facilitated my handling and placing her in a quiet, dark closet. Since I had just moved to this new place I wasn't familiarized with any vets nearby. I called Mrs. Cisin who recommended some veterinarians, but because of the approaching holidays I was unable to locate any of them. One, Dr. Zimmerman, refers emergency cases to the Animal Medical Center through his answering service and thus, I was able to make an appointment for 12 midnight with a vet who would handle "exotic" cats.

After the routine long wait they looked at her and made arrangements for me to bring her in on Saturday for x-rays and possible surgery. I was given at that time a more or less accurate estimate of the cost involved.

Got there by 9 AM Saturday and was told (and was shown the x-rays) that she had broken her right humerus and would require surgery to have a stainless steel plate inserted to hold the bone while it healed. Because of Delilah's age - she'll be 14 this year - they anticipated a very slow healing process. Also, because she was a "wild" cat the hospital was not equipped to keep her and I was asked to pick her up after surgery and take her home (a suggestion I was quite happy to oblige to.) She was still half-sedated and looked as pitiful as a rag doll. They had shaven her back to get some bone marrow for the operation, and her leg was covered with a surgical cast. I was given some sedatives which I was to administer 3 times a day and some medication to prevent infection. I was to return every Saturday for further check-ups and x-rays.

The bandages proved unsuccessful and I found myself doing my own; she proceeded to lick her shaven back leaving it half-raw and by the time I took her back they had to give her some further antibiotics to arrest the infection that was developing. They also gave me a neck collar that looked like a Queen Victoria necklace that would prevent her from reaching her back and licking her back.

By the third visit they had already removed the cast. She had become quite active and I was told that she was healing poorly and unless she would be kept very quiet there was a chance the plate would be shifting from her bone and further surgery would be required. This distressed me greatly but I was given more sedatives, this time with the recommended dosage of 6 a day. Apparently the sedatives worked the opposite direction since she became more active and I, in turn, more sedate! I finally stopped giving them to her and she in turn calmed down.

On what was to be my last visit to the hospital, I was told she looked fine but they wanted to see her again in two weeks. I was to see another vet since the one who had been in charge was leaving. When I got home and took her out of her carry case I found she was having an overdose reaction and was going loco. I had to hold her and get some cold towels to calm her down a bit and managed to place her back in the carrier. After a few minutes I returned and found she was having what appeared to be a heat stroke! I hurried her limp body out and started placing wet towels on her and drying her for some half hour before she finally started to come to. After that it was watching her the rest of the day until she was finally on her feet.



She improved considerably after that panic day and since she never lost her appetite, gained strength. Her fur was growing back lushly covering the scar and the infection completely. By the appointment date she appeared quite recovered. I called the Vet and told him about this and he agreed to postpone the appointment for 2 more weeks. By then Delilah was running around and playing as usual and upon feeling her leg, I noted it was solid and strong. She will always, of course, have her stainless steel plate inside. I finally called the appointment off. She would have required further sedation for the examination and I was quite reluctant to have her submitted to them, especially since it was quite apparent that she was recovered and nothing more could be done for her.

As of this writing she is in perfect health, playful as ever and very strong. Her little mischief is back, she uses her leg quite well. All the expense, rushes and despair did pay off and I'm happy to say that the old girl looks like a "teenager" again.

Maybe this experience will be helpful to some members that might find themselves suddenly confronted with an accident or an emergency. I feel extremely happy to have Delilah back playfully herself again.

Ralph Ferrer

L.C.S.

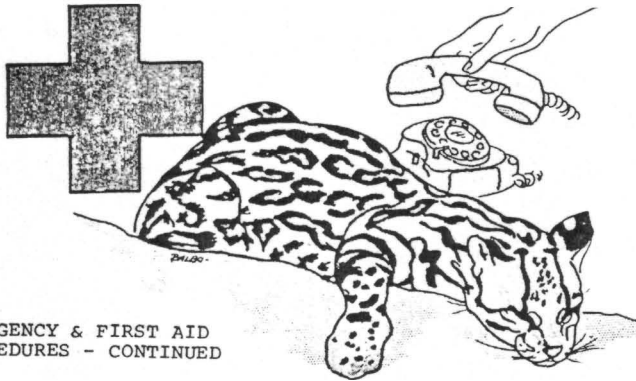
In addition to our two new branches, another organization was welcomed into LIOC as an associate member...the Leopard Cat Society.

LCS is a group of folks, for the most part LIOC members who own or have some other interest in leopard cats particularly. Their aim is to further interest in the Leopard Cat and encourage contact between leopard cat owners while dispensing information on their care.

LCS held their first meeting a few days prior to convention in San Diego, Ca. There they elected as officers: Pat Quillen, President; Pamela Ihrig, Vice President; Ann Driscoll, Secretary/Treasurer; Jackie Childress, Corresponding Secretary and six directors: Eloise Moore, Joyce Little, Jean Townes, Tom Moore, Judy Wellisch and Gary Bennett.

LCS will put out a bi-monthly newsletter and Joyce Little was appointed Editor. For more information write: LCS, P.O.Box 9608, San Diego, CA 92109





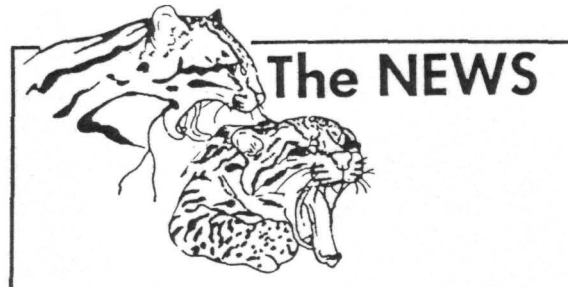
EMERGENCY & FIRST AID
PROCEDURES - CONTINUED

- 7 Induce vomiting. Give 2 tablespoons of sodium bicarbonate or salt in glass of warm water.
- 8 Give 1 teaspoon of aromatic spirit of ammonia in a glass of warm water. Give coffee or strong tea plus white of raw egg.
- 9 Give mixture as in #2. Induce vomiting Give 1 tablespoon sodium bicarbonate in 1 quart warm water. Give strong coffee or tea
- 10 Give 2 tablespoons vinegar in 2 glasses Give white of 2 raw eggs in water DO NOT induce vomiting

Induce vomiting, give 2 tablespoons epsom salts in 2 glasses of water. Then give large quantities of coffee or strong tea.
- 12 Induce vomiting. Then give glass of milk or whites of 2 raw eggs.
- 13 Give 2 tablespoons of milk of magnesia. Induce vomiting
- 14 Give mixture as in #2. Give artificial respiration. Keep victim as quiet as possible.
- 15 Give coffee or strong tea.
- 16 Give 1 oz milk of magnesia in a large quantity of water. DO NOT induce vomiting.
- 17 Take cat into open air or open all windows and doors. Give oxygen if possible and artificial respiration if breathing is irregular or stops. Keep animal quiet on way to veterinarian.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

From the Carnivore Research Institute (the same folks who bring us "The World's Cats") Comes a new journal - CARNIVORE. Published quarterly, it is the hopes of the Editor, Randall Eaton that this endeavor will encourage creative thought about the function and origin of carnivory and carnivorous mammals including man! The first volume scheduled for a January release includes over a dozen articles on felines plus much more. Offerings will include letters, commentaries, articles, notes, news, book reviews, etc. For more information contact: Carnivore Research Institute, Burke Museum DB-10, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. 98195. Price \$35.00 per year.

And on the lighter side we have POPULAR PETS, a bi-monthly magazine dedicated to pets of all varieties. The October issue was of particular interest as LIOC's old friend, William Carr was featured in the form of an article on exotics cats and LIOC. Mr. Carr, has always been more than fair in his treatment of exotics, pointing out that there are good owners, and exotics do make good pets if you are willing to invest the needed love and effort.

And in this same magazine, a veterinary question and answer column (a regular feature) by our old friend Dr. Stephen Seager. We wish you all the best.

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GOOD READING?

ZOO REVIEW is published 6 times a year and is a complete price list of all new animal books, reviews and listing of animal prints. Subscription is \$2.50 per year Zoo Review, 2633 Adams St. Hollywood, FL. 33020.

NO PETS ON AMTRAK

Under the Animal Welfare Act, Amtrak has been forced to discontinue carrying all pets because of tighter regulations. Amtrak contends they can't afford to comply with the required building of new shelters, and climate control for 200 baggage cars to be in compliance with the stronger laws.

AND IN GREAT BRITAIN..

British member Tony Travers has established CARE (Care & Rehabilitation of Endangered Species) CARE aims to: provide practical aid to and care of representatives of endangered species, maintain quarantine facilities in accordance with local law, and breed for reintroduction into the wild, and conduct behavioral studies for the furtherance of these animals. Also on the drawing board are plans to create a transportation service, provide educational facilities including specialist courses, and establish its own veterinary services.

For further information contact Tony Travers, The Pines, Wheatley Eyot, The Creek, Sunbury-on-Thames, England.



MEETING REPORT

OEEFC's 3rd Annual Halloween Costume Party was held on October 22nd. I've heard of people sweeping out cobwebs, but an 8' foot monstrosity with a 12" spider?

Barbara, why don't you patent that snack tray? I'm sure the hospitals have a small fortune in those!

Highlight of the evening was a scavenger hunt. Can you see Aunt Jemima (Jon Dyer) running into the Safeway for a baby rattle?



A sackful of forgotten goodies were returned at the meeting on Sunday including Ethel's turkey tail feathers!

The Sunday meeting was held at Don Schole's wood carving studio in Vancouver on October 23rd. Ethel gave the guests a summary report on the convention.

Joanne Parks was not present due to illness so secretarial duties were taken over by Barbara Wilton. Barbara also reported that the Clackamas county Commissioners will hand down their ruling on Monday the 24th.

Cindy Church, Ways & Means Chairman, invited all members and guests to play bingo at the Public Utilities Building in Vancouver on December 9th. She is planning a fun night where prizes can be purchased with tokens or play money that is given to the winners. There will be tables for children so families can participate. Also, there is a Gift & Gadget party at Donnetta & Rick Westfalls on November 9th. This party plan will give cash to clubs instead of merchandise.

Cindy also asked that we all save our newspapers (clean & "unused") for a paper drive. We can bring them to the meetings and she & Mark will bundle them & take them in.

Connie Schole read a newspaper article about ticks. Donnetta Westfall said Dr. Barry, DVM suggested a mix of 4 tablespoons Malathion in 1 gallon and dip the cat or dog (use extreme caution)

Jon Dyer gave a summary report on the new rules and regulations in regards to shipping animals. No animals under 8 weeks of age can be shipped. Jon said he has long been concerned about the transportation of Carnival parakeets and said he is going to write USDA about them.

Mark Church read an article on saving the whales.

Ethel showed a book entitled "Nature" which she purchased from Safeway for 99¢. She turned it over to Jackie our librarian.

Donnetta Westfall brought Tut, her 4½ month old bobcat kitten and gave a summary on an Oregonian article on bobcats. She said Oregon Fish & Game will not issue a holding permit for a bobcat born in Oregon whether it is from domestic parentage or not.

MEETING REPORT

The 105 degree temperature had returned to an Oregon drizzle for the August 21st meeting at the Wilton's. We tried to keep business to a minimum as there were many guests and lost of new kittens to see. Three bobcat kittens from Starns' Cougar Mountain had a watchful reunion under the eyes of their new parents, Donnetta & Rick Westfall, Irene Aldred and Cheri Wilson. Ethel brought her new male Geoffroy, Jimminy to keep company with female, Cricket.

The Spaghetti feed the night before was a lot of fun for those attending. The menu consisted of such delicacies as "Puma Tongue", "Lion's Roar" and "Serval Special". The waitresses in short skirts, black nylons and tenny runners were the hit of the evening - namely Jon Dyer, Billy Smith and Skip Wilton. The spaghetti wasn't too bad either.

Ethel read a letter which Herb Wilton had received from "The White House" in reply to his letter to President Carter's Reorganization Committee. Other Members should receive acknowledgements for their letters too.

Barbara & Herb Wilton have filed for a hearing before the Clackamas County Commissioners. The date and time has been set as October 5th at the Court House in Oregon City. Barbara thanked the club for their financial support in the filing fees. They have retained an attorney - we'll keep you posted.

We split the raffle in two parts as Don Schole donated a beautiful tree carved with his trusty chain saw. Tickets on that item were \$1. each and was won by lucky Joanne Parks. Winners on the .25 tickets took their pick from soap, bumper stickers, T-Shirts, etc.

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LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The new outfits being made for convention were displayed and Ethel advised everyone who wanted sewing done to get with the costume committee right away. None of the outfits are mandatory and we try to keep costs down by doing our own sewing.

The rain quit long enough for us to barbeque hamburgers outside and Don Scholes gave us a sneak preview of our Convention donation to the legal fund.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1977

The majority of our meeting at the Vanderwalls' was spent in looking at convention pictures and everyone told what speaker or event they enjoyed the most. Seems like everything was pretty well covered and we agreed it was a GREAT CONVENTION!

There are only a couple of items on the agenda right now - #1 is our Third Annual Halloween Party (costume of course!) It was decided to have this on the 22nd because of Elk hunting season and Ethel's trip to Europe.

Secondly, is the Annual Johnson Creek Raft Race. This event will be sometime in February but that will give us time to work on a raft or two and see who wants to participate. It only costs about \$1 per raft and the proceeds go to crippled children. We hope the creek and the sun are both high.

The next meeting will be for guests at the Scholes in Vancouver.

LEO for OEEFC



MEETING REPORT

Our meeting took place off Highway #1 in Montara, a seaside community and the home of Baby, a gigantic ocelot of great beauty belonging to Jean Huber. Being a little foggy and cold, we gathered cosily indoors. Unfortunately, the turnout was small, but it contained within it, one of my baby ocelots, all grown up now and extraordinarily tame. I had not seen these recipients of one of my cubs for quite a while and I was beginning to worry, but they had just been out of town and all was well. I brought my newest little female ocelot and a margay and jaguarundi baby were also present.

The news of the latest move to outlaw our pets was grimly announced at the gathering. San Francisco, named for the patron saint of animals has jumped on the bandwagon and decided to outlaw almost everything but the dog & cat ... Domesticus of course. Everything else must go. Where? We do not know. Naturally, this was the topic of our conversation. It was decided to retain a lawyer and fight it tooth & claw. The ordinance was written so as to be the most stringent of any ever heard of. There is no "grandfather clause" or anything similar in the ordinance presented by the Health Department. We all tried to enjoy our pot luck and especially the LIOC cake, a member brought with ocelot icing.

As we left there was a gloomy atmosphere of impending doom and nothing has yet shaken it.

All this came about of course from the case that took place during our convention in which a family who had a mountain lion which they kept chained by their house was presumably being teased by some children and took it out on the child he knew - the daughter of his owners. She was badly mauled, but survived. The cat was shot and died soon after. The repercussions of this case are indeed very severe.

The sequel to this mishap took place at city hall in the supervisors meeting when they tried to bring up the ordinance. Fortunately, it was delayed while the question that state laws might supercede city laws was settled. Unfortunately this is not the case and we are sure the City attorneys' answer will be negative and the animal population of this city will be dealt a severe blow at the next meeting.

During the attendance of the meeting however, another ordinance was put up for consideration, this being an amendment to the first by the SPCA. It contained a provision to allow those with exotics but with a permit of \$50 per animal, an inspection by one or more agencies, including the police. The worse part is that no breeding would be allowed as there was a provision that offspring would be prohibited.

We gathered together a small group to attend a meeting with the Board of Health Director to discuss the matter and present him with our ideas. It did not fall on deaf ears, but they are ready it seems to push the first proposals through. We went next to the SPCA and this time we got a bit further, and some hope we can work out a reasonable solution. The director seemed reasonable, up to a point, and

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took a long time with us. The suggestion is that we work up an alternative piece of legislation to present and we are now doing so, and circulating a petition to support it.

The next move would be radio & television publicity. It seems public opinion is against us at this point, with the attitude being very negative. We'll see.

Felinely
Lora Vigne,
President & acting Secretary



MEETING REPORT
October 15, 1977

This fall's meeting at the home of John and Robin Perry, brought out about twenty members and nine felines. This was a reasonable turnout with a large storm finally appearing two days after its original forecast. The meeting was indoors only, the young and smaller felines getting along reasonably well.

A mother domestic with her two Geoffrey-domestic mix, six week old kittens were present. The kittens were interestingly marked with large ink black splotches which the owner said were enlarging as the kittens grew. The kittens looked like, and behaved like domestics. This was not a "planned" litter. It just proves how well geoffrey and domestics get along. A female Geoffrey from this group has not bred with the male so far. More than half of this mixed litter did not survive.

Perry's felines, Sheba the female and Coffee the male Geoffreys and Rheap a domestic were visible during most of the meeting, investigating all the "strange" smells members brought with them. Their first offspring, Spitfire, is antisocial as his name implies and was not brought by Arthur and Bette Human. Spitfire was born within a few days of Coffee's first birthday, meaning that he was mature at less than ten months. This seems more domestic than exotic.

Sheba is very protective of her food which got quite comical when she decided that the entire buffet spread was hers. The last salami roll was strongly protected. When nursing her kitten, she had been in a nervous conflict between protecting her food and protecting her kitten. Spitfire is now imitating her nervous growl, spitting and snapping without knowing why, but, just as his mother taught him. Hopefully he will outgrow this. At present he must be restricted in his travels as he won't allow anyone to pick him up.

The Walt Disney classic, "JUNGLE CAT" was shown with reruns of the jaguar footage. This was filmed by a crew that lived several years in the Brazillian rain forests. Dottie Demarest like the bird sequences. Breeding and selling birds help pay the upkeep on the felines at High-bank Game farm.

A volunteer to host a meeting in December was solicited - outcome will be mailed to members.

Submitted by:
Arthur Human

A report on the convention in San Francisco was given and a raffle held to raise money for the sagging treasury. Those attending were: Danny Treanor (Shirley stayed home with an expectant mother), Roger, Faye and Kaye Harmon; Sid & Betty Smith, John & Elfride Vickery, Carl & Jean Hamil, with Sherri cougar, John and Gayle Duke, Rebecca and Elmer Morgan, Gary and Bev Burger, and guests Bob & Betty Schlidemichael, Glenda Davis and Dona Bridgefarmer. Our next meeting will be held in the Houston area in March.

Reported by Danny Treanor

MEETING REPORT

The fall meeting of the Southwest Branch was held October 29th in Garland, Texas, just outside of Dallas. It was an important meeting since election of officers was scheduled as well as a needed discussion on our branch finances (or lack of them).

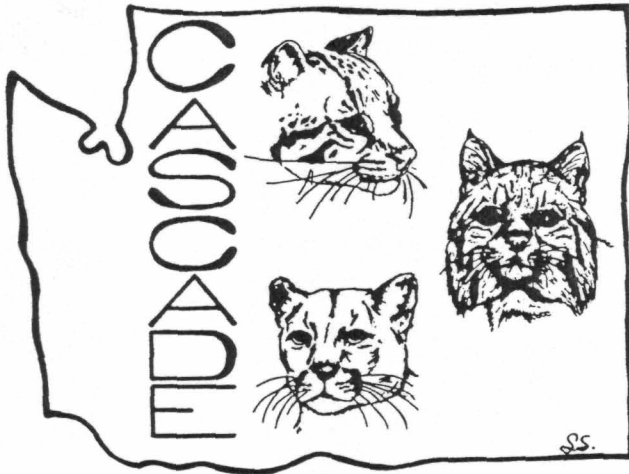
However, the most important event of the meeting as it turned out was unexpected and unscheduled - our cats were nearly confiscated or at least threatened with legal action. It seems that two weeks prior to our meeting the town council of Garland passed a "vicious" animal act - it was decided that we posed a threat. Two animal control trucks and two police squad cars were parked in front of our hosts, John and Gale Duke's house. Uniforms were everywhere and tension was high even though there were only one margay and one cougar present.

Unknown to us, a member of our group arrived early with a small lion and tiger. A subdivision was next door to the motel and needless to say the cat's trailer was discovered by neighboring kids. Animal control was called and our member, Walter Marshall was asked to leave - of course the authorities learned of our meeting as we did not know we were breaking any local law, and were watching the Duke's home for our arrival.

The police did nothing and were very nice. Animal control however came on like thunder and lightning but because all our members were most cooperative, asking how they could help, they seemed a bit thrown off by the cordiality and cooperation. The margay was caged and the cougar was on steel cable in the back of a van so they really could not be accused of posing a threat to anyone. Names of owners were taken and permission was given to resume our meeting.

But, in less than 10 minutes an animal control truck reappeared and we were informed that the state Game Warden had been summoned. When he arrived he stated that the U.S.D.I. had been contacted - but the game warden either misunderstood of the USDI agent didn't know their own laws as some pretty incorrect information was passed on to us. When we quoted the correct federal laws on endangered species, and simple things like rabies certificates were shown a great deal of authority left the warden's voice. The end being that the cats were moved from Garland to a neighboring town with no restricting laws.

All the excitement being ended, we resumed the business portion of our meeting. A round robin introduction ensued with each member or guest stating their main interest among the felines. As many nominees had asked that their names be withdrawn, the "election" continued but without a ballot - the outcome was: Danny Treanor, President; Secretary-Treasurer: Shirley Treanor; Dr. Sid Smith Vice President; and Historian-Rebecca Morgan. ↪



MEETING REPORT
November 6, 1977

A "theory has been brewing in my mind for the past three or four years. This theory has taken that long to form because there is only one day a year on which to base it. If I were to keep graphs and curves I feel confident that they would back me up. My theory is basically this - if you want to plan a Cascade Branch meeting and don't want many people there, then announce beforehand that there will be an election of officers! It works every time!

Needless to say, November was our election month. We had only nine members in attendance - most of which having airtight reasons why it was not possible to hold office! The general consensus of all was that Henry & Judy Sauer and I would spread the responsibilities of keeping the branch running among us.

With our "election" out of the way, we had some discussion on some other topics of interest to us.

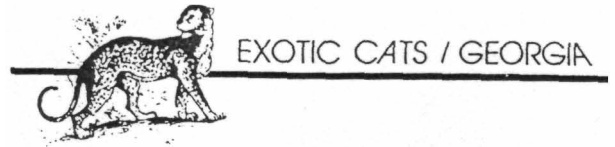
After talking with Bill Boyle, I had learned that there is some legal action taking place on behalf of the Olympic Game Farm in Sequim, as a result of the outbreak of anthrax there a couple of years back. Since Bill's law practice keeps him so busy I agreed to keep our members abreast of the situation and any results.

I next had the unhappy task of announcing that we recently lost three jaguarundis and one Geoffroy's cat. The cause of their deaths was Feline Infectious Anemia believed to have been brought in by two of the jaguarundis who had been shipped to us from a warmer climate. The autopsies revealed that they had been exposed to the disease some time in the past and that the stress of shipment and weather change had brought it about. Unfortunately, it was contagious and the other cats who shared a common enclosure also succumbed to it.

Our last bit of "business" entailed plans for our Christmas party. The evening of December 10th was decided upon for a potluck, gift exchange party in Tacoma.

Those members and cats attending were: Liz Ghent (since the meeting was at her house, Flower and Chi-chi Golden cats, Loki cougar and new baby boy serval were there), Henry & Judy Sauer, Richard & Evelyn Dyck, Natasha Labinsky, Ron Provost, and Terry & I with four month old Cassandra leopard and two month old Popcorn (Poppy) cougar.

dist purrs & growls,
Melley Starns



MEETING REPORT
September 9th, 1977

At the final strategy session prior to Kenny Jones' September 13th court appearance to answer his leash-law citation, members returned to the Brock's and reached the following conclusions:

Kenny's fine will be \$32, a pittance compared with the right/wrong aspects of the matter. He would like to pursue the matter. Members agreed with Merv Brock's contention that a complaint should be filed; Maureen volunteered to try to interest an attorney in assuming the case at no fee.

Merv added that Federal Senior Resident agent of Fish & Wildlife feels simply that the officer overreacted, but since the cat was a (non-endangered) western cougar, he can be of no assistance. He will make a "capture - don't kill" appeal in an upcoming speech however.

Barbara Brock reported that Red Palmer indicated some sympathy but no interest in the matter, his assistant however, offered to aid police and animal control units in using the tranquilizer gun.

The following individuals volunteered to appear with Kenny in court on Tuesday: Karen Klass, Barbara Brock, Steve Brock, Lee Brandenburg and Maureen Allen. A copy of the press release and photos of Cougle will be introduced if possible.

Jone Frostrom reported that the Atlanta Zoological Society, which has made some inaccurate remarks about private ownership of exotics will meet Wednesday September 14 at the Hyatt Regency. Through her contacts in AZS, we hope to present a truer picture of the issue early in 1978, by which time EC/G plans to have a scripted slide presentation that will make any EC/G member an "instant guest speaker" for interested groups schools, etc.

Becky Connelley furnished a complete list of metro-Atlanta police and animal control unit management, whom we look forward to providing with updated descriptions of EC/G cats to post with their dispatchers as an added precaution against an incident like the one that killed Kenny's cat.

Lee Brandenburg sent notes to LIOC furnished names of new or inactive Georgia members encouraging them to join us.

Fred Boyajian, who has a bobcat and three margays including a breeding pair, was a welcome guest; EC/G looks forward to his membership when he completes his move to Atlanta.

Submitted by
Maureen Allen, Secretary

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BORN ON!**



ONE MORE HAZARD

In October, I was contacted and told of the senseless death of a bobcat named Ringo here in our state (Washington). There are so many warnings that can be given to the exotic owner or potential owner. Ringo's death brings another one to mind.

Ringo was a male bobcat who lived in a lovely home with another male, Buster. They had a wonderful indoor/outdoor facility - better than many. Everyone in the neighborhood loved Ringo & Buster, with the exception of one. This person tried to start a petition to get Ringo, Buster and their owner removed from the neighborhood. No one was willing to sign this petition and a one-person "committee" saw to the "removal" of Ringo. An autopsy revealed a large amount of perscription drug (human tranquilizer) had killed Ringo. Most likely it was given in meat while Ringo's owner was at work. Perhaps, fortunately, Buster was not hungry that day.

With so many city, county, state and federal regulations, potential health hazards, etc., we must now add "do-gooders" who feel they are doing a service to who knows what to the list of hazards.

Shelly Starnes



FELIX

Today I'll ponder on important things,
I'll look to the sky.....
count butterfly wings.

Today I'll ponder on current events,
prices are high.....
even on horsemeat and chicken necks.

Today I'll ponder on Running much faster
missing all the vases,....
luckily I have an understanding master.

Today I'll ponder on what will come next,
If "she" will let me near her....
and even maybe sex.

Today I'll ponder on being the very best,
(that a cougar can be...)
But right now I'll ponder on taking a rest.

Shelley Starnes

AWHILE LONGER

For over two months now Silvio Martinat has been worrying over the fate of his pets - a pair of adult cougars and their three cubs.

In July a recent North Carolina law took effect which makes private ownership of cougars illegal in that state. Martinat was given until December 31st to find a zoo to take the cats by the N.C. Wildlife Commission.

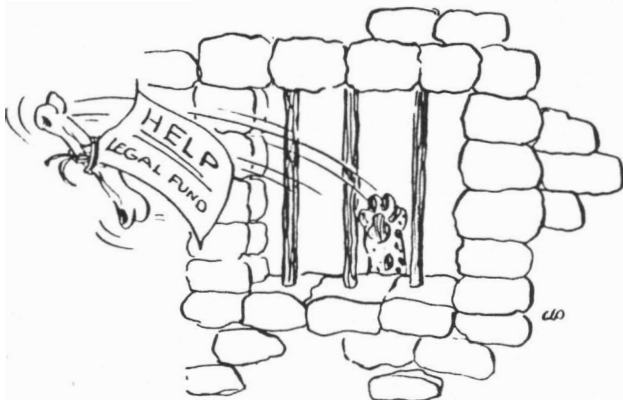
It looks, however, that he'll get to keep his pets for awhile at least. The N.C. Wildlife Commission has decided that Martinat can keep his pets until the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro builds facilities to house them.

Ironically, the zoo has applied for permission to make Martinat an "official agent" for the park. As an agent he would be allowed to care for the cats at his expense until the zoo completes the planned facilities - four or five years from now!

Richard Hamilton, Assistant Director of the Wildlife Commission says this is in keeping with the spirit of the 1977 law - "The intent of the law is not to cause trouble", Hamilton said, "but to prevent the illegal confinement of cougars."

Martinat is pleased to be able to keep his cats a while longer and adds, "I'm also glad to know that they won't be shoved off into some cages that are inferior to the ones I have." The cats are currently kept in a barn that has been converted for their use.

Some years ago the state zoo appointed Martinat guardian for an ocelot that he kept for more than 10 years in a compound at his home. According to the Wildlife Resources Commission, the new law will affect seven other people in North Carolina and their 16 cougars.



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