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an open letter



Mr. Don Mulzet
Albrightsville, Pa.

Dear LIOC Friend,

Just read your plea for information on cougars. Frankly, I think you got the cart before the horse! I don't mean to be critical, but as a cougar owner with three pumas in residence, I feel qualified to a certain extent.

I would not allow this cat to become a playmate for a baby, and I mean ANY child. They could possibly be playmates for 4 or 5 months, but it is my experience, big cats look down on children, dogs, etc., anything down on their level as game food.

I would recommend you securely cage the cat. I have converted my dining room into a cage, using cyclone fence gates in the doorways. The sliding glass doors open into a completely fenced (with top) patio. This gives the cougar both an indoor and outdoor run but constantly with human companionship. My large (175 lb.) cougar has recently been moved to an outdoor cage, double fenced so children cannot stick their hands through. We do miss having him in house talking to us, but he constantly harassed female. She is much happier now. →



One 4 year old South American puma I keep in my living room with a security chain on a swivel in the floor. That is his only confinement, and when there are children present (I have seven grandchildren who are in and out) he eyes them constantly.

I don't mean to be a spoilsport, but please think twice on this, cougars (pumas) are great pets and there is a strong bond between us, but each cat is different with a personality of his own. My six and eight year old grandchildren can pet the living room puma on occasion, but ONLY with an adult holding the cat.

NOTE: NEVER wrestle with your cat. Supply large toys (bowling balls, logs, rawhide chew bones) for him to wrestle with. His association with you should be a very loving and relaxed time. Also, definitely have the cat declawed as soon as possible. He can do a lot of damage with claws without meaning to.

I recommend the South American puma because of its size and I assume, being a LIOC member, you know the basic do's and don'ts, ie:

- 1) No plastics, cleaner's bags, etc.
- 2) No rubber toys, or foam filled stuffed toys.
- 3) Do not clean with Lysol or anything containing phenol (vinegar is very good)
- 4) No Shell "No Pest Strips".

Also, you best plan on cancelling your family vacations for the next 15-20 years! Travelling very far with a large cat is extremely difficult and "baby-sitters" for a cougar are hard to find. Motels take a dim view of our pets also, and no Vet I know would want you to walk into his busy office with a cougar in tow. I make appointments for after his regular office hours.

Taking all the above into consideration, I will close by saying, I dearly love my cats. They bring me much joy and each will leave a big void when they are gone.

Sincerely,
Herb Wilton
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L.A. Backs Off Pet Limits

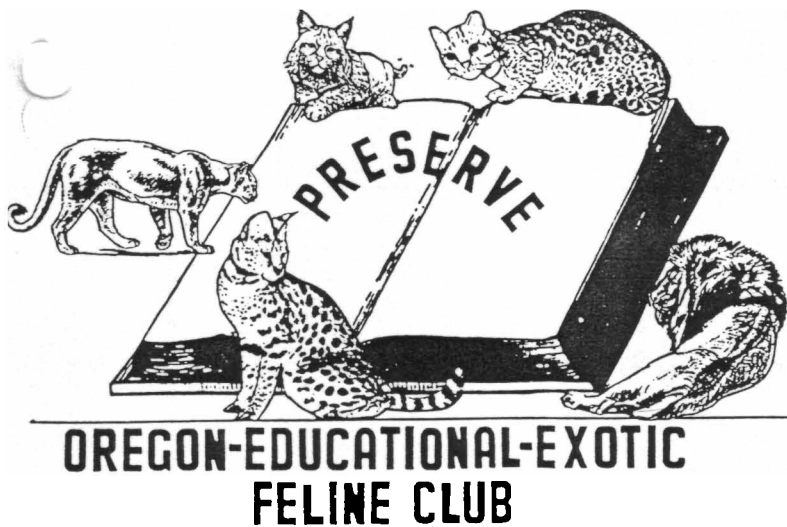
As a result of public hearings held in March, and April, changes are being considered regarding zoning that restricts the number of domestic dog and cat residents of Los Angeles may keep.

The new code specified that residents could keep no more than three dogs and three cats but an amendment has been drafted that would allow for a special permit to keep more than those numbers.

Animal lovers voiced their feelings at hearings held by the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Regulation that households with large acreage should be permitted to have more pets than the present limit.

One person noted that she can legally keep seven horses on her property, but only three dogs and cats. Another said that she owned property in Los Angeles where she could build an eight-unit apartment complex - "This means that each apartment owner could have three dogs and three cats or 48 animals total, while I could have only six animals plus the horses on the Shadow Hills property."

The amendment to the zoning code must be approved by the city council. It will call for a special permit that would be valid for 5 years unless there were complaints from neighbors. The cost of processing this permit will probably result in an additional permit fee.



MEETING REPORT June, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM, Sunday, June 18th at the home of Helen Kusky.

A discussion was held on the planned trip to Sequim. It was decided we would discuss it further at the July 15th business meeting. It will probably be scheduled after the convention in August.

Our cat show is still planned for July 16th at Herb & Barbara Wilton's back 40. It will also be discussed further at the Business meeting. The Feline Club is planning to sell Kool-aid. Donations will be asked for and Barbara is checking with Clatsop County to see if we can sell other types of food.

Ethel explained to our guests what LIOC raffle is all about and what the money will be used for.

Barbara said that we had an invitation for another show at Beaverton Mall for July 23rd which is a Sunday. It was decided that we would do the show as the mall pays us and we have picked up some of our very best members from this show.

It was decided that Barbara will order 12 magnetic signs to resell to the Club members. They will be put on our cars when we go to speakouts or other club events.

Ethel then explained to our guests what our speakouts are for and when, where and how we put them on.

Barbara then asked what we thought of having an advisory board set up at the Court house to advise on all exotic animals. People could come in and ask advice on care of all exotics without the fear of having them taken away from them or even telling the board where the animal is at.

The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING REPORT

The meeting was called to order by Coordinator Barbara Wilton at 2:00 PM, July 15th at Leonard Parker's home.

A discussion was held on our first annual exotic feline show in Wilton's field. Pat will have a booth selling raffle tickets and will also give out literature. The Feline Club will sell bubble gum, coffee and kool-aid.

March 8, 1979 will be our next show at OMSI. We will get \$50.00 per show next year.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Bob & Marie Bettger as new members - welcome!

Barbara had correspondence from a man in Florida that is donating 4 prints to our raffle (Steve Schultz).

Ethel told us that Gayle Schacker's ocelot Skeets died July 14th of a tumor on his pancreas. Conniw is to mail a sympathy card.

Discussion was held on our upcoming trip to Sequim. A motion was made by Ethel and seconded by Don to set the date as September 3rd. M/C . Jon will find out more details and let us know.

MEETING REPORT

The regular guest meeting was called to order by Co-ordinator Barbara Wilton at 2:00 PM, August 27th 1978, at the home of Dennis and Jackie Vanderwall. The minutes from the July meeting were read as was the Treasurer's Report.

Ethel gave a report on the Convention. She reported that LIOC has set up a fund for LIOC that will be non-profit. When people donate to the legal fund it will be tax deductible (ED. NOTE: This in fact has not yet been accomplished, but should be by convention time next year.) LIOC voted to join a national group of animal persons which included several organizations with memberships totalling about 20,000 members. It cost \$100. and gives us 20,000 people to help with our legal battles.

Barbara reported on the LIOC raffle. The national fund received \$624.00 for our efforts. Andy and Debi-Bilderbain won both the radio and the watch.

Barbara also reported on our planned trip to Sequim. We can either stay in a motel, a campground or come and go in the same day. We will meet for breakfast at 7 AM, September 2nd at Waddle's Restaurant and leave there at 8 AM. We will tour the breeding compound Saturday and Sunday both if we choose.

Barbara then announced that the 1979 convention will be held in Portland. We are in need of speakers, but she has several good ideas for trips and good times already in mind.

Ethel announced that our next speakout will be September 16th at 2 PM at Dell-Lu Nursing Home, in Hillsboro.

The meeting was adjourned.



Leukemia's Hereditary Factors Studied

Is leukemia in human beings hereditary? In the common American domestic cat it can be. Offspring of ordinary house cats and Asian leopard cats are being studied in hopes that their genetic structure will reveal some of the disease's mysteries.

Loma Linda University researcher Dr. Willard R. Centerwall, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Genetic Services is conducting genetic research with such offspring in hopes of answering some of these questions.

"We are currently engaged in research on the Type 'C' Feline leukemia virus in cooperation with Dr. Raoul Benveniste, Virologist with the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland," Dr. Centerwall said.

"The ordinary domestic cat carries the Type 'C' genome in the DNA molecule and passes the potentially lethal leukemia virus to its offspring through normal hereditary processes.

"On rare occasions, there is release of the virus into the system of the cat, causing leukemia and death. Because it is recognized that the Asian Leopard Cat does not have the feline leukemia virus built into its system, scientists in cancer research have expressed great interest in what happens to the leukemia genome in the offspring of the leopard cat and the domestic cat."

"First observations, as might be expected," Centerwall says, "indicate that the hybrid offspring carry half the genome load of the domestic cat". For the past year Dr. Centerwall has been working with Dr. Benveniste in an attempt to observe what happens when subsequent offspring backcrossing takes place between the hybrid females and the pure leopard cat male and the pure domestic males.

"It is not possible to breed the hybrid cats together," Dr. Centerwall states, "because the male hybrid cats are sterile."

"Although the leukemia virus that is present in cats is not the same type of leukemia found in human beings, it is believed that the knowledge gained about this transfer and release of the cancer-producing virus in the cats may help in understanding and combating leukemia in human beings."

The importance of this type of research with these virus lines is evidenced by the fact that Nobel prizes were awarded last year to scientists who had pioneered in work with Type 'C' viruses.

"At this stage in our development," reports Dr. Centerwall, "we have kittens being produced by the desired back-crossing; but one of the serious dangers to these kittens is the destruction of them by their hybrid, half wild mothers. However, this problem is being solved through the help of Loma Linda University students and employees who have volunteered to "adopt" the back-crossed kits and place them with litters of domestic mothers. The kittens are returned to Dr. Centerwall as soon as they are weaned and able to make it on their own

Leukemia in cats can also be spread by direct infection from cat to cat as well as through the hereditary process according to Dr. Centerwall,

The National Cancer Institute became interested in Dr. Centerwall's work with hybrids a little over a year ago. For over six years he has been using the Asian Leopard Cats in genetic research. His earlier genetic studies indicate that inheritance plays a very important role in the behavior, temperament, personality and habits of the hybrid kits.

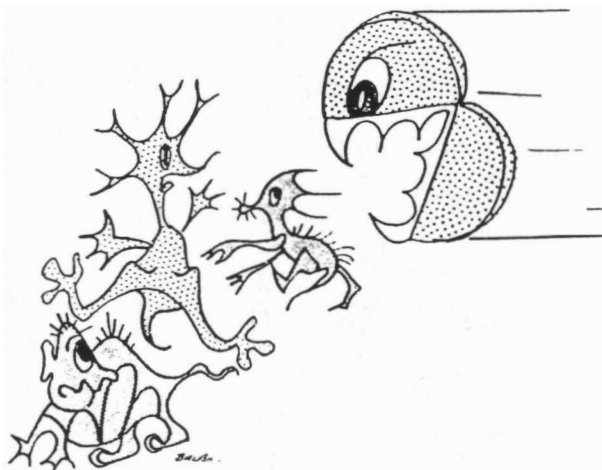
"The extrapolation of these observations to our understanding of human differences is an exciting possibility," Dr. Centerwall says, "however, environment also plays an important part in behavior development."

The Leopard Cat is approximately the same size as the domestic cat, Dr. Centerwall states. "the offspring tend to be rather edgy, although if they are handled frequently after they are weaned, some become quite tame. However, they are almost impossible to housebreak."

Dr. Centerwall keeps most of his cats at his research laboratory at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. Others are kept at selected homes nearby. "Of course the cats cannot be left to roam like ordinary cats" he explains, "We keep our cats in large cages where they are safe from extreme temperatures and have plenty of room to exercise."

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: LIOC has been working with both Dr. Centerwall and The National Cancer Institute over the years. Dr. Centerwall, many of you may remember, has spoken to us at our Annual Convention and we are proud that we can in some small way contribute to the conquest of leukemia.



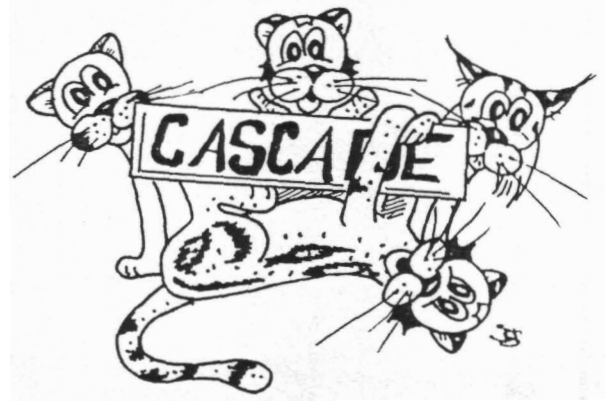
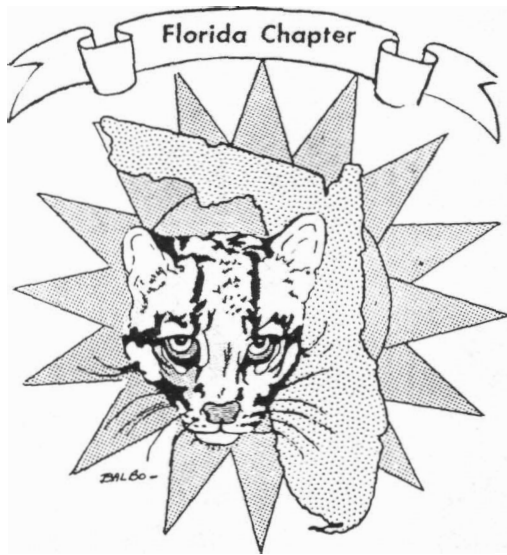
CAL. GOV. BROWN SIGNS EXOTIC BAN INTO LAW

California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 2840 making all exotics illegal in that state after January 1979.

Under a "grandfather clause" those cats held under permit on that date are allowed to remain. However, State Fish & Game will be able to regulate the offspring of legally held cats and require an annual inspection fee of \$100.

Basically folks, it's goodbye Exotics in California as no new felines or other exotic types will be allowed in the state after January.





MEETING REPORT

Gathered for an outing on July 9th, 1978 at the Rare Feline Breeding Compound of Robert Baudy in Center Hill, Florida were the following: Chapter Secretary, Jean Hatfield (Ken was home cat-sitting), Chuck, Susie and Zeke Kindt; Gladys Lewis; Bob Hartkopff; Jim Barnes; the Dan Harvell family; The Griner family; Tracy Johnson and friend; the Marshes; and guests Sherry Hinmans and the Murphys.

After a very informative tour and an exciting lion training demonstration by Mr. Baudy, members gathered for an informal meeting. Jean Hatfield thanked everyone for their efforts on the Endangered Species situation. It was announced that the owners of "Chippy" the fat ocelot, were moving out of the country soon. The case of the exotic cats (some endangered species) having been shot on Brahma Island in Lake Kississimee, was brought up by Gladys Lewis and it was suggested that members write letters of complaint to the Florida Game Commission so action can be taken against the guilty persons. A discussion was held on the details of the upcoming National LIOC Convention in Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted,
BeeJay Lester
Acting Corresponding Secretary



The Cascade Branch of the Long Island Ocelot Club International held its first meeting on September 20th of 1970. In attendance at that meeting were approximately three ocelots, one bobcat, one lion, and one cougar.

Our members and their felines have changed in the years since that eventful day eight years ago. We now have an active membership of about 24 and approximately 55 felines. Included in that number of cats are ocelots, margays, leopard cats, geoffroy's cats, bobcats, cougars, golden cats, servals, caracal, jungle cat, jaguarundi, leopard and lion. Of course there are unlimited plans for new cats in the future!

Cascade Branch members and their felines are briefly: Ginger & Wally Bordwell with Bobcat Jake; Bill Boyle with Henry & Hazel ocelots (Bill is also a Term Director with National LIOC and serves as the Branch's legal advisor, being an attorney); Richard & Evelyn Dyck with Teager Margay; Elizabeth Ghent with cougar Loki, CheChe and Flower golden cats, and Tepe serval; John & Carol Ellis with Brandy & Hobo bobcats, and Baba ocelot; Ginger and Gary Sawyer with Candy margay and Cherokee leopard cat; Earl & Jean Cochell with Yankee bobcat. Ed Smith with Auroara lion; and Terry & Shelley Starns with 12 bobcats, 2 servals, 3 margays, 2 ocelots, 2 golden cats, 1 geoffroy's cat, 6 cougars, 1 leopard, 1 caracal, 1 jungle cat, 1 jaguarundi and 1 leopard cat.

Other members who don't presently have cats (there are definitely plans however!) include: Chip DiJulio, Henry & Judy Sauer, Ron Prevost, Sandi & Joe Bauer, Natasha Labinsky, Pearl Berson, Steve Johnson, and Wayne Cleveland.

Cascade has a \$5.00 per year membership fee and we try to have a raffle at our meetings to help boost the treasury. The area covered by Cascade is basically Washington state, but a few hard souls from Canada usually make our meetings in the Tacoma Seattle vicinity.

This is the Cascade Branch. A group of people concerned about the future of the beautiful felines who grace this earth. We hope to "meet" other LIOC Branches through future issues of the Newsletter

Til then

Yours in conservation,
The Cascade Branch, LIOC

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**REGISTRATION IS
IMPORTANT!**

IN REPLY-

In the January/February Issue of the Newsletter there was a letter from "Baby" Marchando, a lady margay with accompanying picture. We received this letter to Baby and thought you'd enjoy it.

Dear Baby,

I just saw your picture in our NEWSLETTER. You are beautiful. I am in love with you.

I am handsome, clever, passionate, and playful (a 4 year-old, 19 lb. margay). With my fantastic personality, I should be fabulously successful in my love life. But....I am so lonely, away from it all, high in the Rocky Mountains (where I live with my family). Worse still, my birth sign is Virgo - What is yours?

Please send me a LARGE photo of you for my room. I am sure we were meant for each other. If you agree, I will break into my piggy-bank and fly to your side. (Where fo you live?) Please answer immediately, or sooner, if possible.

Your devoted admirerer and
future boyfriend --maybe more?

O III

O-III lives with owner Hope Hamilton in Denver, Colorado....we've forwarded his original letter to Baby, and will keep our readers posted.



This bill would go a great way toward nullifying the protective portion of this act. It would mean that if the committee so decided, the snail darter for example, could be totally driven to extinction for the sake of a dam whose benefit is dubious.

In addition, this bill authorizes appropriations to Fish & Wildlife for \$23 million in 1979, \$25 million in '80 and \$27 million in 81. An additional \$750,000 is included for the new commission.

Morris Goes to Big Litter Box in Sky

Morris the Cat, who made his way to fame as the super finicky eater of Nine Lives Catfood, died of a heart attack in July

Morris was buried on the grounds of the home he shared with his handler, Bob Marwich. Marwick who needed an orange cat for a commercial, discovered Morris in a Chicago animal shelter in 1966. Morris had been picked up by humane officers in a Chicago alley. He had been in a fight, was badly scarred and no one wanted him. An ear was bitten, an eye was cut, but to Marwich it gave him a certain jauntiness. That jauntiness made Morris a star overnight. He appeared in over 40 commercials, and even starred in a film, "Shamus" with Burt Reynolds.

An understudy, who looks like and is named Morris will take over as star of the Nine lives commercials company spokesman said.

RESPONSE NOTED

The August issue of the AAZPA newsletter reports that they contacted the Department of the Interior relating to the response to the Department's proposed rulemaking on captive wildlife regulations. The DoI informed them that the number of responses received was in excess of 1,000 and the overwhelming majority were in favor of a general relaxation of existing regulations or deregulation of captive-born endangered species. At that time, Fish & Wildlife Service personnel could not indicate when an actual proposed rulemaking would be published. However, it was estimated that less than 10% of the responses were from zoological park and aquarium personnel.

Snail Darter Stirs Things Up!

On July 19th, 1978, the Senate passed by a vote of 94-3, reauthorization for the Endangered Species Act and the Culver/Baker Amendment (S.2899). This bill, if accepted by the House of Representatives and signed by the President, would establish by law an Endangered Species Interagency Committee to review federal projects to determine whether exemption from the requirements of Section 7, Critical habitat provision of the Act should be granted.

Under that section, each federal agency is supposed to assure that its action do not affect endangered species or the habitat the Secretary of the Interior deems to be critical for their survival. The most visible case, the Tellico Dam Project, was brought to notice when the dam was nearly 50% complete when the snail darter was discovered and 75% complete when its designated critical habitat was decided to be within the project area.

The Culver/Baker amendment sets up a seven member committee composed of the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of the Army, Administrator of NOAA, Administrator of ETA, Chairman of CEQ and a governor of each state where action is located. Therefore, when a federal agency believes it has encountered an irresolvable conflict with the critical habitat portion of the Endangered Species Act, it can apply to the Committee for relief.



NOW THAT THE SPOTS ARE GONE...

Help Needed



By Gayle Schaecher

The summer of '76" while visiting the Evergreen Game Farm in Washington, I became involved with Punkin cougar, owned by Wade & Judy Warren. Punkin is a very lovely part South American cougar almost two years old. The thing that made Punkin most special was her few day old cubs. She had 5! - two females and three males.

I had never been around Punkin at all and Judy was in her pen showing off the babies. All at once, Judy said "Come in, take a good look see." So, being the person that I am, I did.

Punkin accepted me in the pen with her and the new babies with purrs. As I was sitting beside the bed box with Punkin and cubs, I thought, "Isn't this nice, here is a cougar that doesn't know me at all and she doesn't even care that I'm here."

After leaving the Game Farm all I could do was talk about the cubs, how beautiful and sweet they were. A very dear friend of mine said, "Gayle, the only reason you liked those cubs is because of the spots. When cougars grow up the spots go away and then you won't like them."

When the cubs were three weeks old Clem surprised me with one of the females. Hey, this is the same guy who said "I'll never have a cougar on the place." Boy, is he changed.



Raising Charo has been no different than raising an ocelot kit. The problems were the same, just bigger in proportion to her size. She doesn't use her mouth like an ocelot, which is kinda nice (considering its size!). About the only thing that gets her in trouble if you can really call it trouble is her 3 foot tail. I've never seen a tail so long on such a small cat.

At nine months she weighed in at 47 pounds. I have to say that even tho the spots are gone now, we love her dearly. I find that so far she's been easier to raise than an ocelot. She's calmer and very careful with us. She loves & Trusts everyone that is around her - no one is a stranger. So all I can say to my good friend is, "I am still an ocelot person, I love em so very much, but now that the spots are gone, Charo, our cougar is still neat!"

One of the losses to the Fire at the Hauser's this past year was her female jaguarundi. Ethel is desperately looking for a mate to the male remaining as he's very lonely without his girl.

If anyone knows of a female jaguarundi in need of a home, please let Ethel know!

Ethel Hauser
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Dear LIOC:

I have not yet decided on which type of cat to own because there are so many of them I have not seen.

I have eliminated the larger cats, but am interested in the smaller species such as: golden cats, servals, caracals, jaguarundi, oncilla and geoffroy cat.

I would like to correspond with people who have had experience with any of these species or others of similar size.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kent Zink
Box 32186
Warr Acres, OK 73123



JANE & BUDDHA

By Jackie Vanderwall

As many of you know, Jane, our Chaus was expecting her third litter in late April. We had isolated her from her mate, Buddha and our two dogs and cats in mid-pregnancy. She delivered her first kitten Saturday, April 29th at about 9:30 PM. He was still born but perfectly formed.

The second kitten arrived at 1:00 AM Sunday morning; he also was lifeless. Dennis tried everything he could think of to revive the kitten: CPR, shaking him, clearing his air passages, rubbing him, etc. Nothing worked and after 30 minutes he gave up.

We had been unable to reach Dr. Barry and his office referred us to the emergency animal hospital. The Doctor there knew nothing about exotics. He doubted he could do anything and suggested we wait as long as she didn't act sick, we shouldn't worry. However, he did think that if there were more kittens they would be dead too.

Tuesday at 5:15 AM Jane had her third and final kitten. Dr. Barry examined Jane, took X-rays and did an autopsy on the kitten. He found that Jane had contracted a bacterial infection in the womb late in pregnancy and this killed the kittens before birth. He couldn't determine the type of infection.

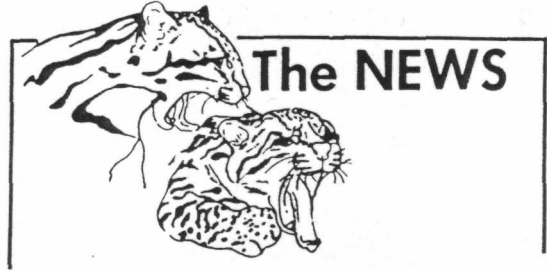
Jane is now seemingly doing well and we hope to breed her later this year with better success.

NECROLOGY

It is with very heavy hearts that we report the loss of TIGRE, our 9½ year old margay, on May 19th, due to kidney failure. Things will never be quite the same without him.

Jim & Donna Christie
Ontario, Canada

Shelley Starns writes: "We lost Rus (Demetres, bobcat) - he was our first and foremost in our hearts. He was sleeping on the bed and woke us with a breathing seizure when he suddenly couldn't breathe. He died in less than 5 minutes. The autopsy showed no obstruction, in fact, it showed nothing wrong, so we'll have to wait for the pathologist's report. I'm wishing now I hadn't loved that cat quite so much."



This is the first in a series of a regular column entitled "The News" compiled by LIOC's Secretary, Shelley Starns. In it we will highlight excerpts from correspondence received by Shelley from the members.

THE BIRTHS



Belgium LIOC member, Leon Dutilleux has announced that triplets (one male and two females) have been born this year to his two year old ocelot ANNET. This was her first litter - WHAT NEXT?

NEW PRODUCTS

PET EZE CO. has introduced new pet doors, one designed for wood doors, but the most notable is for sliding glass doors.

The adapter for sliding glass doors slips into any standard (78 to 80½ inches high) sliding glass door frame and automatically adjusts to the proper height. No installation is required and no structural changes have to be made to the sliding glass door. The panel is made of anodized aluminum frame has tempered safety glass and a self-sealing, magnetized entry flap. The entire panel can be removed whenever desired. Suggested retail is \$65 for animals in size up to 20 inches at the shoulder.

The model for wooden doors & walls fits all sizes ½ inch to 2 inches thick. The frame is anodized aluminum, flap is a soft material and is self sealing. There is an aluminum security lock with spring loaded lock and is available in two sizes for animals up to 60 lbs and for those up to 160 lbs. Suggested retail price is \$40 for the smaller and \$52 for the larger.

Long time LIOC life member Barbara Bond of Florida recently wrote of her ocelots saying... "Having Bud for 17 years and BB for 16 you must know a lot happened to me and my cats in that long a time. I could write a book about the adventure we all had. I got all three of my ocelots in 1962. I had an ocelot and a puma first back in 1955. Then a second puma who died in 1961. I got Gina ocelot around March of 1962, then in the next few months Buddy and BB were dumped on me as unwanted. Bud and BB mated and produced 9 litters! The first six were singles and then three litters of twins. And the babies were really beautiful. The babies were all carbon copies — very beautiful and exceptionally large and healthy. Bud and BB were very light eyed cats and the kits had beautiful blue eyes.

Bud & B.B.'s Kittens



Kelley Gellette of Nevada writes... "My third ocelot, Baia III (9 years old) had to be put to sleep a couple of months ago. I know I said "no more" when this one is gone, but the joy I receive from my cats is something I feel lost without, especially after twenty five years of ocelots!"

"It may or may not be of interest to LIOC members", writes Penny Andrews of California. "that the flea comb made by Lambert Kay is absolutely fantastic for defleaing bobcats and cougars, and I would imagine anything else!"

She also says, "Scruffy bobcat and Chirpa cougar are adorable together and Scruffy is very gentle with her... he has a surprise in store in a few months though!"

Robert and Donna Haggerty of Louisiana have been members of LIOC for a year and a half now. They have not obtained an "exotic" member of the family yet, but Donna writes, "I'd like to suggest that I think it would be nice if there were more articles in the Newsletters for people like us (first time, would-be owners). We need to know simple things like where to purchase necessary cages, equipment, the best way of handling your first exotic when you get it, etc."

Talented artist, Steve Schultz, has sent LIOC a check for \$30.00 after sales to date of his fine work featured in a recent NEWSLETTER. You will recall that Steve offered to donate \$1.00 (for each print sold) to the LIOC treasury.

I KNEW BETTER but just didn't THINK

I want to share an experience that just took place here at the Hauser farm. I have a building that all my 12 cats sleep in with outside runs coming from the sides like arms on an octopus.

One day last month I noticed my female bobcat's ear was twitching and she was holding it in a forward and down position. I knew it must be ear mites, but no way can I handle her as she came to me wild and whole and with a mind of her own. I talked to the vet and asked if there were some type of medication that I could pour on her food to fight the mites. The answer was, "No, but hang up a pest-strip". My building has four windows and 6 doors to the runs so I felt there was plenty of air circulation. I knew never to use a strip in a closed room when there's an expectant mother or kittens. I decided to use one, hanging it at the end of the aisle nearest the bobcats. For 2 days all was fine. I watched all the cats, but on the third day, I found my 15 month old male ocelot very sick. He was unable to walk on his hind legs and his eyes were dilated and glassy. I opened his mouth and the tissue around the teeth was whitish. I wrapped him in a blanket and woke the vet up to meet me in his clinic. The young vet stayed up most of the night to save Sebastian. I told him I was sure it was caused from the pest strip and he agreed and started treatment for shock.



Sebastian's body temperature was down to less than 96 degrees. First the vet heated the IV solution to bring the temp back up. In the front leg he gave him a steroid injection in the vein and started the warm IV to stop dehydration and to flush the body. He was sure there was liver damage so he treated that as well.

For three days I kept Sebastian in blankets and quart jars of luke warm water and I gave him IV's three times a day. For new members, the ocelot loves to chew especially rubber on heating pads and rubber hot water bottles, so fruit jars work great. Just don't get the water too hot.

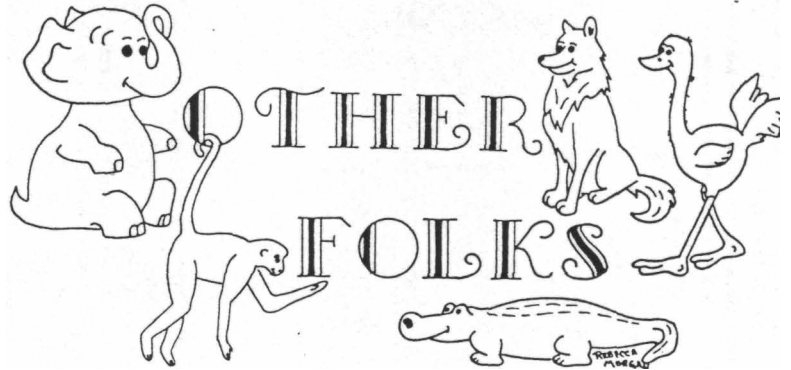
Sebastian was so close to death it scares me, and just because I didn't think the strip would hurt a grown cat. Some cats just can't tolerate flea collars or the strips. All you readers, PLEASE be careful about them. Use SEVIN dust for the fleas.

Ken Hatfield was up north right after this and told me to put mineral oil in the bobcat's ear. I said, "Yeah? You do it!" and he did! First he bought a squirt bottle with an adjustable nozzle and filled it with mineral oil. I laughed and said "I don't think I can hit her ear." and again I was wrong! The nozzle, adjusted to a fine stream, works great. Kinda messy, but she doesn't care. I will continue to keep oil in her ears for a long time to catch all the hatches.

The point I want to make, DON'T USE NO-PEST STRIPS, but, if you do.....

Never in a closed room.
Use an old strip (let it air for a week or longer before using it)
Use only for short periods of time
Never around expectant mothers or babies.

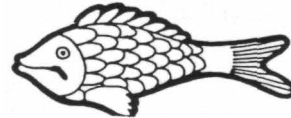
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Fish Taken Off List

For the first time ever, an animal is being taken off the Endangered Species List.

Unfortunately, it is not because it has recovered and is no longer endangered, but because it is believed to be extinct. The Tecopa pupfish, is a 1½ inch long fish native to the Amargosa River near California's Death Valley. Searches since 1970 have failed to find any traces of the pupfish. Its demise is chalked up to pollution, channelization, and introduction of competing, non-native species that have destroyed the pupfish's only known habitat.



United Press International reports that one animal or plant species per hour may become extinct by the end of this century, a new report of the Worldwatch Society said.

"Should this biological massacre take place, evolution will no doubt continue, but in a grossly distorted manner," said the report's author, Erik Eckholm.

All species are doomed to extinction, Eckholm said, but man - through worldwide development, killing of animals for food, profit and use of toxic chemicals such as pesticides and industrial wastes - will accelerate the extinction of plants and animals.

"While recent estimates indicate one species per day becomes extinct, the rate may accelerate to one per hour by the turn of the century," he said. "The fabric of life will not just suffer a minor rip, sections of it will be torn to shreds."

Eckholm said most of the species lost will be plants, many of them in the rain forests of Africa, Asia and Latin America. He estimated in the U.S. alone 10 percent of the plant species are threatened with extinction. Worldwide, 500,000 life forms will vanish by the end of the century.

The final result, he predicted will be a "More hostile environment for man."

WHERE HAVE ALL THE BOBCATS GONE?



"GONE FOR FUR COATS EVERYONE,
WHEN WILL WE LEARN,
WHEN WILL WE LEARN?"

Attention American Bobcats, here's some good news and some bad news.

First, the good news: The U.S. Government is trying to save you!

Now the bad news: The U.S. Government is trying to kill you!

On August 31, 1977 the Endangered Species Scientific Authority banned the export of bobcat pelts. American trappers were selling these skins to European furriers. By ending this trade, officials of ESSA hope to preserve dwindling populations of bobcats.

At the same time, however, hunters working for the Department of the Interior continue to kill bobcats as part of the Agency's predator control program. That program is intended to reduce damage to livestock by such predators as wolves, coyotes, and bobcats. Last year Department of the Interior hunters killed 1,500 bobcats.

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J. Sharkey Thomas

The California bobcat is currently listed as a non-game animal and can be taken seasonally from November 16 thru February 28th with no limit on cats taken. The bobcat is also listed as an important harvestable fur resource for California with an estimated annual kill of 11,800 to 13,600.

A new California law requires that all EXPORTED bobcat pelts be tagged and only 6,000 tags will be authorized for 1977-78. These tags are only for raw pelts going out of California.

The other estimated 7,500 bobcats are taken by those holding sport, trapping licenses or by ranchers protecting their livestock. (Which must be reported to Fish & Game within 30 days). Also by Federal trappers, that are hired by Counties out of Federal funds (your tax money) to trap any wild animals the County deems to be hazardous to humans or livestock.

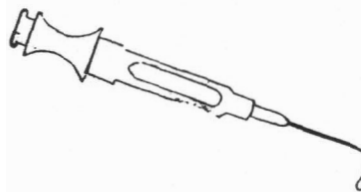
California authorities state on one hand, that the bobcat is a secretive animal seldom seen and for that reason hunters etc. would not be able to drastically deplete the population. On the other hand they estimate an annual kill of 13,600 animal! Can our California bobcat survive this kind of depredation by humans year after year - You be the Judge!

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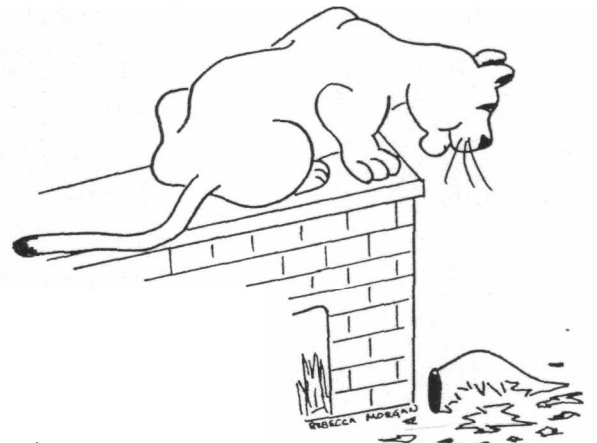
Of the three Pacific Coast states, only Washington state has no legislation protection bobcats. There is currently a belief among officials of the state that the bobcat is in no danger, so there are no controls on trapping limits, and 6,000 pelts are exported annually. Defenders of Wildlife has hired a lawyer to contact the proper authorities and express the opinion held by many conservationists, that the bobcat is in trouble. The lawfirm will ask for a moratorium on bobcat trapping in the State of Washington. Supporters of the moratorium are asked to contact the Director of the Game Department: Ralph W. Larson, Director, Department of Game, 600 N. Capitol Way, Olympia, Wash. 98504. The Department of the Interior originally approved a zero export quota (out of the Country) for bobcats and a small export quota for lynx and river otter. The DOI now wants to allow bobcat exports and increase the quotas on lynx and river otter.

Shelley Starns

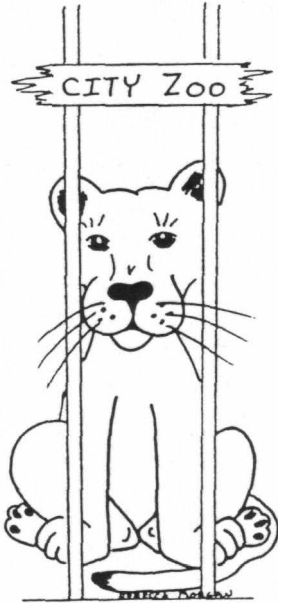


Booster

Time?



I bought a tiny lion cub, he made a wondrous pet,
 But did he have an appetite! He et and et and et
 Until it looked as if he'd plunge his master deep in debt.
 His hunger was a constant thing, to me it was no joke,
 I conjured up a vision sad of someday going broke...
 At first I bottle fed him, which the neighbors thought was cute,
 But later on for nipples milk he didn't give a hoot.
 He graduated to a plate, which naturally he busted,
 And from that day with crockery no longer was he trusted...
 I next employed a wooden bowl, but as that cub expanded
 His appetite for seas of milk a bigger dish demanded.
 And so I bought a basin big of sparkling white enamel
 From which he lapped the lactic fluid much like a thirsty camel.
 He stepped into that basen, yes, and drank and splashed an
 drank,
 And when he'd finished with his meal the nearby walls were
 dank...



When he was only three months old he lapped a gallon a day,
 An item that began to dent my not excessive pay...
 I also fed the little imp a midday meal of steak,
 Chopped fine, so when he ate to fast there'd be no bellyache.
 He loved to leap, and leap he did all over everything -
 One day he made the mantelpiece in one tremendous spring
 And sent a lovely Chinese vase a-crashing to the floor,
 A family heirloom (Ming no less!) that's gone forevermore.
 He also scratche the furniture and chewed up rugs & shoes
 Till I was just about to sing the Lion Puppy Blues.
 He pulled my draperies to the floor and ripped them into shreds,
 Then fell asleep amidst the ruins, which made the best of beds..
 Housebreaking him was quite a job. At times he would forget,
 And then a sofa or a floor was suddently soaking wet.
 I never knew that cub to show a single vicious sign,
 Yet when we'd play, his little claws, so needle-like and fine,
 Would innocently tear my clothes and leave me full of scratches
 Until my suits and diaphram were appliqued with patches...
 I loved that cub but knew ere long I'd have to give him up,
 For soon he'd be a full-grown lion, no longer just a pup.
 I gave him to a public zoo and when I came to call
 He greeted me joyfully he nearly made me bawl....

Author Anonymous

From The Book: Facing the Big Cats
 by Clyde Beatty with
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