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SADIE & CHARLES DOUGLAS, 1978 Lottie recipients,  
 with Michael and Sheba Margay. Sheba is now about  
 12 years old and was the Douglas' first exotic



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**Questions  
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or just your

random

thoughts

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

# CONVENTION



LIOC's annual prowl began unofficially Thursday evening with folks checking into the Sheraton Inn in Atlanta. Of course there were the usual greetings as we looked up those we hadn't seen since last year and introductions as we met new faces.

Friday morning was left free to register, look up old friends, meet new ones or recover from Thursday evening. There were the usual "old" faces and many new ones, among them our host branch - Exotic Cats/Georgia.

A lot of credit goes to those folks(EC/G) being a new branch - they are a small but very active group. Then there was the additional complication that no one in EC/G had ever attended a National Convention. Despite those handicaps, they did an exceptional job and are to be heartily congratulated! On behalf of all attending, THANK YOU FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND ENJOYABLE TIME.

The formal doings began Friday after lunch with Ken Hatfield bringing the General Membership meeting to order (See report on page 7 ).

With the business of the Club out of the way, we were next addressed by Dr. Caudle of the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Caudle discussed the reproductive system of the feline along with some common problems and their possible solutions.

After a short coffee break we reconvened and were given the opportunity to discuss the legal problems encountered with the Endangered Species Act with Dr. Walbert Kennedy of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Dr. Walbert is a Special Agent in charge of enforcement for District 9 and readily admitted he could do little to help us in changing the existing regulations. However he was very sympathetic and feels that groups such as LIOC have done a lot to make the USDI aware of the inadequacies in the existing laws with perhaps a chance of seeing them change in the near future. He encouraged us to keep working for those changes and assured us that our contact with the local folks was a necessary tool in gaining credence with the Folks in Washington.

Friday nite was left open for visiting and many spent the evening in the hospitality room waiting for the news story filmed earlier in the day to appear on the television. The piece as extremely well done by our point of view and except for Nefertiti serval hiding under the bed, showed us in a favorable light. Others caught up on the years events and still others were kept busy watching (ducking) Sampson Bobcat's newly acquired skills of spraying (don't ever say your cat doesn't spray - especially around other cat people).

Saturday morning dawned all too early for the Officers, Directors and Branch Representatives as they met to take care of club business accumulated over the past year (See report on page 6 ) Others had the morning free to sleep late, sight see or continue their visiting.

Saturday afternoon (a little later than scheduled) we were pleased to have an old friend Dr. Stephen Seager with us again. Dr. Seager has spoken with us at other conventions in additions to working with many members in his field of artificial insemination. Dr. Seager brought us up to date in the work being done in this area, as well as briefing us on the basic reproductive workings of the feline. Of special interest were slides taken through a laposcope showing the female organs in various stages of estrus....the effects of hormones and other problems encountered.

Next, Dr. Terry Rettig addressed us on common diseases of the cat, their cures but most of all what can be done to prevent them. It was pointed out that these diseases take a heavy toll and the best possible cure was prevention. Of course there are several feline diseases for which there is no cure. A goodly bit of the discussion revolved around the upper respiratory diseases and the inoculations now available. It was Dr. Rettigs oppinion that the

new nasal drops may afford better protection or at least protection as good as afforded by inoculation. His presentation was accompanied by fascinating slides showing the tissue damage done by the various diseases

Of course, the standing order of business for Saturday evening is the Banquet, Lottie Presentation and auction. In addition, this year a raffle was held to raise money for the general fund, sponsored by the Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club (OEEFC). And we were glad to have Dr. Seager continue his slide presentation as an after dinner speaker. As he puts it, he has the most complete collection of pornographic animal pictures around. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Seager speak, it must be told that he has a fantastic sense of humor as well as being a world recognized expert in his field. At present he is compiling a list of specifications on semen from the various species of animals so that one can tell if future collections are viable to help spot fertility problems. Additionally, the advantages of having a sperm bank and being able to artificially inseminate animals separated by great distances or those who are seemingly incompatible is obvious. He pointed out an instance where a rhino was shipped (at great expense, after modifying a 747 to transport it) cross-country; only to have the male kill the female upon arrival. A truly rare animal was lost and to no end. When perfected, this procedure may be the salvation of some animal species.

This year's Lottie presentation was made by Shirley Treanor since last year's recipients couldn't make the Convention, to Charles and Sadie Douglas. Due to illness, the Douglases couldn't be present and it was accepted on their behalf by Ken Hatfield. The Douglases have served both locally, Sadie as Florida Chapter secretary and Charles as Vice President, and Nationally - Charles as a Term Director. But most important is the help they have afforded members of the club over the years. Those of you who have called on them for help have first hand knowledge of their willingness to help, day or night, to the extent of opening their home to Bill Engler, LIOC's resident gypsy. Furthermore, when Bill died and his animals were in danger of being sold to the highest bidder, it was the Douglases who, at their own expense, fought for the right to keep the animals together as Bill would have wished, fed and cared for those animals and keep them today - not because they were valuable breeders as most of them are old and neutered (Bill couldn't refuse an animal in need of a home) but because they cared for the basic well being of each of them - feline or not. We thank Charles and Sadie for their contributions to LIOC and the felines we love.

In accepting the Lottie, Ken Hatfield mentioned that the Douglases are having a goodly bit of trouble with the freezer used to keep the 1,000 pounds or more chicken they buy weekly (remember their feeding Bill's 70 some odd animals too) and because of some badly needed repairs, the electric bill for the freezer alone is running \$300 a month. Ken suggested that each Branch hold a raffle at their next meeting with the proceeds to go to the Douglases either for repair of the freezer or just to offset the cost of maintaining Bill's cats. He reminded us that they had no obligation to care for Bill's animals, and that Bill considered LIOC his family and stated so on many occasions. It is thru love of Bill and the animals that they assumed the responsibility that we should all share.

The raffle held by OEEFC was next on the agenda. With the number of prizes afforded by that group we won't try to list all the winners. OEEFC and all those contributing by buying and selling tickets are to be thanked. Coordinator Barbara Wilton presented Ken Hatfield with over \$700 raised by the raffle which will go towards balancing the general budget and allowing us to get the Newsletter back on schedule. Thank you OEEFC.

Onward and upward, we moved on to the auction - there were lots of contributions and we thank each of you who contributed. Danny Treanor did his usual competent job of cajoling folks off their wallets and over \$400 was raised for the Legal Fund.

Sunday morning, a bit blurry after Saturday nite, we were confronted with eggs benedict at the breakfast meeting. Needless to say there were a few empty chairs but there were enough brave souls who made it in various

states of suffering and a few who were a trifle too cheerful. Ken reported back to the membership on the action taken by the Board at the Executive Meeting on Saturday and thanked our Hosts for the exceptional job they did in hosting the Convention.

It was announced that next year the convention will take place in Portland, Oregon with OEEFC being hosts. Cat Klass, President of Exotic Cats/Georgia thanked us all and asked that everyone take one dollar out of their pocket to help with the Douglases freezer - and that it would be matched with an equal amount. BeeJay Lester stated that she would cancel a debt of \$150 if it would be included in that agreement - it was matched.

Officially, that was the conclusion of our 7th Annual Convention. However, most folks hung around and quite a few went on a short tour of Atlanta Sunday afternoon while others opted for some of the hair of the dog that bit them while waiting for plane departure time in the lounge still catching up on events of the past year.

There were still lots of us left for a group dinner Sunday evening at a area restaurant and more visiting afterwards with promises to "See you next year".

We were pleased to see the following faces in Atlanta and hope there will be some new ones on the list next year:

Ken and Jean Hatfield; John Perry with Geoffroy kitten; Dennis & Jackie Vanderwall; Joyce Little, Pat Quillen, Ann Driscoll, Becky Connelly, Ashley Brock-Johnson, Lee Brandenburg, Bette Human, BeeJay Lester, Virginia English, Mildred Payton with Geoffroy hybrid; Karen McJusseume with Geoffroy cat, Shamus; Elmer & Rebecca Morgan, Danny Treanor, Shelley Starns, Jeanne Sellers, Barbara Wilton, Ethel Hauser, Steve & Jill Schultz with serval Nefertiti; James Mills, Roger, Faye and Kay Harmon; Jean Towmes, Joyce Bezanson with Bobcat Sampson; Mark Valentine, Tom & Eloise Moore; Connie Hablike, Jackie Marshall and Shirley Treanor.

And with very special thanks - our hosts: Cat and Mark Klass; Fred Boyajian and Bobby Staley with their fantastically sweet margays; Kenny Jones, Pam Reynolds, Pam Anthony, John Leman, and guests.

SEE YA IN PORTLAND!

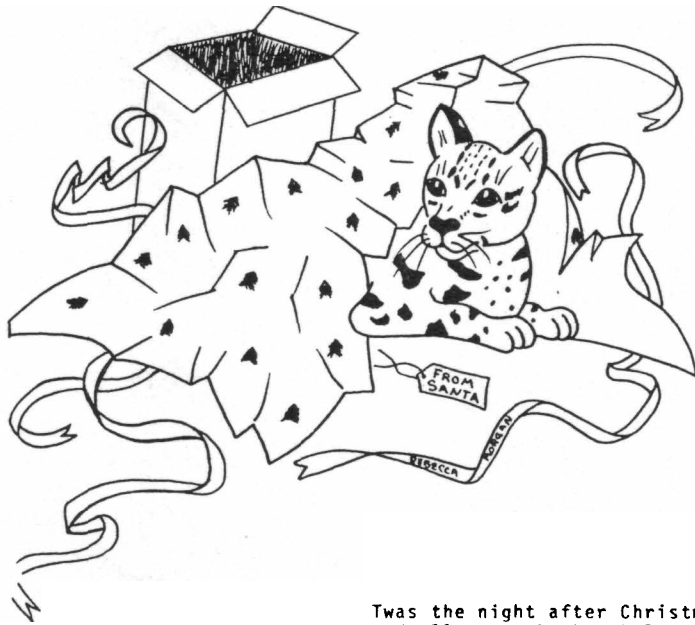


May you and all whom you hold dear

be graced with the Blessings of Good Health and Happiness

Peace, Freedom and Security at this Holiday Time

and in the Coming New Year



Twas the night after Christmas  
and all through the whole place,  
Nothing was moving, not even a  
species of a two legged race.

But, I with my four paws and  
coat all shiney and sleek, the  
corners and cover and under  
the beds did I seek.

Santa to me, is not much a thrill,  
candy canes taste like my vitamin pill.  
Chicken necks did I want, all juicy & fresh,  
but this Christmas stuff just left me a mess.

Ribbons & Paper, tinsel & lights,  
Oh horrors, it just gives me the frights!

I was getting most hungry when I heard such a clatter  
Then out from the bedroom ole Peter did patter.

He tripped over a chair and then crunched on my toe  
He was not feeling his best, this did I know!

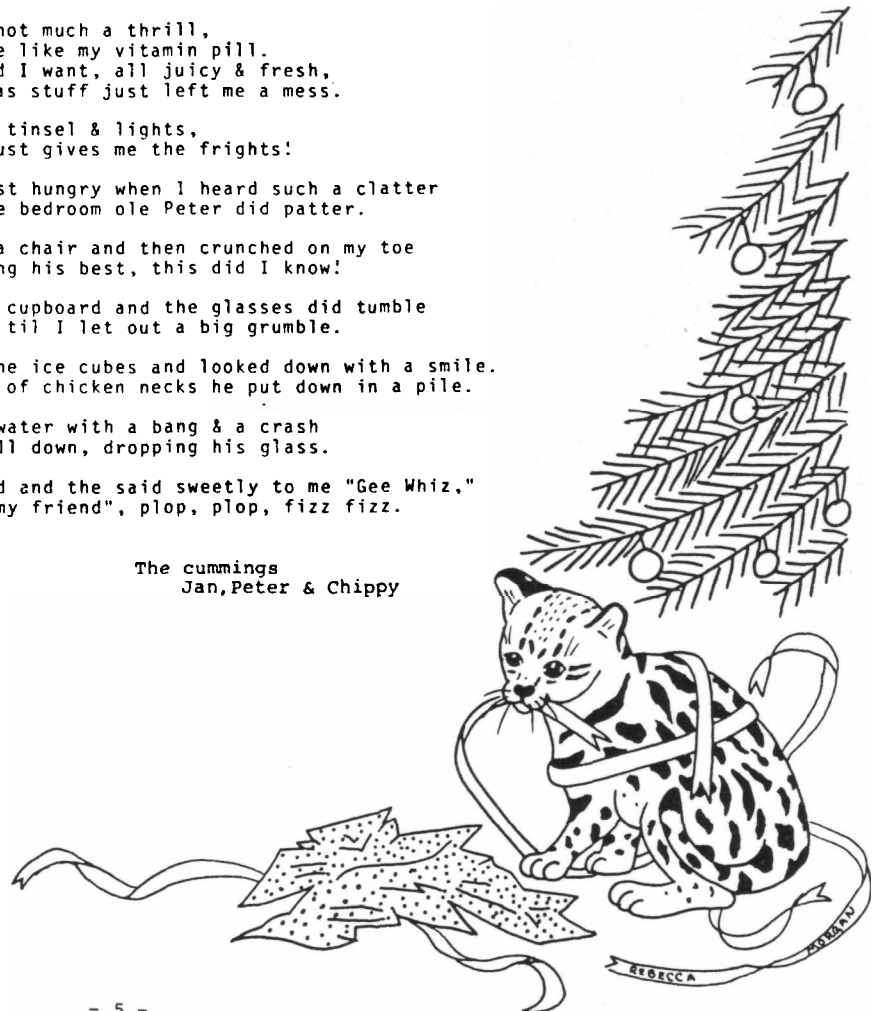
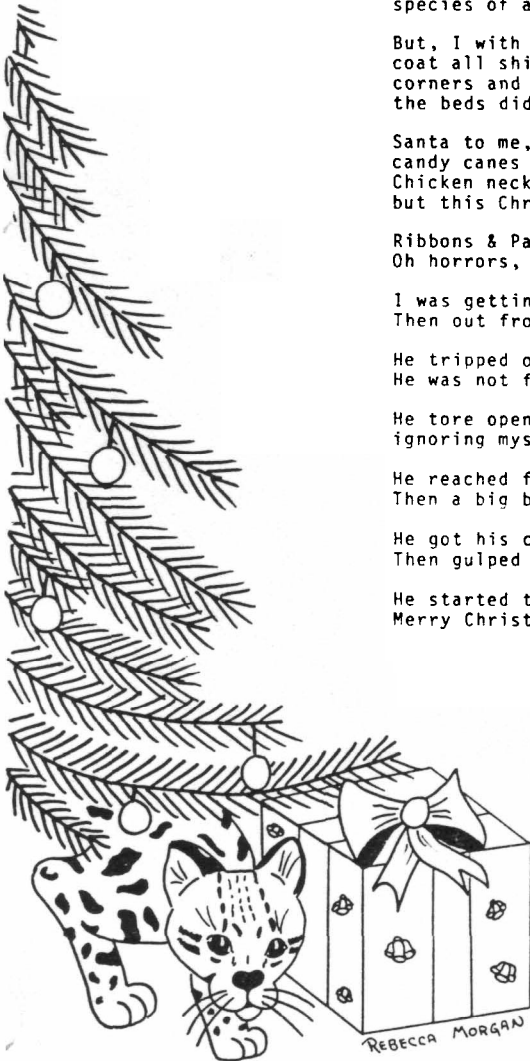
He tore open the cupboard and the glasses did tumble  
ignoring myself, til I let out a big grumble.

He reached for the ice cubes and looked down with a smile.  
Then a big bunch of chicken necks he put down in a pile.

He got his cold water with a bang & a crash  
Then gulped it all down, dropping his glass.

He started to bed and he said sweetly to me "Gee Whiz,"  
Merry Christmas my friend", plop, plop, fizz fizz.

The Cummings  
Jan, Peter & Chippy



# GREATER N.Y.

MEETING REPORT  
July 23, 1978

An outdoor summer meeting was held at John Perry's home in Stratford, Conn. Fourteen members and two guests attended.

Hostess geoffroy cat, Sheba, has become the adoptive mother of three geoffroy kits, about 2 months old. Their zoo born black mother was glad to be rid of the responsibility after 6 weeks. Coffee, a spotted male, is assumed to be the father as although there is a black male in the house, all three kits were spotted.

Don & Joyce Bezanson brought along their less than year old bobcat that had undergone cataract surgery that week, with both eyes operated on. At the time of the meeting he was totally blind due to the surgery. Few of us realized this until told. He followed sounds and smells so well and had no fear of strangers, making him seem normal. This may have been proof that he never had sight before and was totally used to that condition. The cat has since recovered sight in both eyes, perhaps without perfect focusing ability however.

Jack & Mille Payton had to bring along their pair of Dobermans, with ten nursing pups. The dogs would have become upset at being left home which might have become a problem to their cats and thousands of tropical fish. It's a good thing they have a van for transportation.

Arnold Weber sent a note together with a copy of his N.Y. State Endangered Species Permit for his mountain lion. New York classifies all U.S. Species of mountain lions as endangered. The permit was the result of a summons, several court appearances, good newspaper coverage and a volunteering lawyer. Each sentence and paragraph of this permit seems custom written for his specific situation. This may be the first New York Permit ever granted to an individual. The permit requires Arnold to use the cat in conjunction with his lectures & slide shows on conservation falconry, and wildlife. This is not a simple permit for pet ownership.

The Paytons volunteered their Boston home for the location of the next meeting in the fall. They promised that all the Doberman pups would be gone by then so that cats would have to worry only about the parents.

A sad background to this meeting was the escape and disappearance of Coffee, male, friendly breeding age Geoffroy in early July. John Perry was on vacation, with non-exotic owners feeding his cats, in his home. A neighbor said later that Coffee was in the area for at least two days after getting loose, but the people feeding the cats didn't even know he was missing. Bette and I went to check on the kittens and found that the gate keeping situation wasn't correct. Next day we made a thorough search of the house when it was obvious Coffee hadn't eaten in more than 24 hours. John's emergency phone number at the resort was changed but still rang normally and information still had the old number. Bette finally made the 300 mile trip to inform John. That of course ended his vacation as he returned and got word for the neighbors and then had several probably valid sightings. The sightings would indicate a lost, wandering cat. Many people leave cat food on the back porch so he probably didn't starve, but didn't know where home was. As of this writing (November,) Coffee has not been found.

- If non-exotic friends must care for your cats,
1. Phone back with a valid phone number.
  2. Have a daily head count with good descriptions.
  3. Leave the phone numbers of other exotic Owners.

# Executive Meeting

AUGUST 18, 1978

The first item of business involved the annual appointment of Editor, Membership Secretary and Registrar. Those positions were filled respectively, in 1977, by Shirley Treanor, Shelley Starns and Rebecca Morgan. It was moved, seconded and carried that there be no changes.

A proposal to add regular reporters to the Newsletter staff followed. It met with much enthusiasm and Vice President Ethel Hauser was placed in charge of the project which will involve reporters from various parts of the U.S., Canada, etc. from people in their area, report on happenings themselves as well as submitting material of interest already published elsewhere.

Two sanctuary applications (as provided for in LIOC by-laws) were reviewed. After individual discussion in both cases, sanctuary status was granted for all classes (sizes) of felines to 1) Ken Hatfield - Florida, and 2) Cougar Mountain Breeding Compound, Terry & Shelley Starns, Washington.

The current program of advertising LIOC in CATS magazine, CAT FANCY, etc. was discussed. Response to these ads has been good and Secretary Shelley Starns was instructed to check into advertising in POPULAR PETS magazine additionally. Kat Klass mentioned the possibility of advertising in PET SUPPLIES & MARKETING under the heading of "INFORMATION" and she and Shelley Starns were instructed to pursue this. Kat also stated that this publication might be interested in doing an article on LIOC and Ken Hatfield & Shirley Treanor are to follow up on that possibility.

Since the inception of the Lottie Award, LIOC member Brenda Duprey has been the craftsman responsible for the statue. This year the Board felt that a little more than "Thank you" was in order and Roger Harmon was placed in charge of having a plaque done for presentation to Brenda.

Membership in the National Association for Sound Wildlife Programs was the next topic of discussion. It was generally agreed by all that membership as an organization would be an extremely beneficial thing. This membership as a group is \$100. per year. It was learned that an anonymous donation in this amount had been made at convention to the Legal fund earmarked for NASWP membership. The gift was gratefully accepted.

A discussion of the registration system followed and it was announced again that registration of Founding Stock had closed. The bank account maintained by Registrar Rebecca Morgan has a current balance of \$205.75. Rebecca was instructed to have forms printed to last the upcoming year and Retain \$25.00 in that account with the balance to be transferred to the General Account in Tacoma.

A request to host the 1979 LIOC Convention in Portland Oregon was heard. There was no opposition and the 1979 Convention was assigned to the Oregon Educational Exotic Feline Club, Portland, Oregon.

In past years, LIOC has not worked under the framework of a formalized budget. Prior to Convention, President Ken Hatfield requested rough figures on expenditures in 1977-78 and for projected expenditures in 1978-79 from Secretary/Treasurer Shelley Starns. These figures were reviewed and a budget adopted.

The current Legal Fund account generated much discussion. A minimum situation was addressed and withdrawals of \$100.00 or more will now require two signatures. The major amount of discussion involved getting the Legal Fund set up as a non-profit entity so that funds could

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

After a welcome from Exotic Cats/Georgia President, Kat Klass and LIOC President, Ken Hatfield the meeting was begun with a prayer by LIOC Life Director Roger Harmon.

Ken announced that with an upcoming mailing the News letter would be up to date and on schedule again. Members were urged to submit material for publication so that the Newsletter can remain on schedule.

A report from Rebecca Morgan, LIOC's Registrar, followed. It was announced that registration for "Founding Stock" had closed. Rebecca stated that a total of 161 felines have been registered to date with a bank balance of \$205.75 generated from registrations. It was again emphasized that registration helps document the validity of an exotics origin and will minimize the occurrence of inbreeding when family trees are known. Ethel Hauser pointed out that she lost her cat records when her house burned in January and has had all her cats registered she would have records to fall back on to replace those lost in the fire. (\* All felines are still registerable - but the conotation of Founding Stock is now unavailable)

Ken Stated that there had been two application for Sanctuary status under the LIOC by-laws - The Hatfield's Exotic Feline Farm, and the Starns' Cougar Mountain Breeding Compound. These two applications were to be reviewed at the Executive Meeting.

A discussion of the National Association for Sound Wildlife Programs followed. The intent of this organization is to become a strong lobbying body with the rights and needs of the private owner (of all species) in mind and purpose. Many other organizations around the world maintain membership in N.A.S.W.P. and after hearing about this group it was agreed that it would be beneficial for LIOC to become a member. Such membership would be \$100.00 per year and the matter was left to the Board after consideration of Club finances. It was further stated that there would be no conflict of intent or function between LIOC and NASWP.

As in years past, the possibility of changing the name of our organization was approached. After minimal discussion, it was vetoed by those members attending.

Ken gave a Legal Fund report and stated that our bank balance was \$5,304.00 with \$400.00 owed from loans to the general fund.

On the note of again reaffirming LIOC's position against neutering or spaying (except where the health of the feline warrants) the 1978 General Membership Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Starns, Secretary



## Necrology

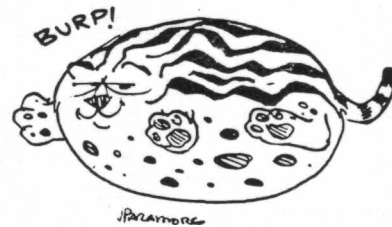
KIKI, fifteen year old ocelot of Founding Member Denise Pierron died recently. Denise received a call from home while vacationing in Europe saying KIKI was ill. Arriving home two days later he lived long enough to bid her goodbye. Needless to say, Denise is suffering the loss of her long time friend of 15 years.

## Fat Cat Bad Deal for Felines

To be a "fat cat" may be a good deal for the human variety, but not for the four-footed kind reports United Press International...they may be in great pain.

"Cats are about the only creatures we know of who can actually feel pain from fat," a Boston veterinarian said in a paper presented to a meeting of the American Animal Hospital Association.

Obese felines can develop a disease - steatitis from a surplus of polyunsaturated fats in their systems, said Dr. Peter Theran, assistant chief of staff of Angell Memorial Hospital.



Their body fat becomes inflamed and causes such intense pain the cat suffers from any movement or touch, and hides from humans so it will not be picked up and cuddled.

Too much red-meat tuna, or fish oil, in cat food can cause the disease, he said. It can be cured by proper diet and Vitamin E, Theran said, and there are also cat foods which contain vitamin E.

**\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE:** We don't know if this condition affects exotics, but too much fat isn't good for man or beast - of any kind.

## TIGERS DON'T JUMP?

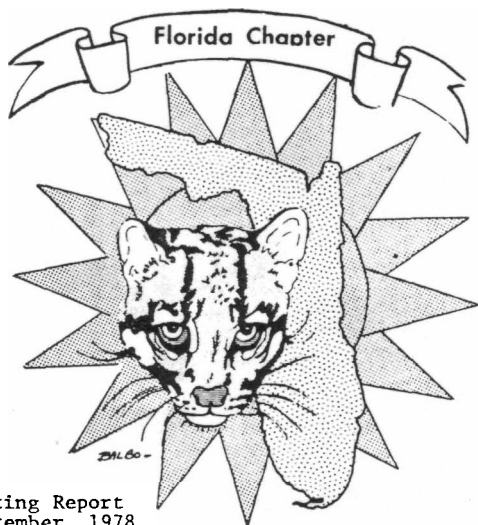
Tigers don't jump. That's what Betty & I heard from everyone who knows tigers. But guess what I did? I raised Sugar our tiger with Tabatha our cougar. Well, Tabatha taught Sugar how much fun it is to jump and climb. Sugar is now one half to three-quarters grown and weighs in at about 250 pounds. When she stands on my shoulders, I look up about a foot to see the underside of her jaw (Lou is over 6 feet tall). and she can jump 8 feet straight up!

The tiger is one of the best cats for a pet with the exception of the cougar (except for its size) tho the mountain lion is jumpier. Sugar is so mellow and is always rubbing and talking and more so than the others. The cats I like best are a tiger, cougar, leopard (although they are more work) a serval and the bobcat.

A word of caution about tigers...they get BIG and they panic neighbors. But in all honesty they are the one to worry about least. Oh, but the cost!! Expensive to buy, yes, but the baby formula for the first six months of a tiger's life doubles that quickly. Then chicken (Sugar eats only 10-15 pounds a day) which has to be supplemented with horsemeat.

Yes, we still hear it today from everyone - **TIGERS DON'T JUMP!**

Lou Eagan,  
Reprinted from Exotics Unlimited.



Meeting Report  
September, 1978

After lots of food (WOW - ask Ken about boiling quail eggs), fun and fellowship with old friends and new, including our animals, our meeting was called to order by Ken Hatfield, President, at Jim & DeeDee Barnes' home in Plantation.

With a great big hellow from all the folks at convention, Ken gave us a rundown on legal news around the USA, medical problems here & there, and the need for increasing our numbers, as well as contributing to the Newsletter. Then, Ken explained how everyone was having a raffle at their next meeting to raise money for Bill's (Engler) animals now at the Douglas' in Orlando.

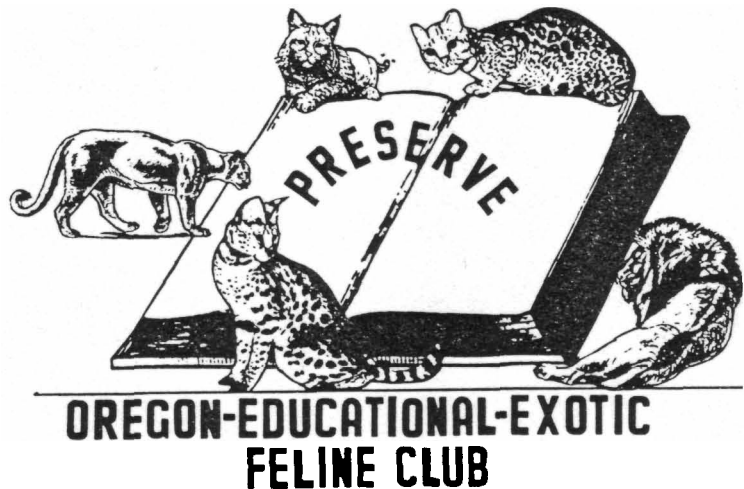
The artist, Steve Schultz, was present as was Vulcan, the tiger who posed for one of the etchings in the portfolio we raffled. We had 46 members present with 3 new members and several prospective ones. Consequently, we were able to raise \$140.00 on the raffle. The winning ticket was drawn by Jim Barnes, our host who contributed \$75.00 to Bill's cats.

Betty Bevis of Homestead was presented with the raffle prize she won from convention. Then a few announcements, Ken has Chapparal Vitamins if anyone needs them; and a discussion of food ensued. Zupreme can be gotten from Hills: Delux Pet supplies has unbled horsemeat and beef in small sizes for \$.48/lb. Next convention will be in Portland, Oregon and the next Florida meet will be at the Seiden's in Miami.

It was explained that the Lottie award was not presented to its recipients in Atlanta as they were not present. However, since they were at this meeting, Ken proudly presented our most unselfish members, Charles & Sadie Douglas with the 1978 Lottie.

Some of those attending were: B.J. Lester who now has her degree and can't stay away from Baudy's Peg & Roy Gryner, Charles & Jan Reinsen, The Phillips and guest, James Wheatly, Barbara Bond, Charles & Sadie Douglas with Mike, Betty Bevis & Guest, Jim & Lynn Croft and guests, George & Jan Collins, Ken Jean and Connie Hatfield with Caesar, cheetah, Darlene and Jerry Maurer, Steve and Jil Schultz, Danny Treanor and Guest and Hosts Jim, DeeDee and children and the stars, Baron the cougar and Vulcan the tiger.

Mary Nell Phillips  
Recording Secretary



Greetings from your West Coast Reporter, Barbara Wilton. Now that Convention '78 is over, it is time to get ourselves back in gear. Most schools are back in session so the lecture tour is starting again.

OEEFC is working toward Convention '79 and request your suggestions. Is there a certain speaker you would care to hear? A particular topic you would like covered? LET US KNOW NOW!

My nomination for Newsletter "LIOC Member of The Month" is Cat Klass, and that gal's got class no matter how you spell it. She and her co-horts did a magnificent job on the Convention. The speakers were informative and informal and the topics covered a good span of the subjects and interests. I'm sure all the member of Exotic Cats/Georgia felt the pressure and worried constantly about something going wrong, but if it did, they certainly never let it show. Cat Klass held it all together in a warm, friendly relaxed atmosphere.

Just a little suggestion for any of you. OEEFC recently did a "speak out" at a nursing home here, in fact, the same one where Ethel Hauser broke her leg. These elderly people enjoyed having us there for many reasons. Not only did it give them a break in their hum-drum existence, I'm sure that seeing and possibly touching a real live cat again brought back some really good memories to many of them. Call a nursing home near you and make an appointment to bring your pet in. You don't need 6-8 cats and put on a big show. The you bring to a few old people with a couple of hours of your time will be magnified and returned many times over.





## It's A Wild Life

The following is a reprint from the Frame House Gallery Newsletter.

"Opening the door, I stepped very slowly inside the compound trying not make any sudden movement that might alarm her. Close by the door where I could make a quick exit if necessary, I waited to test her reaction," says Richard Evans Younger of his meeting with the adult cougar shown in his newest release "Eastern Cougar Family".

"Without hesitation she slowly got up and walked directly to where I was standing, her three kittens following close behind. She paused slightly, sniffed my leg, and then," he said, his excitement mounting, "without warning, she raised up, put her paws on my shoulder with teeth bared and ears flattened out and let out a screaming snarl that nearly stopped my heart."

"She dropped down, shook my pants leg in her teeth, let go, and gradually walked away. I suppose that was her way of telling me I was accepted, because the next thing I knew, I had a cougar cub on each leg and was trying to hold off the third one."

Richard Evans Younger says his encounter is one he'll never forget. He had observed the mother cougar and her three kittens since they were two weeks old. They were six weeks old before he "finally got up enough nerve to enter the compound".

"I've lived in Florida for 20 years and had only a fleeting glance of a wild eastern cougar in the Florida Everglades in 1960."



Younger looked for several years before he found his family. "I always paint a specific animal. Representing the animal's character and personality is important. If you could visit any of the animals I have painted, you'd recognize them."

To raise money for the cougars' habitat, 100 prints of the edition of 1500 are being sold for \$1000. in conjunction with a membership in the North Carolina Zoological Society. The prints will be embossed with the North Carolina State Seal and signed by the Governor. The Frame House Gallery has 1400 signed and numbered prints available which will retail for \$75.00. The prints measure 20"x40".



Richard Evans Younger sketched and observed this six-week old cub for 2 weeks.

"She would jump in my lap or lay on the drawing board while I made my sketches. We became fast Friends".

Photo by Hugh Norton

## reflection

During this Holiday Season, we all pause at one time or another to give Thanks. Of course we express our Thanks for home, Relatives and the lifestyle that we, as Americans, take for granted so often.

Reflecting further, I find myself giving thanks for 5 spotted beasts that add so much joy to my life, and many others that over the years have enriched it and touched it in various ways. I am thankful for their health, for the kits that have blessed this house and for the knowledge that in some small way I contributed towards increasing this very special brand of love.

I am also thankful for LIOC, for the many dear and special friends I have been privileged to know through this unique organization. Friends who answer calls at 3 AM, who are there with a strong shoulder and willing ear in times of grief and who double my joy by sharing times of happiness. Although we are not geographically close, these folks are truly close in spirit, sharing my life in a very special way, a way few others can comprehend.

I am also, as LIOC's Editor, thankful for the help I receive in putting out the Newsletter. So I would take this opportunity to thank each of you who shared your life by contributing to the Newsletter, to those of you who work locally organizing and participating in Branch functions. You folks are LIOC and what LIOC is all about - I am grateful to each of you as you make it possible for me to enjoy a very special type of love.

Shirley

### EXECUTIVE MEETING...Cont.

generate non-taxable interest. A means of doing this was agreed upon which would set up this "New" non-profit organization and have it incorporated. This organization will have the same Officers as LIOC. Ken Hatfield was instructed to work with an accountant in his locale to pursue this. The organization would have to bear a different name than the Club's and the following were selected (1st most popular and so on) LIOC Endangered Species Conservation Federation; LIOC Endangered Species Foundation; and LIOC Endangered Species Conservation Society. Formation of this entity will allow gifts, grants, etc. to be tax deductible and will allow the mailing of our Newsletter at greatly reduced rates. It will also allow the fund to generate non-taxable income (i.e. - interest from savings accounts, certificates, etc.) It was noted that the cost of setting up such an entity would be offset in all likelihood by the such interest earned the first year.

Last year foreign dues were raised from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per year. It was noted that in the currency exchange from Canadian to US dollar that \$11.00 Canadian dollars was bringing less than \$10. U.S. Dollars. The motion was made, seconded and carried to raise Canadian dues effective immediately to \$12.00 per year.

There being no further business, the 1978 LIOC Board of Directors meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Starns,  
Secretary

# LOTTIE 78

Lottie is a little bronzed statue of an ocelot's head - nothing really exceptional, except the meaning of her and the gratitude that goes with her annually to one of us who have given more than their "fair share".

Lottie is created by sculptress Brenda Duprey, and is fashioned after her ocelot, Zapata. Brenda unselfishly creates one a year and I doubt she realizes the joy her likeness of Zapata brings to its recipients.

The 1978 Lottie was the 13th of its kind. The first, in 1966 went to Gene Brill, LIOC's 1st secretary; 1967 saw it presented to the late Bill Engler, of course we all know why Bill was a recipient. In 1968, now Life Director Mike Balbo took it, many of the illustrations still used in our Newsletter are Mike's creations. 1969 saw Dave Salisbury, founder and 1st president of the Florida group receive it. Bob Peraner, past president/editor was presented Lottie in 1970. Johnny Ebner founder of the S.W. Branch got Lottie 1971, and in 1972, at our 1st Convention, amidst loud protests, Catherine Cisin was given hers to thunderous applause. In 1973 the first joint Lotties was given to Ken and Jean Hatfield, who have served both nationally and as officers of the Florida branch.

Although there wasn't a presentation in 1974, 1975 convention in Florida saw a first. Roger Harmon was presented the 1974 Lottie, having served as Vice President of National and being a founding member and President of S.W. The 1975 Lottie was at the same time presented Jointly to Shirley & Danny Treanor; Danny having served in the S.W. Branch and to Shirley for her work as Sec/Treasurer, Director and Editor nationally, and of course to Dan for his back-up of Shirley's efforts. The following year, 1976, Art Human was given Lottie for his continuing work in the New England area over the years. 1977 another Lottie was given to Bob & Lil Smith for their efforts in California.

Although it is the custom for the most recent recipient to present Lottie, the Smiths were absent for the first time for Convention. Unfortunately, due to illness, our 1978 recipients were also absent. However, with cautions to keep the award secret until they could be presented it in person, your editor was privileged to present it to Ken Hatfield who promised to pass it along to CHARLES & SADIE DOUGLAS.

There was special joy in the presentation for me as Charles & Sadie were responsible for my having our first margay and seeing us through its growing up. Anyone fortunate enough to have met Charles & Sadie know this Lottie is long overdue and richly deserved. Besides serving nationally and the Florida Branch over the years, Charles & Sadie are always among the first to be of service when asked. It was with them that Bill Engler made is last home and it was the Douglases who so lovingly adopted Bill's family, fighting to keep it together as he would have wished.

In writing this article there is a note of sadness however. In looking over the names of recipients, I find only FIVE who are still active in LIOC. I realize that all poured years of effort into LIOC, but it would seem that with the receipt of Lottie, many it seems chose to "retire". Realizing that lives change, and circumstances demand other things, I nevertheless mourn their loss and the contributions they once made.



We wish to thank each and every member of LIOC for their donations to Bill's animals. It is deeply appreciated and will be used for that purpose.

It is people like you who make LIOC such a good club and if we can be of any help to anyone, out there in any way please feel free to call on us.

When we all stand together we can overcome anything. God bless each and everyone of you and your beautiful felines.

With deep appreciation

*Charles & Sadie Douglas*

The Douglas' were the recipients of this years LOTTIE. Sadie submitted the following to the Newsletter and it shows in a small way why they were so chosen.

## ONLY THE GOOD

Forget each kindness that you do  
as soon as you have done it.  
Forget the praise that falls on you  
The moment you have won it.  
Forget the slander that you hear  
Before you can repeat it,  
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,  
Wherever you may meet it.  
Remember all the happiness  
That comes your way in living;  
Forget each worry and distress,  
Be hopeful and forgiving.  
Remember good, remember truth,  
Remember Heaven's above you  
And you will find through age and youth  
True joys, and hearts to love you.

Pricilla Leonard.



*And the lion shall dwell with the lamb; and the leopard shall lie down with the kid: and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them*

*Seriah 11: 6*

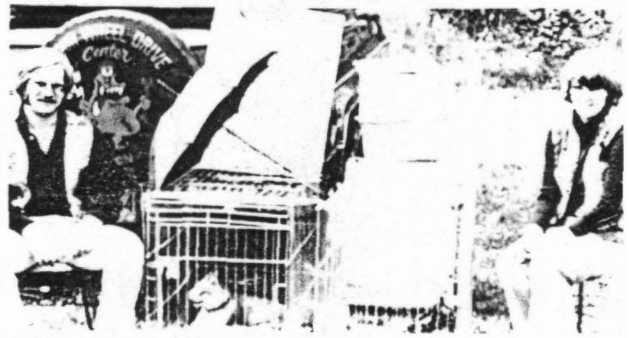


The Wilton's "South 40" was the scene July 16th for a goodwill exotic cat show sponsored by OEEFC. The rain that started the day cleared and we were thankful it didn't get too hot.

Ten species of cats were represented as well as a family of ferrets. Visitors were free to roam and most of them spent 2-3 hours in talking and taking pictures. Our Jr. Club "Wildcats" made nearly \$10 selling lemonade, coffee and bubblegum. (They did better than we did). Our show was free although a donation table was set up which netted a little and we also sold several raffle tickets.

We appreciated Shelley & Terry Starns making the trip down from Cougar Mountain in Washington with cougar Poppy and Casandra leopard plus 2 baby cougars. It was a great added attraction along with the Vanderwall's new baby, Scheherazade.

All OEEFC members were well pleased with the enthusiasm, especially when the viewers started off with the "I think they belong in the wild" and were given the opportunity to see "our" side of things.



## My Name is Gypsy

I guess my owner named me that because I was in two different homes before I came to live here. I am an ocelot and I needed a special kind of love to fit my personality.

I like to suck on arms, ear lobes, and especially fingers! My new owner doesn't mind this so I suck until my heart is content, then I'm off and ready to play with my toys.

We live in a 65'x14' mobile home in Dayton, Ohio. I have my own room for privacy and quiet times. There is a 6' tall scratching pole in there with two shelves and a big house on top for surveying my kingdom.

When my owner comes I give her a big kiss because I'm glad to see her and she in turn always kisses me back and rubs my ears, head and back - then I'm ready for play.

Sometimes I'm cranky and I jump and bite, but my foster mom spansks me with a rolled up newspaper and tells me "NO" and I stop, even tho I really don't want to. I soon forget my spanking and am off looking for my red snake. I find I can drag it around and chew on it all I want and no one minds.

We have a two pound Yorkshire terrier named Muffin and two canaries. The canaries are hung where I can't reach them, but I sure hear them and think they'd be great fun to play with.

"Mom" always seems to know my moods and always catches me when I try to sneak up on her and pounce. Understanding me is very important and I am happy there was someone willing to love and care for me as I am, not as they think I should be. I sincerely hope all who desire a pet like myself will give a lot of thought so others can find the love I have found and accept the love we are able to give in return.

Sincerely,

Gypsy

(written for her by Pat Brewster, who loves her very much)



