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ELLIE, has a large, hollow tree trunk in her outdoor enclosure in which she loves to play. See her story on page 3.



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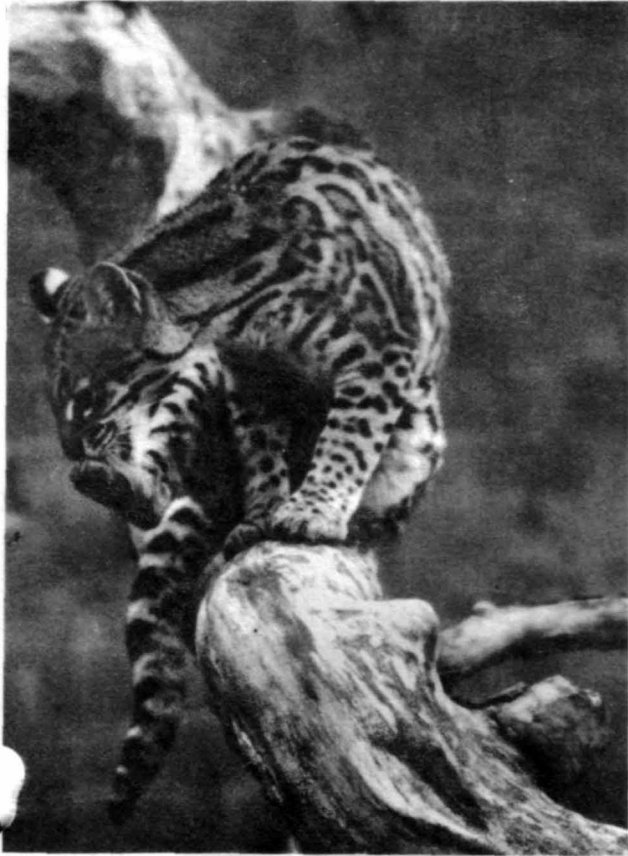
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## Ellie

By Lady Fisher, Kilverstone Wildlife Park, England

Ellie the ocelot was sent to us by our friends in Panama, Nate and Ellie Gale, so of course we named her Ellie. She arrived, an enchanting ball of spotted fluff and as she grew bigger, she turned into a striking beauty.

In England, we have a TV series called "Animal Magic" and after Ellie's debut on this program she received a flood of fan mail. She had behaved like a pin-up girl, presenting first one profile, then the other for the camera.

"Animal Magic" had invited Ellie to make a return appearance the following week under pressure from the instant fan club she seemed to have acquired. They wanted to put her in a glass-walled enclosure with a tree for her to climb. She behaved impeccably during the first rehearsal, climbing the tree and posing as if she had been modeling all her life. But we soon learned that Ellie was quite capable of throwing a tantrum worthy of a prima donna if she got bored with rehearsal.

During the second rehearsal she began to show tell-tale signs of boredom testing the height of the glass wall with her paws. When it came to doing the live show, she impetuously leaped out of the enclosure and raced across the set, apparently in search of the baby badgers on the next set. The cameras tracked her helplessly and presented a first class view of a retreating tail. Ellie, alas had wrecked her budding career as a television star, he was not asked back again.

✱ If you can't make it in movies, you might as well try for a quiet married life. We found a mate for her and called him Oscar. He turned out to be a wild, spitting ball of fire. You have to be very careful about how you introduce exotic cats to each other. If you

simply thrust a male and a female into the same cage, without proper introductions, the chances are they will fly at each other and that one of them will be seriously harmed or killed.

All our cat houses at Kilverstone are very carefully constructed with separate bedrooms for the male and female and a grill in-between so that they can get to know each other before they are able to get at each other. It was only after two weeks of sniffing and eyeing each other that Ellie and Oscar were allowed out to meet in the main part of the cage.

Ellie and Oscar seemed to treat their relationship like an arranged marriage. They had strong differences of opinion - over humans for instance. Ellie seemed to miss her games with me. Before Oscar arrived, I used to go out and play with her each day. After the fun and games, she would come and sit on my lap or rub against my legs as a house cat would. But with the coming of Oscar, I thought I should let them get on with married life. Ellie would still come sidling up to the edge of the cage, purring loudly whenever I approached. Oscar, however, did not have much time for humans. I decided I had better not contribute to marital squabbles so I kept pretty much apart from Ellie although occasionally I did stop and tickle her through the wire mesh of the cage.

Last year, when we had just returned from South America, Ellie saw me approach and she made a great noise yowling and purring because she hadn't seen me for two months. I was carrying two baby monkeys I was hand-raising but I went over and sat on the bottom rail of the barrier and talked to her and tickled her through the wire. As I was just getting up to leave, a woman visitor to the park came up and asked me questions about the baby monkeys. Sitting with my hands crossed on my knees a foot or so from the cage, while I was looking at the woman, I was talking to. Ellie had moved away, but Oscar had slunk up to the edge of the cage. He shot his paw through the mesh and pulled my fingers through. I was surprised by his strength, and I was more than surprised when he began to chew the end of my index finger as if it were an old bone.

After what seemed like five minutes, but must have been a few seconds, the visitor said "Are you all right?" As blood was pouring out and I was screaming blue murder, I don't know if she thought it was a normal occurrence or some show I put on for the public. "Call a keeper" I pleaded. Stuart bobbed out of the keeper's kitchen with a dead, day-old chick that he must have thought would tempt Oscar to abandon my finger. But this ploy didn't work. Oscar's attitude seemed to be that he was not going to give up a tasty steak for a scrawny bird. Instead of getting a bucket of water to throw over Oscar or a stick to push him away, Stuart grabbed hold of my hand and wrenched it back out of Oscar's mouth, leaving a goodly portion of flesh still in Oscar's mouth.

When I got to the surgeon, heavily drugged about an hour later, I heard him saying, "Where is the rest of your finger, I can sew it back on." "Oh, it's in Oscar's tummy" I groaned. "Who's Oscar" he asked in amazement. "He's a very jealous husband" I heard myself reply. It was only when I was coming out of my drugged state later on that I thought to explain "Oscar is an ocelot." "I'm terribly relieved to hear it, I thought you meant your husband" said the surgeon.

This story of Oscar and Ellie and the bit about Jubilee (Newsletter Volume 23 #1) are included in my book *My Jungle Babies* published by George Allen due out in September 1979.



THIS IS THE FIRST DAY  
OF THE REST OF MY LIFE ?

# JENNI



by Kent Zink

Because of my love for animals I joined LIOC two years ago. Later I went to a few local branch meetings and saw many different species of cats. My parents thought I was crazy at first when I told them I wanted a "wildcat".

My first choice was a cougar, but since I am 18 and live with my parents and will live in an apartment in the near future, I decided a small cat would fit my lifestyle better. After bombarding people with questions via the telephone and by letter; and seeing different species I decided on a female Geoffroy's cat.

After waiting six months, the Hatfields had two female Geoffroys. At eight weeks of age, my long awaited kitten was flown to me. When she arrived at the airport she was so scared she was shaking. But when we got home and out of her carrier, she let us love her and she purred so loudly you could hear it all the way across the room. She slept on my pillow by my head the first night in her new home.

As a kitten she liked everyone. Since she is one of the family, I gave her a person's name - Jenni. When I took her to the vet, he thought she was an ocelot. As she got older she got smarter and friskier. She would run down the hall and jump up on my back, climb onto my shoulder and rub her face on mine. It was sometimes a little painful because if she thought she might fall she would put her claws out. As she is a housepet and stays inside most of the time, she was declawed when she was four months old. Now we can play with her without fear of getting scratched, and I feel we have a much better relationship.

She seems to like my mother and I best, but doesn't care for my brother. She is a little afraid of large people, like my father. She is very good with strangers, especially children. If she senses someone is afraid of her, she jumps on their laps and rubs her head on their chin, proving to them she is nothing to be afraid of. Her love-nips to my arms and chin took a little getting used to however.

She picked up fleas and I had a time getting rid of them. I fumigated the house three times, gave her three baths and powdered her regularly. But that didn't seem to do the trick. A Sargents Flea and tick collar was put on her and she has now worn it over a month with no

ill effects, and the fleas seem to be under control. I tried a natural herbal flea collar made with eucalyptus oil and Vitamin E. The smell did phase her but neither did it deter the fleas.

In the daytime she has run of my bedroom and bathroom. When someone is home we let her out in the rest of the house. She sleeps in the bathroom cabinets. She gets up with us in the morning and stays up until we leave. When we get back home she gets up and plays until 1 or 2 AM then goes back in her "den" in the drawer.

On warm days she has access to an outdoor run which adjoins my bedroom through a window. The pen is constructed with two by fours and totally screened. I am filling it with wood shelves and tree trunks for climbing and sunning. I am also adding shrubbery and non-poisonous plants.

Jennie eats twice a day, but she prefers to eat at night. I feed her Nebraska Brand exotic feline food. She never touches other food on the cabinets or table except to sneak a bite of meat occasionally.

When Jenni is in the living room in the evenings, our Collie, Lady comes to play, although the glass patio door. Jenni jumps at the glass and runs back and forth



and stalks Lady. At times she sits up on her back legs and boxes with her.

Jenni enjoys playing with ping-pong balls and cotton sweatsocks. She likes to have us throw the sock across the room and play fetch with it. If we are busy she will throw it up in the air herself. She likes the ping-pong balls as they are light enough for her to bat all over the room making a funny noise when they hit something solid.

Now, at seven months, Jenni weighs 3 lbs, and is 21 in. from the head to the base of her tale. Her tail is another 11 inches long. She is very calm and quiet most of the time. It may be because we have a quiet household. If she wants something she meows at us and rubs up against us. Her meow is scratchy and split; similar to a Siamese cat.

I plan to breed Jenni when she matures. We are all extremely pleased with Jenni as she has fit right in and is a full fledged member of the family.





## OREGON-EDUCATIONAL-EXOTIC FELINE CLUB

Convention 79 may be a thing of the past and our friends have returned to their respective feline quarters, but the memories linger on. I honestly believe there could never be an unsuccessful LIOC convention. Did you ever hear of two exotic cat owners getting together and having nothing to say?

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OEEFC held their September business meeting at the home of Pat Parker. Ethel Hauser presided. Jackie Vanderwall read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. There wasn't much left in the treasury and plans were discussed for fund raising in the next year and there was a discussion on our speak-out procedure.

Jon Dyer hosted the October guest meeting. There was a large turn out so we tried to keep things very informal. We were honored to have Ken Hatfield with us. He was presented with a certificate making him an honorary OEEFC member.

Because of the resignation of Shelley Starns as LIOC Sec/Treas. and the appointment of Jackie Vanderwall to replace her, it is a rare branch meeting that hosts the President, Vice President and Sec/Treas of LIOC all at the same time.

Barbara Wilton gave the guests a thumb-nail description of OEEFC and the speak-out program, then Ken Hatfield gave a rundown on LIOC and our goals, problems and concerns on the National level.

There were many cats present so business was kept to a minimum so guests were free to visit with cat owners and nibble on Jon's delicious chocolate chip cookies.

Tut bobcat owned by Donnetta Westfall was the hit of the day.

The November business meeting was held at the new home of Skip & Liz Wilson.

After reading the minutes and the treasurer's report, our main topic of conversation was how we could help Jackie Vanderwall in getting the LIOC Newsletter out. Ginger Peterson was put in charge of a mailing committee to help address, stamp, stuff envelopes. Jackie & Ginger have been checking on printing prices

Some fund raising ideas were discussed to help bolster LIOC general fund. Some plans have been made and will be announced later. Nominations for 1980 LIOC officers was on the agenda. Balloting will be by mail and officers announced at the Christmas party at Ethel's.

The meeting ended with coffee & cake and a surprise house warming for Skip & Liz.

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# RABIES INCREASE

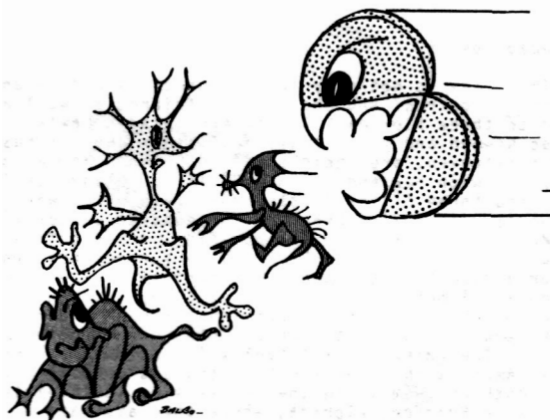
## BEWARE OF SKUNKS & RABIES

Several reports involving potentially rabid skunks have surfaced and the government's Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has reported activity in several states including Indiana and Connecticut. In addition the CDC has sent "alerts" or warnings to a number of other states. All concerned potentially rabid skunks from a breeder in Minnesota.

The problem apparently had its beginnings in Oregon in June & July. Then, two skunks, out of a shipment of 161 from Minnesota, were detected as having rabies. As a result, 5 people in Oregon, who came in contact with the animals, had to undergo anti-rabies prophylaxis.

Other skunks from Minnesota were traced to thirty states and health departments in all states received a warning.

A recent survey indicate that only three states have to restrictions on the sale of skunks and raccoons. 19 states have limited or full prohibitions and 7 others are now working on regulations that would restrict the sale of these animals.

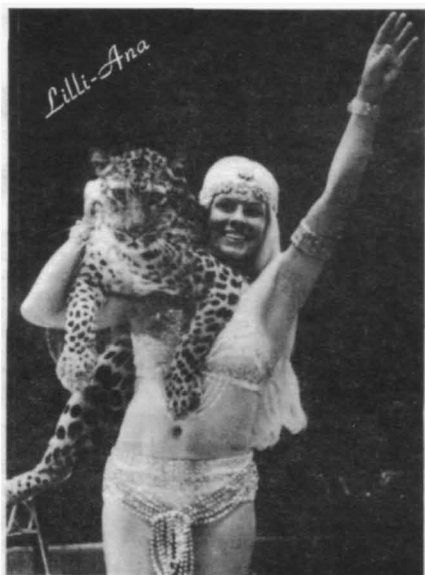


The nationwide death toll in humans is the highest in twenty (20) years with five deaths reported this year.

Dr. William Winkler, chief of the respiratory and special pathogenic branch of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. is concerned about increases in rabies in both animals and humans. Reported cases in both animals and humans have been averaging about 3,100 a year, but this year the rate may increase 50 percent above that.

The latest human victim, a Kentucky resident, was unable to give any clues to his exposure before his death in November. Epidemiologists said he could have had the disease for as long as a year before the symptoms became evident.

To prevent you cat from this incurable disease, annual vaccinations are essential as well as care to prevent contact with any wild animal whether or not it exhibits symptoms of illness. an ounce of prevention.....



By BeeJay Lester

This lady is not only lovely, gracious and talented, she loves leopards! And she's their friend; as well as a friend to three Florida LIOC members: Gladys Lewis, Dolores Newman and yours truly. Lilli-Ana and her husband, Svend Kristensen, are "neighbors" of Dolores Newman and they visit with her and her many felines. Gladys Lewis has raised three of the Kristensens' cats which were born at Baudy's Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Center Hill, Florida. And...here I am - a bonafide circus buff - following animal trainers around like a puppy dog, waiting for a tidbit or two about cat behaviour. The Kristensens and I met while I worked at Baudy's and had two of their leopards in the nursery. Later when their act came to town, I rushed to see it that year and the next time too. The Kristensens travel all over the USA and Central America doing Shrine Circuses and benefit performances. Both of them train the leopards in their winter quarters in Brandon, Florida, where the cats have a terrific facility in which to live. There's a large training area set up for practice and all the cages have indoor/outdoor areas with shelves, logs, perches and dens. Everything is spottless clean. Lilli does the actual performing in the ring while Svend handles the cage building, grooming, caretaking etc., while they are on the road. They travel in a huge semi-trailer truck and the travel cages are stainless steel, roomy and clean.

There are eight leopards in the act, seven of which are highly trained and one is in the process. "Hashish" is a black male that performs with two African males, Rahjah & Caesar, and the rest are Indian females: Maya, Jacqueline, Sheeba, Perle with youngster Judi being trained. Lilli is their "buddy" while Svend is the "boss". The Kristensens train their cats with lots of kindness, understanding and caution, of course; but no whips, guns, or shock sticks. The cats are declawed and the males are castrated to protect the ladies while in the arena. Lilli almost a female because the male got excited and it was extremely difficult to separate the two. The female lived but has a slight limp.

Lilli utilizes each cat's own natural behaviour and incorporates them into the act. She begins training her cats when they are about a year old, but does condition each one to the sounds of the circus during each performance. She stays with Judi during the "cannon" act because the explosion frightened Judi. Lilli is very comforting to her cats and talks "mother talk" to each one in her quaint Danish accent.

The most astonishing thing in all about this leopard lady is the fact that during hers and Svend's career years ago as aerial artists in the circus, they were performing 40 feet above a concrete floor in an over-heated auditorium. Lilli fainted, lost her grip, and fell to the floor away from the "breaker". Through efforts of a doctor and her own determination she survived and is as strong as ever, still entertaining youngsters and adults with her fascinating leopard act. A must to see, fellow club members, if Lilli-Ana and her Leopards are ever in your town.

## Fleas May Mean Tapeworms

With warmer weather approaching its time to remember that fleas and tape worms usually go hand in hand. Fleas are wholly responsible for the common tapeworms as they act as intermediate host to the worms.

The pet with tapeworms will usually not lie still, but will get up and down frequently. It will plop down quickly. An infected animal will have a pot belly and experience intervals of constipation and diarrhea, sometimes accompanied by vomiting if the infestation is severe.

Your vet cannot test for tapeworms. They are however detectable. Look for white segments that tend to cling around the anal area; or tiny segments that appear as "rice grains" in the stools. If these are confirmed ask your vet for medication. Transmission of tapeworms from animals to humans is rare.

## RARE GIR LIONS BORN

A pair of rare Gir lion cubs were born in the National Zoo in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia encouraging wild life experts trying to save the rare species from extinction.

There are only 250 Gir lions in the world and the Kuala Lumpur zoo has seven of them, bred from a pair presented by the Indian government in 1962. Zoos in London and San Diego are also breeding Gir lions which flourished in India before indiscriminate hunting nearly wiped them out.

## CONGRATS & THANKS

It takes a very special type person to serve on the board of any club - to do more than talk, to do. Those on LIOC's Board receive no salary, are asked to travel to convention for the annual meeting at their own expense, and to do whatever is asked without reimbursement.

A very special "Thank you" is due to all those who offered to serve on LIOC's board.

And, Congratulations are in order to the following who will serve as our Term Directors for the 1980-82 term:

JON DYER.  
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## L.I.O.C. NEEDS YOU!



# CONFESSION OF A LEOPARD CAT BREEDER

As I was awakened in the morning by a gentle little purr, the feeling of a soft furry paw and a tiny wet tongue washing my face, I could not help but wonder if the new owner of this little baby would have the same love and special feeling for him as I did. Would they be as careful when preparing his bottles and his food? Would they listen to his complaints and try to understand why he was upset? Would they exercise care when walking so he would not be stepped upon? Would they be certain not to bring toxic plants into the house? Would they be careful about guarding the doors so he wouldn't slip out and go exploring on his own - only to be lost forever? Would they accept him as a part of their family ...permanently?

A thousand doubts go through your mind when you are preparing to part with a kitten after you have worked so hard to give it all the advantages, including love and gentle training.

You never forget the look of total trust and devotion in the eyes of the little ones, and it is a fearful moment, indeed, when you realize that you will not always be able to control the environment, or the destiny of a kitten...that he will be raised by others in another home.

Staggering sleepily to the kitchen to warm up the baby bottle, I think of the other owners who come back months even years, later to say, "We really weren't going to tell you this, but..." or "When you first told us about these cats we thought you were exaggerating, not that we didn't believe you, but we didn't dare hope that he would be as you promised." And I know that no person can understand the delights and frustrations of living with a Leopard Cat unless he or she has experienced it first hand.

I always try to guide new owners by preparing a list of cautions, likes and dislikes of the kitten, training tips, feeding instructions and I include a "care package" for each kitten to be sure they get the things they need. Sometimes this list is in the form of several letters and/or phone calls, other times it is simply a list enclosed with the care package.

Even though the kitten goes to its new home, the burden of responsibility is not entirely lifted from the shoulders of the breeder, because we are responsible for choosing the proper home and life for that kitten, and, without us, he would not exist. I try to keep in touch with each and every owner so that they will have the help of experience when they confront any difficulties in the raising of their little one.

It is with great pleasure and glowing pride that I think of all my kittens (some grown with kittens of their own) in their wonderful, loving homes where they have so much more than I could possibly offer had I kept them myself. For each of you looking forward to raising your own leopard cat babies, I strongly advise that you be thorough in screening prospective new owners and that you are candid in preparing them for life with these busy little spots (in spite of the fact that they may not completely understand what you are saying, or will possibly think you are exaggerating.) Never be disappointed when a potential owner changes their mind before the kitten changes homes, because it is far better the decision is made before, rather than after, the kitten adapts to the new household.

After darting across the room to rescue a teetering lamp I make a mental note to caution the new owner about objects which may be knocked over, broken or fall upon a frolicking kitten and of course, there's the problem of electrical cords which I treat with a number of repellents, depending upon the persistence of the kitten. Preferably I avoid having any cords plugged in where the cord is exposed. I ponder over my own careful daily routines. Before leaving the house to run errands each day, I make my rounds, checking for possible dangers to the kitten always fearful he will find something new and harmful to get into during my absence. In spite of his screams of protest, I methodically place him inside the already "kitten proof" bedroom before leaving, feeling guilty that he is unhappy about it.

I think of the jungle-born and rescued adult Leopard Cats and wonder how many people love and theirs in spite of the fact that they have never known the love and devotion of a carefully hand raised kitten. I love my own jungle-born and rescued cats very much and I adore the individual personalities of each of them. But, without the kittens, I would never have had the understanding for the potential of the Leopard Cat as a devoted companion, nor would I have realized their learning capabilities.

As I see the little kitten take full charge of the new owners, cavorting about as if changing homes were something he welcomed as happily as a new playmate and watch the gentle adoration in the eyes of a new owner, the parting is not quite the fierce pain I had expected. But, as I walk about the house after his departure, I find myself listening for the sound of his little toys and his voice, and waiting for the surprise, mock attacks as I round each corner. Deprived of the pleasure of his company, I must remember that there is someone else who now may enjoy him as much as I have. When the phone rings and a very excited, overjoyed owner tells me of the baby's new antics and adjustments, my heart sings - I know that all of the work, worry and sorrow in parting was worth while.

Pat Quillen  
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Southwestern Branch





### LUCK OF IRISH

After 13 years in captivity for the advancement of science, Irish the polar bear has been given an eviction notice.

He can't return to the wild, and it looks as if finding a more civilized home will be difficult. Irish's home has been the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory on the coast of the Arctic Ocean since he and a sister were brought there as orphaned 8 month old cubs. The sister has since died.

The federal government is phasing out the old arctic facility. No problems are expected in finding zoo homes for most of the other 100 arctic animals kept at the lab, but Irish, on the downhill side of life and luckless with the ladies is a different story. Irish has been put with females at various times but he cowered in a corner and whined so he can't be classified as a "breeding male." Zoos prefer to maintain breeders and cannot because of financial considerations be expected to do otherwise. Scientists have been fiddling with Irish all these years, using him as a model for designing tracking and temperature transmitters now used to monitor his wild colleagues and grizzly bears. His diet has been purposefully varied and his blood and tissue scrutinized for understanding the biology of arctic mammals eye arctic humans. "Irish has lived a very useful research life says Gary Laursen, assistant director of the lab "he's very healthy and would no doubt live for some time - up to 15 years more.

### FLORIDA MAN JAILED FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

A 19 year old Orlando, Florida man has been given what a Humane Society official called the stiffest sentence for animal cruelty ever - six months in jail -for mutilating a baby raccoon in front of a group of young children.

Orange county Judge L.C. Conser ordered Peter F. Wilkerson to pay a \$200 fine and serve one year of supervised probation in addition to the jail sentence. Wilkerson pleaded no contest to a first degree cruelty charge that he abused the 10 week old raccoon and left it suffering to die.

A group of about eight young boys said they saw the baby raccoon emerge from a wooded area near Wilkerson's home. The boys said Wilkerson kicked the animal in the side, crushed its head with his foot then punctured the raccoon with a stick or knife. Wilkerson then left, only to return shortly and cut the animal's tail off.

The raccoon was found "moaning" the next day and was put to sleep after veterinarians said the animal was too mutilated to survive.

### 16,000 Alligators Killed

The Associated Press reports more than 16,000 alligators were killed during Louisiana's recent one month hunt. Their hides netted up to \$1.8 million for the trappers.

Nine more parishes took the alligator off the Endangered Species list and the federal government allowed the sale of the hides on the international market for the first time in several years since the alligator is reported to have increased in population since being protected by the endangered species act.

### GOOD GIRL

An award, usually reserved for humans, was bestowed on Sheba, a german shepard in Toronto. The Ontario Humane Society named her the Hero of the year after alerting her master, Sheba was blinded by a fire while carrying a poodle and four parakeets to safety.

### ELEPHANT BAN PASSES

The House voted to impose a sixmonth ban on U.S. trade in African elephants, ivory or other elephant products with some exceptions.

The bill also would provide \$17 million for four year grants to African nations to develop elephant conservation plans.

The bill exempts from the ban 10,000 pounds of unfinished ivory, tourist purchases during the first three months, imports and exports for scientific purposes or exhibitions, most major existing importers keyboard ivory for musical instruments and trophies taken by sports hunters in compliance with African laws.

After the first 6 months of the new policy, importers would need licenses from the Interior Dept. which could have to certify that the homeland of the elephant has an adequate plan for protecting the animal

### UGANDAN MASSACRE

In a bloody 3½ month sequel to the Ugandan-Tanzanian war of early 1979, Tanzanian soldiers slaughtered nearly 14,000 wild animals in Uganda according to a recent issue of International Wildlife. Using machine guns and even hand grenades, Tanzanian troops wiped out about one third of all large animals after Idi Amin's overthrow.

A witness to the massacre, Karl G. Van Orsdol, a Palo Alto, Cal. biologist, tells of seeing one section of a park turned into a graveyard, of dying animals. Soldiers were earning as much as \$1,000 a day for killing 10 hippos which were then sold to Ugandan merchants for meat.

Some soldiers claimed they were killing to reimburse themselves as they hadn't been paid in months. Others seemed just to enjoy the slaughter.

Van Orsdol estimates the following losses after traveling extensively: 6,000 hippos-park population: 14,000; 100 elephants and over 70 lions. Out of the parks estimated population of 46,000 large animals, over 14,000 were killed.

Uganda's new government imposed a 5 year ban on hunting shortly thereafter.

## China Signs Treaty

China has signed an agreement with the World Wildlife Fund that is expected to help save some of China's Endangered Species

The Treaty also provides for China to immediately join the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species which prohibits the import and export of endangered animals.

Lee Talbot, an American scientist with the World Wildlife Fund, said Peking's decision "fills a major void". China exports skins of several fast-disappearing animals like Siberian tigers and snow leopards and imports large amounts of rhinoceros horn from Africa. Additional species in danger are: the giant panda, the Asian elephant, Yangtze River dolphin, a blind fresh-water dolphin that "sees" with its ears, golden monkey, three types of cranes, and two ducks.

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## Help Wanted

Dear LIOC,

I am interested in the possibility of a bobcat being exhibited at the home basketball and football games here at Kansas State University. The wildcat is our mascot. We had previously been loaned a cat from the local zoo but are currently unable to use this cat as the exhibition had been called "inhumane".

Students, alumni, faculty and staff at KSU would deeply appreciate any help you may be able to offer. We need information on domesticating and training a bobcat for use as a mascot. If you could answer the following it would be a great help.

1. What is the attention span of a bobcat?
2. What is the temperament of a bobcat?
3. What are the needs of a bobcat?
4. Could a fraternity manage the training and exhibition of this animal?
5. What are the legal responsibilities of the University owning a bobcat?
6. What is your opinion on such exhibition?
7. What else do we need to know?

Thank you  
Larry Schalles  
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German Member Heidi Marie Fahrenholz, will have her first book published in March, 1980. Unfortunately, "MEINE WILDKATZEN (My Wildcats)" is available only in German.

It has 250 pages, 24 picture pages with 32 color photos and 4 black & white photos. It is on behaviour the stories and rescue of my own cats and of hybrids, and of my breeding experience and the general situation of these cats in Europe and abroad, writes Heidi.

There is also a comparison chart on the margay, ocelot and oncilla; chapters on feeding, housing and plants that can be used safely in outdoor pens in regards to urine resistance. The foreword is by Prof. Leyhausen.

## Special Credit Due

TO BARBARA WILTON, GINGER AND CHUCK PETERSON from  
Ethel Hauser and the OEEFC Chapter.

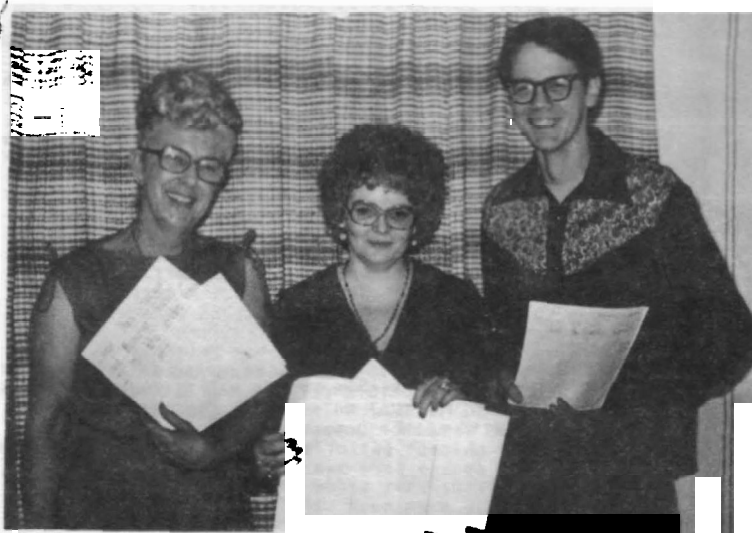
As Coordinator of the Speakout program, I can't tell you how valuable these people are to our Chapter. This trio has not missed one speakout for the year of 1979. Barbara missed only one in 1978 due to illness.

Chuck & Ginger joined our Chapter in the late summer of 1978 and have been a tremendous working force. I can always depend on their cheery "sure, I will!" They are pictured holding a stack of Thank-you notes from the Cedar Park Middle School. Many children draw pictures & send them to us, giving us pleasure in return.

Barbara Wilton has been Coordinator of OEEFC many times and again in 1980. She was Chairman of the 1979 National Convention and I feel she did a tremendous job. Barb's big family gives her a helping hand but behind their help is her ready smile and leadership.

Chuck & Ginger have 3 young Petersons at home and a pair of beautiful Geoffroy's cats. We are anxiously waiting for the patter of little feet. Chuck's great love is gun collecting and Ginger is an accomplished artist. Chuck has given many short talks at our guest meetings and Ginger really pulled in the money for the convention with her artwork.

Again a very big THANK YOU  
Ethel & Gang



# BOSTON GET READY!

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OCELOT #1



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CLOUDED LEOPARD

## It's a Shame

The December 4th Federal Register carried a request to the Department of the Interior to euthanize a female jaguar, bred in captivity due to calcium deficiency and crossed eyes.

It's a shame that both these problems in all likelihood can be fully attributed to the breeder, most definitely the calcium deficiency and due to probable inbreeding the crossed-eyes. If the government allows this action it is further proof that they are not concerned with the true welfare of endangered animals, but are more involved with bureaucratic controls.

## OBITUARY

Longtime LIOC member, Douglas Fletcher of North Delta, British Columbia, Canada died in an airplane crash on August 30th, 1979. Doug, who was 34, had been the Coordinator of the Canada/West Branch for years and leaves behind his wife Bobbi and three children. LIOC member Richard Dyck, who knew Doug well put it like this: "Doug was all those things you think of when you say 'friend'".

## CALIFORNIA LAW

California bill SB 835 asking for what amounts to an open season on cougar has been withdrawn. Senator Richardson, supported by hunting factions says the bill will be introduced at a later date.

The end of December saw a furror in Big Sur when a young female mountain lion was shot & killed by a Fish & game warden after taking a puppy from the front porch of a home in the section. The SPCA was notified and enroute to rescue the cat from a tree where it had sought refuge when the warden chose to shoot it, "because it was depredateing livestock - the puppy".

Also dead in committee was a bill sponsored by Senator Holmdahl - SB1066 which would have placed a 4 year ban on taking bobcats for fur.

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"WHY SHOULD EVERY BIRD, FISH AND TREE BE REQUIRED TO JUSTIFY IT'S EXISTANCE? HAS MAN BECOME SO ARROGANT IN HIS LORDSHIP THAT NOTHING MAY LIVE THAT DOES NOT SERVE HIM?" Author Unknown.



## E.S. Funds Approved

The House and Senate have passed legislation reauthorizing appropriations to the Endangered Species Act for a three year period. The final Bill which is now awaiting President Carter's signature, authorizes \$25.5 million for fiscal year 1980, \$28 million for year 1981 and \$20.5 million for fiscal year 1982.

One of the more controversial provisions of the House bill gave the Secretary of Interior power over and independent agency, the Endangered Species Scientific Authority (ESSA) which determines whether international trade should be allowed for certain endangered species. The primary questions debated by Congress was whether ESSA should remain an independent agency or should be placed under control of the Secretary. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) requires only that participating countries establish a scientific authority to advise which endangered species would be traded internationally without contributing to



## BOBCAT CONFERENCE

On October 16, 17 & 18th of last year the Bobcat Research Conference was convened at the Conservation and Research Center of the National Zoological Park and Smithsonian Institution at Front Royal Virginia. The Conference was sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation and the Endangered Species Scientific Authority (ESSA). The approximately 125 people in attendance probably represented the most knowledgeable in the U.S. today when it comes to lynx rufus with the exception of your correspondent and his wife.

From our point of view, the conference was entertaining, educational and in some respects quite surprising. We feel that the experience is worth sharing with other exotic owners.

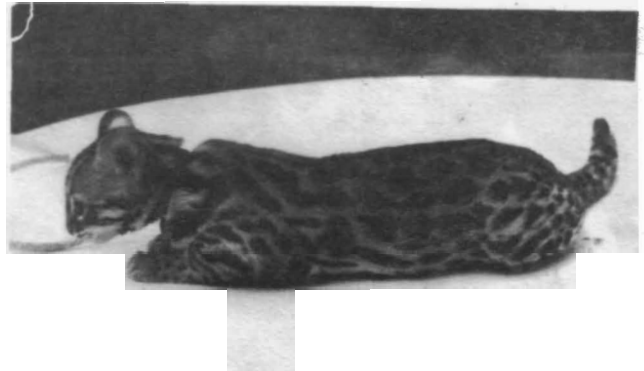
By way of background it should be mentioned that the root cause for convening a conference on bobcats was the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) convention in Costa Rica, in March of 79 when the bobcat was classified as an Appendix II animal, i.e. the requirement that there be "positive scientific evidence that the species can withstand the exploitation resulting from the removal of protection afforded by the present listing". And, since the unfortunate bobcat is the only spotted cat left in the world that can be legally "harvested" for fur (Ed. note - not quite, but almost) The price paid for a pelt has skyrocketed from about \$25 in 1971 to over \$500 in 1979. One doesn't have to speculate long to realize that with dollars like that within reach there is a lot of pressure brought for increased trapping and hunting quotas in the various states. Fortunately the watchdog agency, ESSA, recognized that when the choice came between the great American dollar and the bobcat, poor ole rufus lynx was destined to loose.

All the states were notified to come up with bobcat population data so that reasonable quotas could be set for the "harvest". With that history you're ready to read about the Bobcat conference at Front Royal!!

Almost all those in attendance were trained wildlife or research biologists employed by the states and most participated in the conference by presenting papers or talks on their particular states "attempt" to estimate bobcat populations. We listened and watched over forty presentations from 8 in the morning to 6 in the evening for three days. What we learned was disheartening. Most, if not all, of the presentations got bogged down in details of "population models" and computer generated "factors" which could extrapolate population estimates from minimal trapper and hunter "harvest" data. Actual counts in the field were usually not done, mostly because they were too costly or time consuming. So, basically, what is happening is that quotas for trapping and hunting are being set by guestimates based on insufficient data. Not one of the speakers would give a number which he or she felt was worthy of staking his or her reputation on when it came to a state's bobcat population. They say they are doing the best they can, with the limited funding they have, but in my opinion, that's not good enough when we are dealing with an animal whose very survival depends on how man co-exists with it. Much more work needs to be done and fortunately most of those attending the conference were made acutely aware of that fact when the banquet speaker, Dr. Paul Leyhausen, of Germany's Max Planck Institute chided them for the shallowness of their studies and most of you know Dr. Leyhausen is an eminently qualified cat researcher and specialist recognized throughout the world. To us he was the real highlight of the conference. Hearing him speak and talking to him informally reinforced our feeling that much of value can be learned by working with captive specimens. That is the real message we feel you members should get from our attendance.

Study your cats, write down what you observe and share it with others. Perhaps if enough of us contribute we will find a solution to the dilemma of the vanishing wild cat in America and the world.

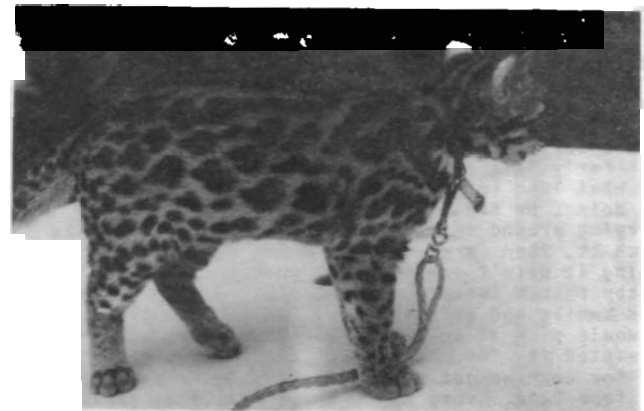
Bill Andrews



## RENO

Wanted to show you all Reno (leopard cat) spots, clubs, spades, diamonds & hearts - both sides - hence his name. Look at those thick legs, really good bones. He's sure a love! When I come home at night he calls & calls to me. Reno doesn't trust others at first but warms up in a few minutes. We're really thrilled with him.

Ethel Hauser.



## KORNER

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by Ken Hatfield

LOADING YOUR CAT IN A CARRIER



If your cat is unaccustomed to being placed in a carrier; the trauma for both owner and cat may be greatly reduced by placing a few drops of his favorite perfume, lysol (pine oil) etc. in the back of the carrier.

Difficult loaders will usually go inside to investigate the odor.

Unhandleable breeders may be loaded by placing the carrier side along a wall and herd the cat toward the opening using a piece of cardboard in each hand. One cardboard behind to urge them forward and the other to prevent them from going around or over the carrier.

Some cats load better in an open wire carrier than a closed one. This usually depends on whether or not the cat is accustomed to a den box or not. Know your cat or try both types until you determine which will work best for you.



As Tanqueray is laying up on the balcony, screaming for me to stop, I am typing this.

Tanqueray is a four year old male serval. He lives in our daylight basement in his own carpeted apartment with a view of his woods. Our whole lot is fenced with 7' fencing and has about 16 evergreens in it. It is well marked by Tanqueray and he has never even looked at the top of the fence much less tried to climb it - but then he's a serval.

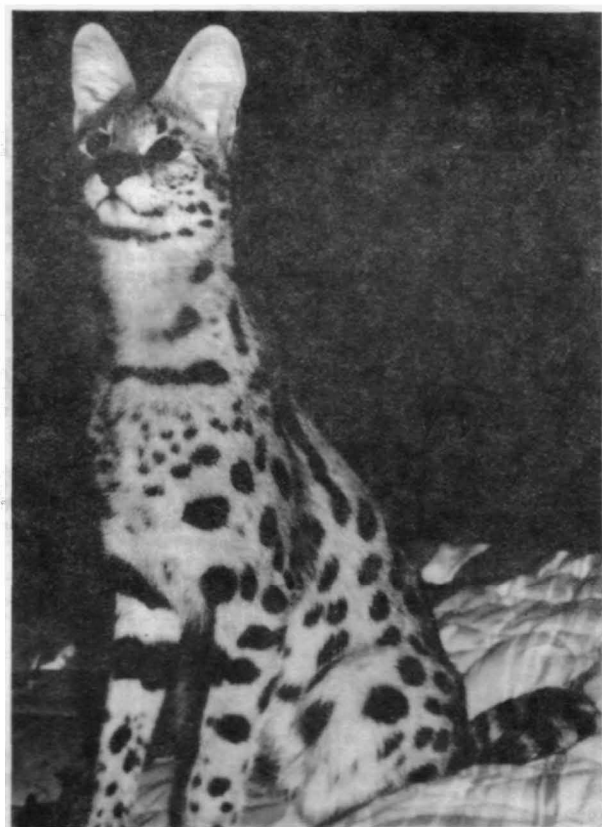
Early last spring we looked down in the woods to see what Tanq (pronounced like Tang, the orange drink) was doing. He had a light grey little ball he was carrying around in the woods. He would put it down and touch it, then carry it some more. We hurried down hoping it wasn't something he shouldn't have. It was a baby possum (with 50 baby teeth). He would let it walk awhile and when it didn't go where he wanted it to he would pick it up like a mother cat and put it where he wanted it. The possum didn't seem to mind. When we got too near we got a very toothy hiss - from the possum - not from Tanq. Every night for a couple of months the possum would come to see Tanq and in the morning it would leave. There was no food out, so as far as we can determine it came only to visit Tanq. It grew very quickly and was soon full grown and quite heavy. Tanq had quit picking it up but they would walk together over the woods almost nightly. One day we saw a possum that had been run over just a couple of blocks from the house and assumed it was Tanq's as it no longer came to visit. They were such good friends that for awhile we thought maybe we would have some little servpossums.

Tanq is very gentle and lives with 3 small cats. He has had rabbits but they were dead when he found them. The only mice he has had he didn't kill they just died of old age he kept them so long. He has caught a couple of birds in the woods. He leaps up and hits the on the wing and they seem to be dead before they hit the ground. He takes all the feathers off but never tries to eat them. When given a rabbit, he pulls every bit of fur off before he will eat.

Tanq insists on sharing a shower with me and afterward likes to snuggle inside my housecoat.

Tanq is still crying and I better end this before he becomes hoarse. I'll attempt to bake a strawberry cake now. Tanq lays on the balcony and gets all slobbery and drippy from smelling either strawberry or cherry cakes. Little spots drip down on the kitchen floor every time I bake one of these cakes. It seems to make him almost drunk.

Connie Schole



## STRANGE FRIENDS





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# ADJUSTING KITTEN FORMULA

by Pat Quillen  
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## BASIC INGREDIENTS

1 can Miracle brand evaporated goats' milk (12½ oz)  
equal parts distilled water.

## BASIC ADJUSTABLE INGREDIENTS

Until the kitten is through the initial teething stage and stabilized the following ingredients may be added at the time of feeding for each individual animal. This method saves time and material since requirements may change from one feeding to the next.

**NUTRI-CAL** (Evsco) This is an excellent dietary supplement and also stimulates appetite while serving as a stool softener. Dosage may vary from ¼cc per 1 oz of formula to 1cc per 1 oz of formula depending on the appetite and condition of the kitten.

**FRE AMINO** #2 (amino acid injection 8.5% - McGraw Labs.) 2 to 5 drops added to each oz of formula. Suggested low dosage to begin, increase to firm stool. More than 4 drops per ounce is not suggested for firming stools, instead use one of the following anti-diarrheals. This ingredient has proven an excellent aid for digestive problems.

**MYLANTA** Can be added to settle bubbles which occur in blending ingredients at time of feeding. 2 or 3 drops (also has soothing effect for infants making the adjustment from dam's milk to formula. If digestive problem has occurred it may be necessary to increase to as much as 10 drops per ounce. In the event of inadequate burping following feeding distress may occur. Mylanta or Digel may be administered without dilution for relief in the liquid forms.

**LACTATED RINGERS** (Injectable) When infant is running deficit in hydration, a few drops are added to the formula at feeding time. When hydration is extreme or does not return to normal within two feedings (usually 8 hours) the environmental temperature should be checked. Also the body temperature of the kitten should be checked for a low grade infection may exist. In some cases, dehydration may occur in only one kitten in a litter of four. There are a number of reasons possible responsible, but our suggestion is that the dehydrated kitten be isolated and if needed fluids be administered by injection subcutaneously, and closely monitored.

**KAOPECTATE** Used as needed as anti-diarrheal and to soothe  
& **PARGEL** when stool is showing excess bile (dark green in color) Excess bile most often occurs when there is inadequate food or food bulk or when flushing occurs.

**AMOXI DROPS** (Beecham Labs.) can be used on newborn infants in most cases, and given prior to, or mixed with formula. **USE ONLY DISTILLED WATER WHEN MIXING.** This is the safest, broadest all purpose antibiotic we have found for use in the VERY young, if intestinal bacterial infection or there has been possible exposure to upper respiratory infection. We have not had any negative reaction to the use of this product when used in moderate amounts and have had amazing recoveries from various clinical indications with its use.

## INGREDIENTS FOR KITTENS BEYOND TEETHING

Above ingredients used as required combined with the following:



**CALCIUM CARROT POWDER** (phosphorus free calcium made from raw carrots) about 1 tablespoon per batch of formula.

**C-D-V Tablets** Starting with one or two per batch of formula and increasing to 6 - 8 per batch.

**HI PROTAMINO** (Schiff) High protein food source supplying essential amino acids. one tablespoon average per batch varried with the kittens requirements

**GERBER STRAINED MEATS** Preferable chicken or lamb. 1 or 2 jars per blending as needed for bulk. This also makes transition to solid food much easier and gives an excellent medium for administering RX to the animal in later life since they seem to retain a taste for it.

Other products of calcium/mineral supplements are used from time to time and a good vitamin supplement is advised at the time the kitten begins to eat solids. In the case of Zupreem we add only vitamin B suppliment (generally brewer's yeast) and C suppliments in the form of natural rose hip capsules (more readily tolerated by cats) If an occasional case of calcium deficiency does occur I do not hesitate to administer **CALFOSAN** subcutaneously (Carlton) ¼cc to tiny infants to 1 cc for larger (older) infants.

We have not yet had any bad reactions to any of the above combinations but without experience it might be a bit confusing.

\*Society of Scientific Care, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific organization gathering research on the smaller species of cats with focus on the oncilla and margays at this time. Contributions are tax deductible and are needed to gather and distribute this valuable information.



## GEOFFROY'S Cont.

Like all wildcats they adore greens. They like to chew coarse grass and have a healthy vomit - nature's way of ridding them of hairballs and some parasites.

The Geoffroy's cat in the wild pits his ten pounds and his bristles against some of the most rugged terrain on earth. He is truly a stormy little petrel among the cats. He makes his home where the gales of the Roaring Forties sweep across the bottom of the world.

We could do worse than link our own future survival as a species with that of this fascinating little cat.