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# THOUGHTS

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

# WHAT'S A SERVAL?

By Jean Townes

A serval can be many different things to many different people. It has been called a "giraffe necked cat"; remarks have been heard such as "My, it looks like it was put together with spare parts". "It's a poor man's cheetah" or "What a graceful, elegant animal". It all depends on your point of view.

The serval is a spotted African cat of unusual proportions. It is slender, long-legged and grows to about three feet in body length with a shortish, one foot tail. It stands approximately 20 inches at the shoulder with an average weight of 20-35 pounds. The long legs, long neck, small head and over-sized ears, give this feline its interesting appearance. The serval has a tawny coat handsomely marked with black spots and elongated stripes. Melanistic individuals have been

seen in the wilds, but none have been reported to have been born in captivity. A color variation has also been noted and is known as "servaline". The Servaline or small-spotted serval can occur in a litter with normal kits. The servaline is usually lighter in color with white tips on its coat, almost like frosting, spots are smaller and the face does not have the pronounced markings of the normal serval, giving it an almost washed-out effect.

Like most other exotic cats, both the male and female spray to mark their territory; the females also entice a male when in season. Spraying becomes more pronounced with a pair at breeding time. The serval is not a noisy cat even at that time. Their call sounds somewhat like the yip of a

small dog. They also purr and love to rub their chins on their favorite people. When breeding, the male will drag the female around by the nape of her neck; a procedure which makes the female go totally limp. The same action can be seen when holding a serval kitten by the skin just above the shoulders. A pre-breeding stance practiced by servals is when the two cats face each other and take turns placing a front paw on the others' chest, this is accompanied by a head bobbing motion. Servals are not aggressive breeders and don't have the violent combat of some of the other cats such as the ocelot. The serval is sexually mature at 2 to 2½ years of age although some have been known to produce earlier. Gestation is about 72 days and these cats seem to breed well in captivity. Litters of 2 to 3 kittens are common with 4 happening occasionally.

Serval kittens look surprisingly like baby cheetahs when born, but as soon as the ears begin to grow they show that they are definitely servals. The kittens at play are much like the feline version of the Keystone Cops. Three kittens all running from different directions to come together with a leap straight up in the air like they were shot from cannons - only to run off and repeat the performance. They also seem to be very nearsighted, running into chair legs, walking off things into mid-air or jumping straight up in an attempt to land on a table, only to land where they started! No television show could ever provide such delightful entertainment. As the kittens grow they tend to remind one of Rambi - the gangly legged fawn. A typical serval trait is to hit a target, such as your stomach, with a power blow expertly directed by the front feet. This is a hunting technique. They jump up and hit hard with the front feet to stun their prey, which in the wild would be rodents, birds and small mammals. The serval is surprisingly fast, particularly when it comes to snatching a low-flying bird.

The serval's tail is exceptionally expressive. It goes straight up in the air when greeting someone they are

fond of...like saying "glad to see you". When angry, the tail is down but it expands to look like a bottle brush. An angry serval can look formidable, ears laid flat, teeth showing and fire in the eyes. But then, most servals spend a good portion of their time hissing and when doing this with ears up, they are just talking and it isn't really a threat. They seem to do it on general principal.

The serval seems to be gaining in popularity among some exotic cat fanciers. Its size, beautiful coloration and affectionate nature make it an ideal choice for many.

So, "what's a serval?" - Some say its a mythological creature come to life. Whether this is true or not, we do know a serval is delightful, amusing, comical, loving and one of nature's most amazing creations!

By J. Townes

Reprinted from "Exotics Unltd. Newsletter"

## OBITUARY

JON KEITH DYER

1952-1981

THE LONG ISLAND OCELOT CLUB LOST A VERY DEAR AND WONDERFUL PERSON WHEN JON DYER WAS KILLED ON MARCH 14, 1981, IN A TRAGIC AIRPLANE CRASH IN ASTORIA, OREGON.

JON JOINED THE OREGON EDUCATIONAL EXOTIC FELINE CLUB IN 1977 AND LIOC IN 1978. DURING HIS SHORT AFFILIATION WITH US, HE SERVED AS CO-ORDINATOR OF OEEFC IN 1979 AND COORDINATOR IN 1980. HE WAS ELECTED A TERM DIRECTOR OF LIOC IN 1980. FEW YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MADE SUCH AN IMPACT ON US IN SO SHORT A TIME.

WE LOVED JON. HE WAS OUR FRIEND. JON SOUGHT US OUT BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE FOR OUR CATS - ALL OUR CATS. NO ONE CAT WAS PLACED ABOVE ANOTHER BY JON. JON KNEW YOUR CATS TOO, HE MADE MORE THAN ONE TRIP THE WIDTH AND BREADTH OF THE UNITED STATES JUST TO GET TO KNOW YOU AND YOUR CATS. JON WAS THE OFFICIAL HOST FOR CONVENTION 1979 AND HE TOUCHED US ALL WITH HIS CARING.

AT THE REQUEST OF MR. AND MRS. DYER, WE ARE ESTABLISHING, IN JON'S NAME, A MEMORIAL FUND TO BE USED BY OWNERS OF EXOTIC CATS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. DONATIONS TO THIS FUND WILL BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF ANY EXOTIC CAT OWNER AS AN EMERGENCY FUND FOR VETERINARY SERVICES. THE LOANS WILL BE REPAYED WITHIN ONE YEAR SO FUNDS WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE FOR AN EMERGENCY. THERE WILL BE A \$200.00 LIMIT PER LOAN, DEPENDING ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME.

THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR JON EXCEPT TRY TO CARRY ON THE WAY JON WOULD HAVE, COULD HE BE HERE.

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## OREGON-EDUCATIONAL-EXOTIC FELINE CLUB

### MEETING REPORT October 17, 1980

Our October Guest meeting was held at the Peterson's new home in Cornelius. Called to order by Jon Dyer. Minutes and Treasurer's report were read and approved.

Barbara Wilton announced another "taste test" was in the offing. Details would be announced as soon as possible.

The guest speaker was Ethel Hauser. Her topic was vomiting which applies to all cats.

There are several types of vomiting and you must first determine the cause and frequency. Causes could be:

1. Illness
2. Over eating
3. Eating too fast
4. Eating the wrong food

If you are feeding several cats in the same enclosure, they may eat too fast in the competition for food.

Check vomit contents for: 1. Worms  
2. Hair balls  
3. Bones

For worms give Peperazine. You can drop this on their food, 15 drops for every 6 lbs of body weight. Repeat in 14 and 21 days. Peperazine will not destroy eggs. You must repeat weekly to get the worms as they hatch.

Hairballs in the vomit will cause constipation also. Give mineral oil or grass. Mineral oil dosage is 1 tsp for every 10 lbs of body weight. You can also put vaseline on their feet or legs where they can reach it to lick it off.

If the vomiting is caused from bones, sprinkle Metamucil on their food. It is a stool softener available without prescription at the drug store. If your cat is a small breed, she suggested we crush bones with a hammer before feeding.

Vomiting can also be caused if the cat becomes over excited or stressed by company or travelling.

Vomiting can cause dehydration. If the cat vomits more than three times in a short period of time it should be taken to the vet. If it is only occasional, withhold food for 12-24 hours. Put them on a bland diet of egg and baby food. No ruffage. Pepto-Bismol is good for quieting a stomach. Emetrol will help control nausea and vomiting but will not solve the problem of the cause. You may give 1 tsp antacid such as Maalox or Mylanta. Kaopectate is good for the intestinal area. Don't wait until the cat is sick - these are all remedies you should have on hand and are available across the counter at the drug store.

Don't leave contaminated food out. Check your cat's stool. Antibiotics may be nullified by Maalox, etc. so check with your vet if any prescription is being used.

Ethel told us about losing Suki ocelot. She knew Suki didn't feel well but couldn't pin-point the problem. There was a good stool and no vomiting but Suki just refused to eat. Ethel treated with ampicillin and kept Suki warm as prevention against shock, used a IV drip, ascorbic acid and penicillin but with no response. Suki was gone in 24 hours. The autopsy showed cancer in the lymph nodes. Although Suki was not one of our "show cats", she and Max produced their share of kittens and OEEFC will sorely miss their contribution. Ethel reminded everyone to look out for symptoms and learn to "read" your cat.

Guest present got to see Ethel's F2 hybrid, Peterson's lesser leopard and geoffroy's, Vanderwall's Clouded and Grahams ocelot, sugar.

Ginger had a darling domestic male kitten who needed a good home and it was adopted on the spot by a guest, Leslie Denny.

Everyone who turned in their ticket they received with their meeting notice got a silver dollar. The lucky ticket drawn was Herb Wilton's. He won a bottle of champagne.

OEEFC presented a house-warming gift to Ginger and Chuck with our wishes for a long and happy life in their new home.

We had a dollar pool and the raffle and the meeting was adjourned.

### MEETING REPORT November 23, 1980

The business meeting was held at Jon Dyer's. We had the reading of the minutes and the Treasurer's Report.

Three new members were approved by vote.

Jon told about Barry Maketansky being burned out. He lost many pets; cats, birds and monkeys. Our club sent him a donation to help in his immediate needs.

Ethel announced a Speakout on Dec. 2 at Butternut School and OMSI on March 5th. Jon thanked everyone for their participation in the Speakout at the telephone company.

Because of the lack of a Halloween or Christmas party, Ethel made a motion that we have an installation party in January for the new officers. It was approved. Pat and Mary Parker were put in charge of arrangements.

Pat announced the Jafco inventory was coming up again the end of January. Anyone willing to work on it (proceeds to the club) should contact Pat or Liz Wilton.

We had an open discussion on LIOC membership and fund raising projects we might be able to use for it.

We then had nominations for our officers in 1981. Ballotting will be by mail and the new officers announced in January.

Meeting Adjourned.



# Editorial

Shame on us! It would appear that Uncle Sam has licked us after all.

In a recent conversation with this year's Lottie recipient, Pat Quillen, she mentioned she was grievously worried about the margay and the fact that she believed them in grave danger as no one was breeding them any longer.

That started the mental wheels to turning and it would appear that Uncle Sam in fact has defeated us. What happened folks to the stated purpose of LIOC - the creed that we are dedicated to the "preservation and propagation of all species of exotic Felidae?" Have we indeed given up and abandoned our goal? When was the last time you saw margays or even ocelots in the "Births" column?

Apparently our creed "preservation and propagation" was more pretty words than active commitment.

Uncle Sam prohibits only the sale of kittens. Yes, that does remove some incentive. It hurts the old pocket book that sale of kits cannot be used to offset the upkeep of the adults - but does it change our goals? Where was profit included in our stated purpose? The adult cats have to be fed kits or no kits - why not prove our altruistic motives and continue to breed?

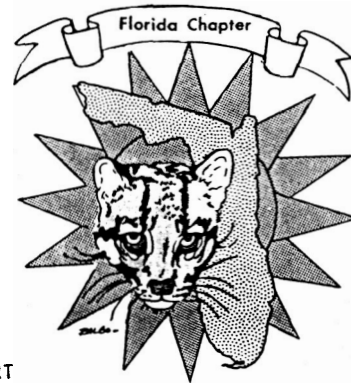
How many dozens of times have I heard a breeder say, "I'd rather give my kittens to a good home than to sell them to a bad one". OK folks, prove it! The Club will help you find homes, good ones, for your kits. So the profit margin (if there truly was any) has been removed. But the satisfaction one receives from knowing that you have helped enriched just one person's life with a generous dose of spotted love, or the satisfaction gained in knowing you've contributed to the survival of a species has not been removed.

Endangered species are only endangered as numbers dwindle. We have lost sight of the fact that if we can flood the world with kits we might be able to be classified as a "Captive Self-Sustaining Population" and again regain a place in the marketplace.

But, most of all, it would behoove us to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

And personally, I cannot imagine a more wonderful gift to an individual or to the world than a continued supply of spotted love.

*Shirley*



## MEETING REPORT

It's January, and a new year; the first meeting of the year and it's cold in Florida. The Chamber of Commerce might not like it, but it has been cool since Christmas. But, it won't be that way long - in August when you hit Orlando for Convention X you can count on warm weather!

Needless to say, Convention was the topic of the meeting at Jim & DeeDee Barnes' in Ft. Lauderdale. The Barnes' tiger and cougar acted as co-hosts. The tiger has an unusual way of offering hospitality - that is unless you consider hissing and ears flattened usual greetings.

The date chosen for Convention (August 14, 15 & 16) has presented a little problem. Seems everyone else plans to come to Orlando on those dates. The weeks before and after are available but we are trying to stick to the original dates and get some good rates for those who want to come early or stay late.

There are only 3 meetings of the Florida Chapter before convention and we hope to raise the treasury during that time and we encourage other branches to contribute to the auction.

Speakers are being lined up at this time, but never fear, you'll have plenty of free time to play tourist and there's a lot to see.

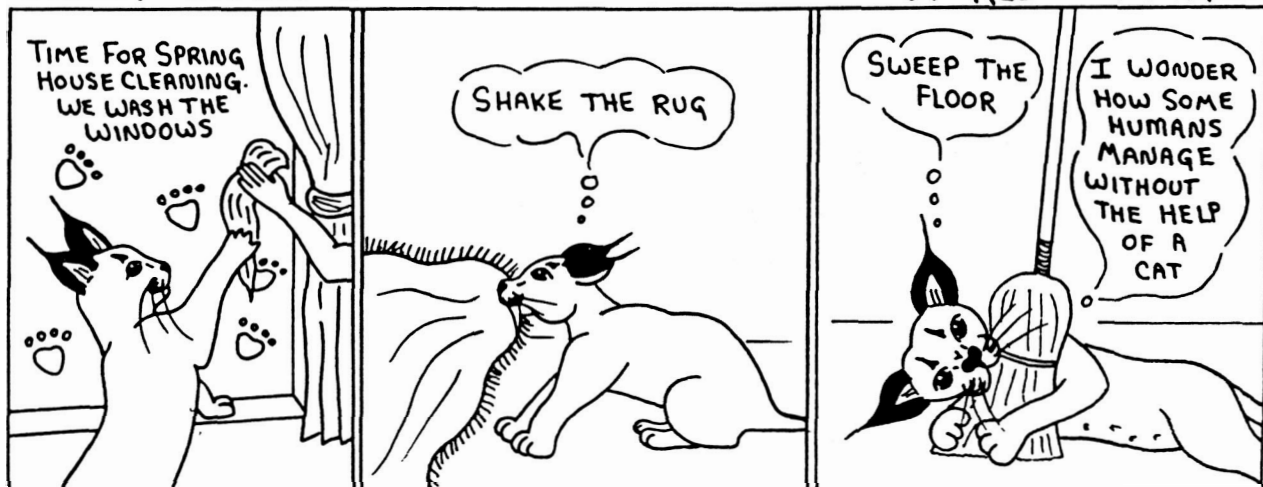
Considering the football playoffs a fair turnout attended to enjoy roast beef, cold cuts and soft drinks that the Barnes assembled. Attending were: Jean Hatfield with cougar Tiffany; Sandy Bucacci, Cubbege and Mary Nell Phillips, Marc Pearlman, Gene Erskine, Dr. Dan Kopper-smith, Ricky Welcher and friends, Danny Treanor & Ellen Bartlett with margay Sundae; and Jamie Wheatly.

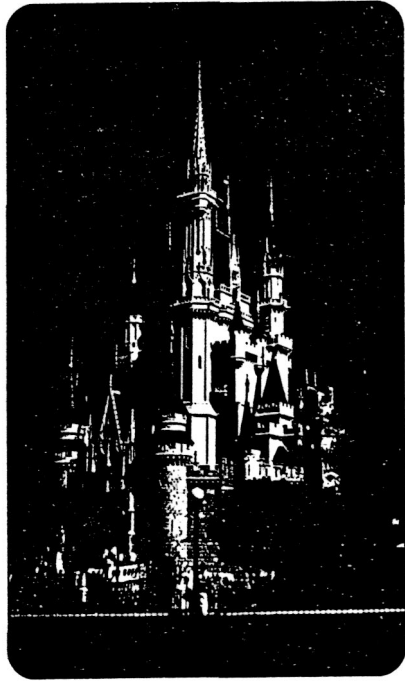
The next meeting will be held in Orlando at the Treanor mansion and at that time the host motel for convention will be announced.

SEE YOU IN AUGUST  
Danny Treanor

## CRAZY CARACAL

BY REBECCA MORGAN





# Walt Disney World

## How to Explore the Magic Kingdom

With so many things to see and do, most guests find it takes at least two days to visit all of the Magic Kingdom. And to help you get the most from your visit, we'd like you to take advantage of our two-day Magic Kingdom Passport. Each Passport entitles one person to two days' admission into the Magic Kingdom, and unlimited use of all Magic Kingdom attractions (except Shootin' Gallery and Discovery Island) during regular operating hours — plus complimentary round-trip transportation to Walt Disney World Village at Lake Buena Vista!

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Includes one day's entrance into the Magic Kingdom, use of the transportation system, and 12 attractions.

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### 3 Adventure Ticket Book

Includes one day's entrance into the Magic Kingdom, use of the transportation system, and eight attractions.

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**Main Street, U.S.A.** showcases double-decker buses, horseless carriages, a Victorian restaurant, and silent movies as you find yourself in turn-of-the-century America.

**Adventureland** presents the singing and joking "Enchanted Tiki Birds," and holds open to you the promise of excitement aplenty aboard the "Jungle Cruise" and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Onto **Frontierland**, where you can clap your hands to the down-home antics at the "Country Bear Jamboree," and relive youthful pleasures among the caves and barrel bridges of Tom Sawyer Island.

Steam down the Rivers of America in a **Liberty Square** riverboat, then disembark for a "face-to-face" meeting with all our nation's presidents in "The Hall of Presidents" — after which, you can browse through Olde World Antiques and the Silversmith Shop.

In **Fantasyland**, visit childhood favorites Peter Pan, Dumbo, Snow White and Mickey Mouse in their attractions — and take a fascinating voyage "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

Finally, in **Tomorrowland**, journey to the future inside thrilling "Space Mountain," then glide above this exciting land aboard the electro-magnetically powered "WEDway PeopleMover."

A ticket coupon (designated from "A" to "E") is necessary for admission to most Magic Kingdom attractions. Some attractions are complimentary.

## Fun and Recreation

WHAT BETTER PLACE TO SPEND YOUR VACATION THAN ORLANDO, FLORIDA AND LIOC'S 10th CONVENTION?

BESIDES THE COMPANIONSHIP OF OTHER FOLKS SMITTEN WITH SPOTTED FEVER, YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY EXCITING TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN AND AROUND THE ORLANDO AREA.

DISNEYWORLD IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST FAMOUS ATTRACTION IN THE WORLD AND WELL WORTH ITS REPUTATION, TO SEE IT FULLY PLAN ON TWO FULL DAYS.

DANNY TREANOR, FLORIDA CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND OUR HOST THIS YEAR, PROMISES A MINIMUM OF SPEAKERS AND THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING.

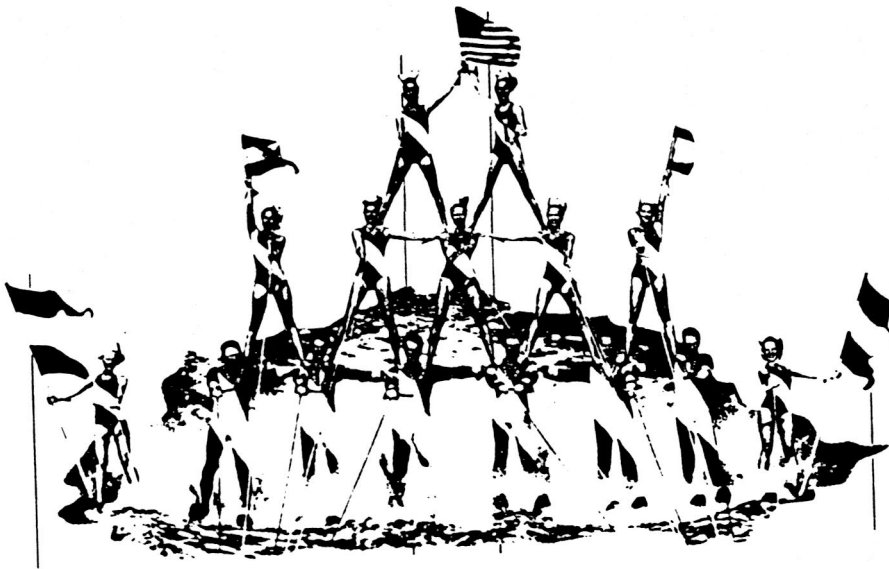
HOWEVER, DO CONSIDER TAKING EXTRA TIME TO VACATION. THE INTERNATIONAL INN WILL GIVE YOU OUR SPECIAL CONVENTION RATES OF \$21 FOR YOUR ENTIRE STAY.

PLEASE COME, STAY AND ENJOY THE FLORIDA SUN, FUN, FRIENDS AND FELINES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE DISCUSSED EITHER AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, PLEASE SEND THEM TO:

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## CYPRESS GARDENS.





## THE CARE AND FEEDING OF ME, TORA HAUSER

Submitted by his pet, Don Hauser

Reprinted from The Leopard Cat Society Newsletter

Well, it all began when I was born. You see, I was blessed with runny eyes. But, Oh! lets start when the confusion really began.

June 19, 1980, I wasn't quite 3 months old when my Aunt Pat introduced me to my new pet. One look and I figured it wasn't going to be easy, however with time, love, and the reward system, I'd soon have me eating out of his hand.

Autie Pat had instructed him to feed me the usual goats' milk, baby chicken dinner stuff. Well, he over did it. I told you it wasn't going to be easy training him. He finally got the point that I was goatsmilked out when I had diarrhea in his shower. After that small token of my lack of appreciation, he started grinding up chickens, bones and all. To these chicken burgers he would sprinkle about 2 tablespoons full of this dusting powder which was made up of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Fauve,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Nata Fauve, 2 crushed calcium capsuls and  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of Rose hips. All this, chicken and powder, he'd mix up and place in little plastic bags about the size of a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup and then pop them in the freezer.

I taught him to feed me twice a day, 9 AM and 9 PM. My pet, Don, would defrost one of the frozen packets and prior to my repast would sprinkle  $\frac{1}{2}$  crushed calcium tablet over my food with one inch of either Nutri-Cal or S.A. (St.Aubrey) High vitamin concentrate and 5 drops of Therbal Concentrate. Not bad, I sorta liked it. Anyway I ate it to please him.

Well, surprise, surprise, starting July 5th my pet started adding  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound of beef heart to the two pound chickens and other stuff - yum, yum. The crazy dusting powder is still being added however after defrosting it he stopped using the Therbal concentrate.

You know, he really takes to training much easier now and has learned to come when I call him.

No sooner than I got used to my new dinner menu my human (ole el-Change-o) was at it again. September 1st 3 ground chickens, one pound of beef heart with the powder was frozen in packets. Now each meal  $\frac{3}{4}$  teaspons brewers yeast and one crushed alfalfa tablet is added.

I guess it works, here I am 6 months old and as big as this blue-eyed masked cat I play with. My pet and ole blue-eyes seem nice enough, but I honestly don't understand either of them. It's tough when you don't speak the language.

As I said earlier, I have runny eyes. Well, now I got the sneezes. So...how do you talk to someone who don't speak southern asian? I sneezed all over his walls so it was either fix me or paint the house.

For my eyes, he wiped them with one tsp. boric acid and one teaspoon water. No I don't like cotten balls so I let him use his fingers dipped in the solution. He did this twice a day. For the sneezes (here we go again,) 200 mg of human vitamin C crushed plus an additional alfalfa tablet and one Uni-pet C tablet at each feeding. It took a week and he had to worry over the price of paing but the sneezes are gone and my eyes are clearing up. I think the vitamin C is helping. I overheard him telling my Auntie Pat that when my eyes dry up he'll decrease the vitamin C to 50 - 100 mg per feeding.

I do have one major complaint however. When my pet goes to bed at night he has to pick me up, kiss my head (he has a funny feeling tongue) and say I love you. Mush, but I guess I'll get used to it. I just which he'd gargle with tuna rather than Scope.

Best,  
Tora

## PREVENT...DON'T EXPERIENCE

by Shelley Starnes

Tonight I received a call that brought back a flood of memories. Fortunately, time has somewhat softened the memory of panic and horror we experienced when our first wild feline, a bobcat, suffered an intestinal blockage.

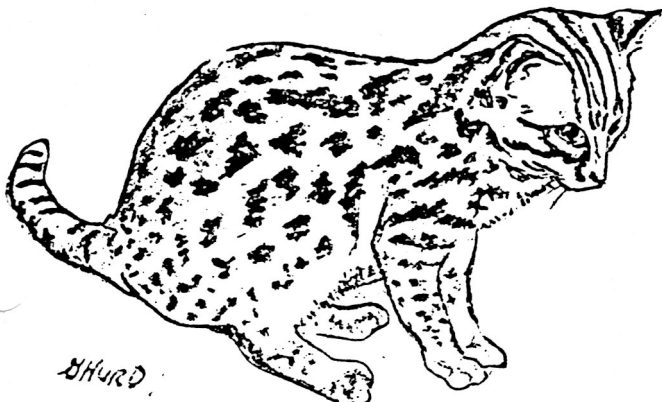
The call I received was from a man in our area who was describing the symptoms that seemed to indicate a blockage. As if matters weren't bad enough, the cat is a bobcat and its ownership is illegal in Washington State. A fact this gentleman knew before acquiring the cat. Now, at 10 PM on a Friday night he is trying to locate a veterinarian who will treat the cat and not turn him in to the authorities. I don't know why it is that animals seem to get sick on weekends, holidays and at night. In our area we have only "emergency" clinics available at these times. They are not experienced in treating wild animals and, in most cases, will not treat them.

Intestinal blockages are very serious and acute obstructions are always a surgical emergency. They are caused by foreign objects such as bones, rubber, plastic and stuffed toys, impaction of indigestible material such as hair, bedding material, etc.

Blockages are often delayed for weeks, even months, after ingestion of the foreign material. The small bowel is the usual site of an obstruction. The higher the obstruction, the more acute the clinical signs and the more rapid its course. Outstanding symptoms are persistent vomiting, severe dehydration, weakness and depression, and rapid loss of condition. The animal will object to handling, especially in the area of the abdomen. Some diarrhea may be present.

Before symptoms are too severe it is sometimes suggested that mineral oil be given orally in large doses to loosen and move the obstruction. The veterinarian may recommend that the animal be sedated and a barium series initiated. Barium is a chalky substance that shows up on x-rays, administered either orally or rectally. Then at intervals of about one hour x-rays are taken. When the barium stops progressing through the intestinal tract the point of obstruction is usually indicated. If the obstruction is severe, surgery is necessary.

All in all, intestinal blockage is frightening to owner and animal - as well as being painful for the animal. If treatment is not carefully and immediately administered, death can result in a matter of hours. The best preventative medicine is never to underestimate the appetite of your animal. Try to keep potentially hazardous material away from inquisitive animals. Things they have paid little attention to in the past can suddenly and quickly become death.





## BeeJay Writes

A new addition to our family is a six year old, 12 lb female named "Baby". The Marchand's had to place Baby in a new home because of a new human baby in the family. They drove all the way from Pennsylvania to bring her here writes BeeJay Lester.

She has all her claws, teeth and is whole. It took Baby-Girl (as I call her) over a week to make the adjustments and begin eating, but she is doing fine now. The only thing she would eat during her first week here was egg yolks which she devoured voraciously.

In the spring I hope to put her with Yucatan, a young male on breeding loan from Robert Baudy. Baby's photo was in the February 1978 issue of the Newsletter.

I am so pleased that the Marchands placed Baby with me and appreciate their trust and confidence in my interest and love for the margays.

## CLOUDED LEOPARD STUDBOOK REACTIVATED



The International Studbook for the Clouded Leopard has been dormant for the past few years. The Minnesota Zoological Garden has recently agreed to renew this important studbook according to a report in the American Assoc. of Zoos and Aquariums Newsletter.

This responsibility includes data collection, financial support and eventual studbook publication. The Studbook Keeper will be John Lewis, Curator, Minnesota Zoological gardens.

Anyone wishing to participate or to submit data on Clouded Leopards should contact John Lewis, Minnesota Zoological gardens, 12101 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd., Apple Valley, Minn. 55124

## No Way

A young male bobcat has recently come to live with Bill and Penny Andrews. He was considered unreleaseable by Fish & Game, who had tried on several occasions to return him to the wild. However, much to their chagrin, he kept turning up on folks doorsteps looking for companionship a meal and a warm bed. He purrs constantly, evidently knowing a good thing once he found it. The Andrews welcome him to their home which includes three other bobcats.



# info needed

MEMBERS MARGUERITE & JOHN BLANGIARDO ARE VERY INTERESTED IN SPEAKING WITH OTHER LIOC MEMBERS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND SURROUNDING AREA.

PLEASE CONTACT THEM TO HELP WITH QUESTIONS THEY HAVE REGARDING EXOTICS.

MARGUERITE & JOHN BLANGIARDO  
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Information is requested concerning exhibit requirements nutritional needs and any breeding data for Ocelots. Please contact: David L. Fredrick, Medical Facility, Columbus Zoological Gardens, 9990 Riverside Dr. Columbus Ohio 43065

## KORNER

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by Ken Hatfield

CONSTIPATION.



Different stages and causes of constipation require varied treatment.

An old fashioned, wood, kitchen match, inserted sulphur end first will often help a kitten through a minor constipation problem.

The dissolving sulphur will help as well as their natural instinct to push the foreign object out may be all that is needed.

Mineral oil is very effective in both kittens and adults alike. I prefer not to administer it orally because of possible aspiration into the lungs and the length of time it takes to reach the constipation. After all, the constipation is usually in the last portion of the digestive tract.

I load a syringe (without needle) and grasp the cat by the tail, gently pulling which causes the cat to pull in the opposite direction; then gently inject the mineral oil in the north end of the southbound cat. The mineral oil reaches the constipation site immediately and thereby corrects the problem by softening and lubricating.

A human infant suppository is also effective but sometimes may be difficult to administer unless it is first cooled in the refrigerator. This can be inserted in much the same manner as the mineral oil, with a little more objection from the cat however.

Vaseline given orally can also be effective and is administered by loading a spoon handle and dragging it off on the roof of their mouth and front upper teeth. The mineral oil is however my preference

# sir winston

# ZOO NEWS

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL II was the first male clouded leopard to be privately owned in this country. Needless to say, we had no real, documented facts to consult in times of crisis; however he has grown into a perfectly healthy and astoundingly beautiful animal.

I was an entertainer at the time Sir Winston came to live with me, and I considered adding him to my act. However, when I started crooning love songs in his ears, he would put them down as low as he possibly could and walk away! Well,....it could have been a comedy act.

As he grew older it became obvious he was too nervous to go out on stage with the bright lights and adoring public, so he was kept at home and just grew more beautiful.

In the meantime, my career made a transition to real estate and time became rather limited; less and less time was available for Sir Winston.



He now spends a lot of time in his 50'x45' cage playing in the tree and hiding in and around his little house. He comes inside when he condescends to acknowledge his "mom" and we can spend some intimate time together.

As these times are becoming more and more scarce due to the tremendous amount of time which must be devoted to my career, it sometimes occurs to me that if some caring person could be found, it might be better to have him placed elsewhere.

Sir Winston has been declawed but is otherwise whole. He is now two years old. If you feel you might be able to provide him with a proper home, please contact me.

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## ZOO SCHOOL: ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION IN PHILADELPHIA

ZooSchool, a junior high school campus on zoo grounds, is a component of Philadelphia's Middle Years Alternative School for the Humanities (MYA). ZooSchool was developed in order to assist in implementation of the School District's voluntary desegregation plan and to provide a non-traditional learning experience for city students.

ZooSchool is designed around a core science curriculum. Faculty members, working closely with ZooSchool science coordinator and Zoo education staff relate their subject areas to the core theme. Zoo education staff assist with the program by sharing resource materials, guiding student projects and planning staff orientation sessions. Every effort is made to integrate the school program into the daily workings of the zoo.

Students meet at the zoo for instruction in science, language arts, social studies, latin art, music and home economics and return to the main campus for classes in additional areas.

The Philadelphia zoo hopes to extend similar programs to elementary and secondary school students in the near future.

## HANDRAISING ZOO ANIMALS

There is wide belief among zoo personnel that "hand raised" animals become imprinted on humans and because of this imprinting, they in turn become poor parents, seldom raising their own offspring. Our experience in Cincinnati with hand-raising animals has failed to document this belief, writes E. Maruska. We have handraised, when necessary, numerous hoofed animals, primates and carnivores, particularly cats, that have later proven to be excellent parents.

At the present time we have three handraised tigers, each of which had their first litter in 1980; all have proved to be exemplary mothers.

Conversely, some of the records at the Cincinnati zoo show that mother-raised offspring have proven to provide improper parental care.

## BEARS MAY PAY ULTIMATE PRICE FOR BAD WATER?

Three elderly pairs of Polar Bears may eventually have to be put to sleep\* because the federal government says their water is unfit for them to play in according to AP writer Marna Perry.

The Dept. of Agriculture says that unless the water in the polar bears' pond is purified - with a new \$125,000 filtration system - the exhibit must be closed within two years.

Zoo director Stefan H. Graham said such a move would more than likely be the end for the bears. "No zoo in the US is going to take 6 25 year old bears - nobody would want to be taking on geriatric polar bears" he said. Graham pointed out however, that the animals have lived two to three times their normal lifespan in the wild.

Dr. Crawford of the USDA said regulations instituted in September 1979 established the standards for water quality that must be maintained for bears. "Standards for polar bears are stricter than for people," said Walter Koterwas who oversees the city's drinking water.

It was admitted that the high bacteria content in the pool, which is below standards most of the year but which increases dramatically in the warm summer months, hasn't seemed to hurt the bears thus far as evidenced by their longevity. "We can't deny that they've gotten along quite well," remarked Crawford. "But a man can live in solitary confinement his whole life and not along quite well. That

## Florida Panther Studied

Important information on the behavior of the elusive and endangered Florida Panther may soon be gained following the first successful radio-collaring of the species by biologists of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. The effort is part of an ongoing study to determine the movements, habitat, preferences and population levels of the felines. The research is being conducted by the State and supported, in part by Federal funds through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service administered Endangered Species Act.

The radio-collaring of two males in South Florida was accomplished with the help of a professional mountain lion hunter from west Texas who has worked with other State wildlife agencies on panther research. The State biologist in charge of the project said the male panthers weighed 120 and 108 pounds, respectively and both were estimated to be between 12 and 14 years old.

on the ground monitoring of the nocturnal animals' movements is done twice daily, once in the morning and again in the evening, from as far away as possible to avoid disturbance. The effort has proven successful since the two were collared and released in mid-February and additional monitoring from aircraft is presently being scheduled. The data gathered will be used to help determine the geographic limitations and habitat preferences of these highly secretive cats. While the batteries used in the collars have a 2 year life expectancy, plans call for the panthers to be re-captured next year and the batteries replaced. If this initial effort is successful, the researchers say more adults will be outfitted next year. The radio-collaring and tracking is just part of a 5 year study undertaken by Florida and the U.S.F.W.S.

While the species once ranged throughout Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, its present distribution is uncertain. The major concentration appears to be in Florida, but some estimates indicate only 20 panthers remain in that state. Occasional sightings have been reported in other states encompassing its former range.

The Florida panther has been protected from legal hunting in Florida since 1958 and has been on the Federal Endangered Species list since 1967. Through efforts such as this, it is hoped enough information can be obtained and action can be taken to prevent extinction of this elusive species.



## THE BIRTHS



BeeJay Lester writes that Sabrina her 3 year old margay gave birth to a perfect, baby boy; it was however found dead. The mother had groomed and cleaned the kit and there were no marks on it to indicate she had harmed it.

Gestation was 84 days. This was Sabrina and Yucatan's first kit so there is hope for better news in the future.

Wildlife Safari, Winston, Oregon recently announced the third litter of cheetahs born in a three month period. They now have reported ten litters born since 1973. The total number of cubs born is 37 with 31 of these surviving

Those of you attending the 1979 convention in Portland will remember Laurie and friend Khyam who so graciously visited with us from Wildlife Safari.

## E. S. VIOLATORS CONVICTED

According to information received from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior and the U.S. District Court, David R. Meeks, M & M Pet Farm and Zoo, Wellford, S.C. was recently convicted on two violations of the Endangered Species act. These convictions were the result of a joint investigation by USDI/FWS and the Missouri Dept. of Conservation, central to a wild animal auction conducted during the fall of 1979 at the 5-H Ranch in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The material recieved indicated that as a result of the investigation, a total of 14 individuals have been convicted for illegal wildlife transactions. Meeks' conviction resulted in two, one year suspended jail terms and a fine of \$3,000 on each count. The investigations brought to light that more than 135 animals were involved in the illegal activities.



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## ORIENTAL HERITAGE

THAI WORD	TRANSLATION
Baht.....	Paper money
Chaem Choi .....	Sweet Lady
Chai Chai .....	Siamese Dancer
Chai-Lai .....	Beautiful
Chao-Fa.....	Crown Prince
Chome Chai.....	Beautiful figure
Chuan Chit .....	Sweet & Attractive
Dara .....	Star
Dok Rak.....	Flower of love
Fa Ying.....	Celestial princess
Kla.....	Brave
Kumut.....	White lotus
Mai pen Rai.....	Never mind
Naeng noi.....	Sweet & supple
Naga.....	Cobra
Nai.....	Mister
Ngoen.....	Silver
Nim nuan.....	Young lady
On choi.....	Suppleness
Phen khae.....	Moonlit
Phet.....	Uncut diamond
Phitsamai.....	adorable
Prija.....	Intelligent
Pu chai.....	Boy
Pundit.....	The learned
Pu ying.....	Girl
Ratana Kanya.....	Lady of quality
Rochana.....	Lady of beauty
Saeng dao.....	Starlight
Sawat.....	Lovable

Sood sawat.....	Dearest
Sud.....	Tiger
Suda.....	Daughter
Thanan.....	Soldier
Thai.....	Free
Thong.....	Gold
Thong khoa.....	White gold
Thong kon.....	Gold lump
Wia.....	Feline
Ya Chai.....	Sweetheart
Ying.....	Feminine
Yod rak .....	Beloved
Yung.....	Little Pest

CHINESE WORD	TRANSLATION
Ban-mein.....	Freckle face
Hao-tao.....	Noisy, loud
Hao-woon.....	Lucky charm
Lein-mein.....	Beautiful face
Nam jai.....	Boy
Noi jai.....	Girl
Sai low.....	Younger
Sei chew.....	Bashfull, shy
Sei-goi-doi.....	Little boy
Sei goi-noi.....	Little girl

THAI submitted by Jean Townes  
CHINESE submitted by Joyce little

## THE NAMING OF CATS

BY T.S. ELLIOT

The Naming of cats is a difficult matter,  
It isn't just one of your holiday games;  
You may think at first, I'm mad as a hatter  
When I tell you, a cat must have three DIFFERENT names.  
First of all, there's the name that the family uses daily  
Such as Peter, Augustus, Alonzo or James,  
Such as Victor or Jonathan, George or Bill Baily -  
All of them sensible everyday names.  
There are fancier names if you think they sound sweeter,  
Some for the gentlemen, some for the dames:  
Such as Plato, Admetus, Electra, Demeter -  
But all of them sensible everyday names.  
But I tell you, a cat needs a name that's particular,  
A name that's peculiar and more dignified,  
Else how can he keep his tail perpendicular,  
Or spread out his whiskers, or cherish his pride?  
Of names of this kind, I can give you a quorum,  
Such as Munkustrap, Quaxo, or Coricopat,  
Such as Bombalurina, or else Jellylorum -  
Names that never belong to more than one cat.  
But above and beyond there's still one name left over,  
And that is the name you will never guess;  
The name no Human research can discover -  
But the CAT HIMSELF KNOWS, and will never confess.  
When you notice a cat in profound meditation,  
The reason, I tell you, is always the same:  
His mind is engaged in a rapt contemplation  
Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of his name:  
His ineffable effable  
Effanineffable  
Deep and Inscrutable singular name

## TRAGIC NOTE

More details have become available on at least one of the unfortunate incidents involving members' leopards.

As earlier reported, the 2 year old daughter of one of our members was hurt by the family's pet leopard. It has been since learned that the youngster somehow wandered away from a babysitter's care and slipped through an outer fence that separates a 10 foot high, 20 by 40 cage from the rest of the back yard. Getting too close to the leopard, the child was badly clawed.

The leopard has been placed in a zoo where she is being acclimated to public display.

It must be noted that this cat had not been declawed. Had she been declawed this entire, unfortunate incident might not have happened.

